



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I am running to help make Kansas the most business and family friendly state in the union

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

I would submit a bill that would require state agencies to start using a zero based budget system.

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? We have a representative form of government and it would hopefully mean that if an increase was passed that it would have a large amount of support. The more people it takes to pass a tax increase the better since there is less chance of it passing.

Joseph Scapa

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?

*I would start with an across the board cut and then look for individual cuts if necessary.*

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

*N/A*

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 Creating private sector jobs*
- 2 Reduce state spending*
- 3 Cut taxes on businesses & individuals*
- 4 Greater transparency & accountability in Gov. spending.*
- 5 Ensure money reaches the Classroom.*

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?

*It is probably not the best use of tax money, but if it is done, then there needs to be transparency and disclosure.*

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

*A mirror of the federal way.  
Gov. selected and senate approved.*

- 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?

*The maximum growth would be 4%, but  
only after our government is reduced  
down to the appropriate size.*

- 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?

*Work to create a favorable climate to  
attract new businesses that would expand  
our economy and our population base.*

- 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, it was unnecessary and should have  
been avoided. More cuts should have  
been made.*

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

*I pledge to not vote for new taxes!*