



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

Wanting a 2nd term as House Speaker to work
(finally) with a conservative Republican administration.

2) If you had the opportunity, what is the first bill you would like to submit in the 2011 session and why?

Since apparently Brownback won't support sales tax
increase repeal, introduce repeal/phase out of
Corporate income tax.

3) Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow for tax increases to be enacted only by a legislative supermajority or referendum? (i.e. either 3/5 or 2/3 vote of legislature for approval of a tax increase)

a. support

b. oppose

Why? Tired of tax consuming advocates putting
narrow majorities together to hi-jack budgets a' la carte
taxes to support additional government spending.

4) When state revenues are less than state expenditures, which statement most accurately reflects your first priority?

- Maintain current expenditures and raise taxes.
- Both cut spending and raise taxes.
- Cut more than 15% before considering a tax increase. *too arbitrary*
- Do not raise taxes and cut spending.

If you would cut spending, are there any specific areas you would cut? Why?

We can start with K-12, which has enjoyed increases while other budgets have had cuts. Eliminate/consolidate gov. services that compete or duplicate private sector.

If you were to raise taxes, what specific taxes you would raise and why?

Taxes are already too high.

5) What do you believe to be the most important issues facing the Kansas Legislature in the upcoming session? (Please rank 1-5, 1 being the most important)

- 1 Bringing spending in line with earned revenue.
- 2 Job growth
- 3 Over-regulation - lack of regulatory certainty.
- 4 Government growth and mission creep
- 5 Ed reform (finance)

6) Many Cities, Counties and State agencies use tax dollars to hire lobbyists to lobby the Kansas Legislature. Do you believe this is a proper use of tax dollars and should such expenditures be disclosed to Kansas taxpayers? Why or why not?

Not a proper use of Tax Funds. If not eliminated, then disclosed.

7) How do you believe Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be selected?

Reform nominating commission process by
eliminating bar's majority influence and add
Senate confirmation.

8) If the rate of inflation (consumer price index), plus population growth in Kansas grew at 4%, what do you believe would be the appropriate percentage increase in state budget expenditures? Why?

4% or less. We actually need to return
government to 2007 levels or better.

9) Kansas economic growth has been lagging behind our neighboring states and annual population growth is stagnant at an average increase of less than one-half of one percent per year. As a legislator, how would you address these problems?

Quit raising taxes and increasing the burden
on Kansas families - businesses and address
the corporate income tax; add pro-job initiatives

10) The 2010 Legislature increased the state sales tax from 5.3% to 6.3% in part, to help fund a FY 2011 state general fund budget that increases spending by \$204 million over FY 2010. Once implemented, Kansas will have the largest sales tax amongst neighboring states. (Nebraska is next closest at 5.5%). Considering 33% of our population resides in a county bordering Missouri alone, do you support the decision of the Legislature?

Absolutely not - fought it all session.

11) Do you have any other positions or information that would be of interest to the members of AFP-Kansas?

I think my views are pretty well known.