



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To represent the average Kansan and American in the state House. To make a difference.

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

I would like to see the sales tax on food eliminated, starting first w/ Kansas grow-perishable food products.

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? Because in today's political climate it is too easy to solve budgetary problems on a whim, just like the one recently passed where we had flip/flopers at the last minute.

We can find time to make U-tube videos insulting the don't hurt president, but not the time to come to solutions that average Amer.

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?

The last areas that got spending increases. They were  
done when there was a surplus, so they need to be the  
first cut.

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

None

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 The Budget
- 2 Taxes
- 3 Economic Development
- 4 5. Education reform
- 5 4. Rising Health Costs

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?

No, you should not use tax-payer dollars to  
lobby officials that the citizens themselves can  
lobby.

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

Appointed by Governor, confirmed by Senate.

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 budget should only grow at the rate of increase in tax revenue, just because we have more people does not mean we have more money.

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 do not necessary care to see a population increase. I would like to see growth in the Agriculture finished product industry. We have plenty of raw agriculture products and a good interstate system. We need to take advantage of it.

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, the legislation took the easy way out by passing a last minute tax increase. Issues should have been addressed instead of coping out and following the direction of a lame duck governor.

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

I am a small business President and have lived on a family farm most of my life. The small farmer and the agriculture industry is the backbone of any economy and if you have sound agriculture policies then the other issues become easier.