



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

This will be my 3 time to run. I have enjoyed the experience and look forward to return.

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

An immigration bill like Arizona. The state of Kansas needs to have the same laws the Federal Government does not enforce.

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? NO, Making big changes don't often work out.

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?

Cuts should be across the board. I think this and so do the majority of people I represent.

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

Sales tax, because everyone pays

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 Revenue (tax income)
- 2 Give business incentives,
- 3 Do not allow the federal healthcare bill to be forced on Kansas
- 4 An immigration bill for Kansas
- 5 Evaluate other education systems,

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?

Because a lobbyist is a sales person or group, I believe it serves the best interest of the legislature to have them available

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

They should be selected like the US Supreme Court Justices
are. No more secret vote behind closed doors.

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?

State tax supported groups would demand the same.
Until we have a "Raining Day Fund" this will not change.

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?

I voted for the Bio Science works at Manhattan, it will help.
Increasing the use of aerospace composite materials has great
potential.

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, and I voted against the tax increase. We can't tax ourselves
into prosperity.

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

Not now.