



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To work toward efficient, effective common sense government for the people of the 59<sup>th</sup> district and to represent their issues in the Kansas Legislature.

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

A bill requiring the State to identify and assess all Kansas held assets and then prioritize those assets for liquidation.

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? I would support the idea in concept. Revenue enhancements in the form of fees, fines, and other charges would have to be monitored.

This reflects the importance of having responsible representation in the Statehouse

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.
- Do not raise taxes and cut spending.

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

Continue the audits and recommendations for cost savings to school districts.  
Do the same for state agencies and to delete unfilled FTE's from agency budgets.

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

I would sell assets first, Kansas income tax brackets stop at \$65K, I believe we might consider establishing a high income bracket -- \$200+K? - Raising taxes is often a lack of discipline.

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 Budget
- 2 Jobs - Employment
- 3 Education Structure & Financing
- 4 Rural Issues - Maintaining services in areas with declining populations.
- 5 Funds Management - KPERs - Unemployment account balance.

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?

? Proper use? I don't know -- Taxpayers should hold officials accountable and full disclosure would inform those taxpayers.

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

Selected by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

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. - While the number is relevant for comparison purposes, there are efficiencies and management factors that should also be considered.

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?

Jobs expand the tax base and encourage our educated young people to stay in the state. We need to develop our home grown assets - Ag, energy our central location.

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 voted against it - It was the easy way out.

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

The legislature needs to stay out of social issues and focus on the Kansas economy.