



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

The legislature we have have dropped the ball - they created a state shortfall when they changed the funding to education. We have no "rainy day fund" and my incumbent wants to "Rob Peter to Pay Paul" this stance on tax reform will cause a even 9 dollar shortfall and more taxes.

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

I would strongly push for the reduction of property tax to help stimulate business growth.

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? unless otherwise convinced I see it as a way of injecting accountability into a closed-door capital culture.

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. as a last resort
- Cut more than 15% before considering a tax increase.
- Do not raise taxes and cut spending.

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

All areas have to be looked at,
with a "rainy day fund" we can protect our
shortfalls

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

If I had to raise a tax it would be
sales tax - keep in mind I feel we would need
to lower property tax.

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 To expand our tax base by creating more jobs & business
- 2 To connect education with large & small business
- 3 Get the rainy day fund in place
- 4 Reduce Property tax
- 5 Strengthen illegal immigration laws
- 6 A transparent government

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?

To have a clear strong democratic
government transparency would establish
trust and accountability.

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

The SCNC was established and amended to the states constitution. This commission follows a strict form & believes should remain in place.

- 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?

Arbitrarily capping increases in state spending based only on these two factors as utilized in Colorado (TABOR) is destructive

- 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?

Our strongest commodity is our workforce. We must bring education and industry, large & small business together. Business & education work together to build that strong workforce. And it is a strong workforce that will entice and attract business to our state along with reform.

- 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?

No, I do not support the way our legislators drew - u this tax increase. They are the ones that put us in this mess, I feel we need to reduce property taxes to stimulate business growth and counter this tax increase.

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

I believe transparency promotes public trust. Our government has to be run more efficiently. We need to develop a rainy day fund, reduce property taxes, bring business and education together to lure in more companies to our state.