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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature? To advocate and help constituents with State Government concerns with the legislative process
to help create an environment in which we attract and retain jobs & keep those of our young people in Kansas.
I plan to continue to work on transparency & uniformity concerning school finance formula.

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

Uniformity of accounting & reporting for school finance.
It is necessary so we can understand the real needs of all schools - this is our largest budget items.

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 have supported this in the past.
I believe it would help control spending.

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?

It is important that we evaluate all areas and I support zero based budgeting.

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

I believe we need to learn to live within our means.

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 *Economic growth & jobs*
- 2 *Controlling & Accounting for government spending*
- 3 *Tax policies.*
- 4 *Redo Finance Formula for Schools & Budgeting Process*
- 5 *Government Regulations & Mandates from the Federal Government & the effects.*

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?

I don't think tax dollars should be used to pay lobbyists, but I do believe these expenditures should be disclosed to taxpayers because it uses their money so it is appropriate for citizens to know where the money is going.

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

By appointment. Then confirmed by the Senate for an extra check & balance.

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 growth as described here does not necessarily equate to a need for increased spending. Increased spending must be tied to actual needs.

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 must create an environment that encourages business growth and investment. This must begin with a competitive tax structure.

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 did not support this during the Legislative Session.

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