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2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I see in government and its impact on future generations? Out of control spending, ever increasing size and scope of government, irresponsible tax increases, and the intrusion of government into the free market.

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

The first bill I would submit would be to repeal the sales tax increase passed last session, Government must function within its means.

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? Legislation that will require a higher financial burden on the people should have a higher support from the legislature.

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?

All programs and agencies need to be examined for effectiveness and efficiency.

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

I do not think we should raise taxes especially during a recession.

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 Taxes
- 3 Economy - Jobs
- 4 Education - Funding Formula
- 5 Healthcare

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. The taxpayer should not fund those lobbying for more taxpayer money. All expenditure funded with tax dollars should be disclosed.

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

They should be selected in the same manner as in the U.S. Supreme Court. The Governor should appoint with the Senate confirming.

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 in the state budgets needs to be no more in percentage than the people of Kansas are experiencing in their incomes.

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?

A business friendly climate needs to be created for Kansas to attract and maintain businesses.

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.

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

Government should not pick winners or losers in business. Allow the market to work the way it should, and winners and losers in business will be chosen by the free market.