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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I think it is a unique time in our history. As evidenced by the groundswell of support for political newcomers, citizens of Kansas and the nation are recognizing that change is needed in our government. I believe that people will be more receptive to the values of the Libertarian Party than any time in the past and I very much want to be a part of that movement.

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

My first submission would be a bill to repeal the one cent sales tax increase. I do not believe the tax increase will result in the revenue generation that has been touted.

3) Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow for tax increases to be enacted only by a legislative supermajority or referendum? Why?

I would support a supermajority legislation because I believe that raising taxes should be an arduous task.

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

Do not raise taxes and cut spending.

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

I would start by slowly cutting entitlement spending and concentrate on reducing the citizens' dependence on the state.

5) What do you believe to be the most important issues facing the Kansas Legislature in the upcoming session?

- 1 Budget Crisis**
- 2 Oversized and inefficient government**
- 3 Unemployment**
- 4 Illegal immigration**
- 5 Education**

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?

This practice is probably inappropriate, but it is legal. That being said, I believe in a fully transparent government. All uses of tax dollars should be disclosed to the tax payers.

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

The Kansas Constitution empowers the Governor to select Supreme Court justices. After the first year, those justices may be dismissed if they fail in a retention vote. I would like to see a system in which the Legislators have the opportunity to vote on judges before they serve on the Court.

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

Budget increases should never exceed the growth of the state. Ideally, the budget should not increase at all if deficits are present.

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?

Corporate and personal income tax rates are choking businesses and citizens alike. Outrageous property taxes discourage people from moving here, while suffocating barriers to business dampen the entrepreneurial spirit. First, taxes must be lowered. Business incentives and less government regulation could then help further economic growth.

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. Considering 33% of our population resides in a county bordering Missouri alone, do you support the decision of the Legislature?

No. Raising the sales tax to uncompetitive rates seems to fly in the face of basic economic principles. It is the equivalent of forcing price increases for private enterprises. Consumers will price shop and buy big ticket items in areas with lower sales taxes. Raising the sales tax will hurt local businesses and can actually lower revenue because it changes consumer behavior.

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

As a Libertarian, I will never vote to increase taxes. I will support unpopular spending cuts if that's what it takes to balance the budget. I believe that freedom from intrusive government is the greatest ally to economic growth and I will always fight against more regulation.