



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To create a better future for the next generation
of Kansans.

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

A business creation Tax incentive bill. Because in
order to take Kansas to the next level, we need
to spur business development.

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 the system we have now, makes it too easy
to create & pass taxes. The need for some control is
important.

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?

At the state level government agencies. From experience working in Topeka consolidation is something that needs to be looked into.

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

Sin tax, because I am a tobacco user & I know it's bad for me, & would be willing to pay more.

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 Job creations
- 2 Taxes & spending
- 3 Education
- 4 Renewable Energy
- 5 Water

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?

Yes, because that is a flagrant mis use of tax payers dollars. If that is what are taxes are going to then they need some fiscal education.

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

Governor nominates, put it on next election ballot.
Let the people decide.

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?

enough to account for inflation, because the tax receipts we have coming in now do not cover our expenditures as they are.

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?

By creating an environment that is conducive to job & business growth & intern offering the economic opportunities necessary to attracting people to this state.

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, I do believe we could have found other ways to meet the states needs.

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

I have a strong desire to get the next generation involved in the state's affairs.