

Americans for Prosperity  
2010 Candidate Questionnaire

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1. **Why are you running for the Legislature?** I have the time, talent, & knowledge of legislative process to serve District 10, disagree with the majority of current Rep.'s votes, and don't like the direction public policy has taken. With new administration & new Rep's we can repeal/pass meaningful legislation to develop a friendlier business environment to create jobs & improve KS economy.
2. **If you had the opportunity, what is the first bill you would like to submit in the 2011 session and why?** Repeal the 18.87% increase in sales tax; it is regressive in nature especially since food and medicine were not excluded, will drive Kansas purchasing power to Missouri and Oklahoma, cost us more jobs, put KS at a competitive disadvantage with neighboring states, and we had better options refuted by the liberal coalition. But if new Governor won't support the repeal, lower corporate taxes. Kansas Chamber's survey showed taxes were the first to be mentioned by businesses in effecting profitability. Also, stand on KS State Sovereignty against Federal mandates.
3. **Do you support or oppose legislation that would allow for tax increases to be enacted only by a legislative supermajority or referendum?** A: SUPPORT  
Yes I would support both measures but prefer the referendum. Good government should come from the closest level to the individual citizen. A vote by the whole of an electorate on a specific question put to it by a government allows the people to speak, to be responsible for themselves, and more involved in government. We've had a 40% increase in state spending in 5 yrs with near flat line population growth, and the 2012 budget projected shortfall is hundreds of millions of dollars. In a recession, we just increased our spending over \$200 million more than last year, and burdened Kansans with \$300 million additional taxes. It has to stop, by TABOR, Fair Tax, or referendum, but it must stop.
4. **When state revenues are less than state expenditures, which statement most accurately reflects your first priority?** "Do not raise taxes and cut spending."  
**If you would cut spending, are there any specific areas you would cut? Why?**  
I am committed to limited government and reducing/consolidating/eliminating government services in any area to return them back to the private sector where economical & feasible. The school funding formula is subject to abuse and needs reworked. We have to look at more administration efficiencies in large budget agencies/departments. Out of 17,000+ new jobs 14,000+ are in the public sector - that's not sustainable.

**If you were to raise taxes, what specific taxes would you raise and why?**  
NONE. We don't need to raise taxes, we need to cut spending.

5. **What do you believe to be the most important issues facing the Kansas Legislature in the upcoming session?**
  1. Jobs/employment/ grow the economy where private sector jobs outpace public
  2. Cut state spending by consolidation of agencies/improve efficiencies and pass a budget that stays within earned revenue, not create more debt.
  3. Create better business environment with reduced regulation/taxes
  4. Healthcare Freedom Act, state sovereignty against federal mandates
  5. Illegal immigration issues
  6. Fund education in the classroom
  
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 would support HB 2622 and transparency in any state funded budget so voters knew where their tax money is being spent.
  
7. **How do you believe Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be selected?**  
Governor should appoint with the Senate approval. To have the Bar offer their choice of 3 is no choice at all, and is why a Republican state has 6 of 7 Democrat Justices. We are the only state with the current method.
  
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?** If we allowed less than 4%, we could increase rainy day fund.
  
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?** Until we create a better business environment, our citizen and graduates will become expatriates to states with a corporate tax ranking better than our #40. Reduce our government spending, restore regulatory certainty, repeal the sales tax increase, and encourage free enterprise. CO has proven that spending caps improve the state economy and increase population.
  
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! Nien! Nix! Nippa!

Consumption is 2/3 of GDP; you cannot take \$1.5 Billion out of the economy without dire consequences. Besides, KS has a poor track record on enforcing sunsets on taxes.

11. **Do you have any other positions or information that would be of interest to the members of AFP-Kansas?** KETA submitted a revised 2010 budget 2% less than their approved level of spending and had unexpended funds from FY 2009. Somebody give them a gold star. There is proof that state agencies can come in under budget. We need to incentivize savings, (both personal and government agencies.)