



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

For the future of my children and  
grandchildren. Jobs and opportunity in  
South-Central Kansas.

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

A bill to ban all out of state travel by  
all legislators until we get out of this  
mess.

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? Our state has come this far trying to  
work together. Both parties have been in power  
at times of tax increases. The main thing we need  
to do is get this sales tax increase off in 3 years.

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?

legislative Travel & Government expenditures  
out of state

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

If we have to raise taxes, property tax  
is the last one I would raise

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 Economy
- 2 Jobs
- 3 Immigration
- 4 Tax reform
- 5 Education reform

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?

Transparency is for everyone. I think  
all organizations should report expenditures

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

*It has worked this way, leave it alone.*

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?

*Probably 4%. I would like to shrink government and now is a great time to do it but we just become hateful instead of trying to work together.*

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?

*In my district I am trying to bring a casino to Sumner County. About 1000 jobs would help us tremendously.*

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 reluctantly voted for it. We had no good choices. The alternative would have, in the end, been to raise property taxes.*

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

*Somehow we need to work together instead of constantly tearing each other apart. Most legislators are in Topeka for the right reasons.*