



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

Work to make this A great state to live, work, raise kids and retire.  
continue to restrict government growth and spending.  
Encourage business, new and existing to expand.

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

Property tax overhaul, limit amount of increases  
and reduce required evaluation to 1 each 3 yrs.  
Provide for limited increase of property tax annually -

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 more people that are required to affect  
An increase the best possibility that it will  
happen without thorough knowledge of impact

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?

Eliminate duplication, Allow for private sector to bid on providing services, Govt owned building

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

User taxes only not a fixed or tax increase

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 Spending cuts
- 2 entitlements.
- 3 Job creation
- 4 Property tax relief
- 5 Reitalize conservation both commercial and residential

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 hold my nose on this one! All disclosures are very important! There should be no secrets when it comes to spending tax dollars! If one gov't entity must not lobby than none should.

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

Current committee makeup is OK, I am not in favor of general election, or appointed by legislature. I do not think retention votes adequately depict proficiency.

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?

none should be increased until we get a mandatory contribution to a "rainy day fund" and get the debt under control (eliminated)

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?

Work to improve quality of life, Alternative school choice and funding, maximize our state park usage and access, Allow private sector tax breaks and incentives for growth and expansion

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 voted no. Constituent surveys, general discussion and personal contacts supported my no vote. Spending is out of control.

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

In March 09 I was awarded Conservation Legislator of the Year by KS Wildlife Federation, In 2006 Leadership KS participant Vice Chair - Commerce and Labor Committee last 2 yrs.