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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I am running for Kansas Representative because we need a change in the 4th district seat to a
more conservative tax-payer friendly position than what we have presently.

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

A bill I would like to submit would lower/limit property tax increases while meeting
constitutional standards.

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 such legislation because it would limit government growth and provide
some protection to the Kansas taxpayer.

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?

Being an outsider, I would look at every spending proposal and exercise the commonsense values our Founding Fathers used in cutting where we can.

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

The present legislature has already done a job of raising taxes. My effort will be in cutting not raising taxes.

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 Cut spending
- 2 Limit taxes
- 3 Create an environment for business to grow
- 4 Promote Kansas agriculture
- 5 Provide excellence in 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 or why not?

Taxpayer money should not be used to lobby for taxpayer money. All government expenditures should be disclosed to Kansas taxpayers because disclosure promotes government transparency.

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

Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be selected in a manner similar to Federal Supreme Court Justices, appointment with Senate approval. The Supreme Court Nominating Commission defined by the Kansas Constitution should also be addressed.

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?

I would not be in favor of an increase. Government has overspent in the previous years.

We need to stop increased spending to achieve a balance between government and the people.

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?

Create an environment for existing business to grow and to attract businesses that could compete with businesses in other states.

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?

I do not support the 2010 sales tax increase. The 4th district is made up of two border counties.

Due to our high taxes we are losing business to Missouri.

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

My interest is for the taxpayer and to create a business-friendly environment that promotes job creation.