



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I don't like tax increases. I'm frustrated with the current budget process. I believe Kansas should have a Fair Tax with a single tax that everyone pays.

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

Repeal the sales tax increase. I believe it puts our state at a disadvantage when trying to encourage new business and keep established businesses here. It also increases the financial burden disproportionately on the poor and senior citizens on fixed incomes.

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? Raising taxes should be a last resort and thus should be made difficult to do. Therefore I support requiring a large consensus of either the legislature or the citizens to approve tax increases.

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?

I believe that economic downturns are an opportunity to reset our priorities. All areas of the government must be evaluated for their usefulness, effectiveness, + efficiency.

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

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 must be balanced and fiscally responsible.
- 2 Taxes
- 3 Spending
- 4 Education Funding
- 5 Transportation Improvements

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 believe all entities, including government-related ones, have a right to be heard by legislators. The use of tax dollars should be transparent and above-board; better yet published and/or broadcast.

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

By Governor appointment with citizen approval.

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?

State budget expenditures should rise and fall based on the previous year's revenue. To grow the budget, grow the economy.

In metaphorical terms, instead of increasing the government's piece of the pie by giving them $\frac{1}{2}$ the pie instead of $\frac{1}{3}$ of a small pie, increase the size of the pie, so the same $\frac{1}{3}$ is larger.

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?

Pass a Fair Tax and remove income and corporate taxes. This would grow the economy and thus increase jobs and draw more people here.

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?

Kansas government has grown too large relative to the private sector. This needs to be reversed.