



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I'm not one who desires to be a politician, but I'm fed up with what's going on... basically the republic in motion is doing

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 do something along the lines of using the 10th Amendment on behalf of Kansas residents to protect them from nationalized healthcare. The states all need to check the power of the ~~the~~ federal govt. on this one.

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? The harder it is to raise taxes, the better

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?

Government / state jobs.

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

I don't believe in raising taxes, so I don't see myself ever doing this.

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 Budget
- 2 Healthcare
- 3 Education
- 4 Using the 10[¢] Amendment to check the Fed govt.
- 5 Lower taxes; enacting free market incentives to create jobs.

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, because tax dollars are supposed to be used for the general welfare, such as building roads or paying for police and fireman.

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

I think we need something along the lines of what goes on at the national level, such as having the governor nominate a judge and have them confirmed by the 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?

I don't think that the govt. should grow higher or faster than the CPI.

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?

Make Kansas adopt business friendly policies that will make Kansas a state where people would like to come to start a business.

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?

Nope.

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

I'm just a concerned citizen who feels fed up, but also I feel a bit in over my hand. I'm a big fan of limited govt. In college, some of my heroes for freedom were Milton Friedman, F.A. Hayek, Ayn Rand, and Robert Nozick.