



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To be a voice for the people in this district.

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

The people must tell me what they want.

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 a simple majority.

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. *if necessary.*
- 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?

Departmental administrative costs and "perk". In any home that has budget problems - luxury is cut first.

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

Sales tax - those who have more spend more.
Income tax - " " ^{if} earn " can help their neighbors.

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 Education
- 2 Aid to the elderly and disabled
- 3 Tax relief to businesses doesn't work.
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

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?

This is improper use of tax dollars because it is often for the good of a few rather than the good of the many.
Also Kansas taxpayers have the right to know where their money is going.

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

The governor should offer candidates and the lawmakers should vote to accept or reject.

- 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?

A loaded question. Of course 4% would be ideal but not realistic.

- 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?

We can expect no growth in western Kansas and much of other sections where family farming exists. Major cities need better safety procedures - it's a dangerous world out there.

- 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?

Kansas does not have a high rate compared to the rest of the country. I agree with the legislators decision.

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

NO

