



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I believe the state government, as with the federal, has been spending beyond it's means & growing too large. I am running to end this unsustainable trend that is hindering our economic development.

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

I would want to repeal the sales tax increase passed during the previous legislative session.

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 feel this would more often encourage law makers to analyze how revenue is being spent rather than always looking to tax increases as the answer.

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 would cut taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood  
and granting in-state tuition for illegal immigrants

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

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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 Creating a fiscally responsible state budget
- 2 Lowering taxes
- 3 Job development & economic growth
- 4 Protecting Kansan's Healthcare freedoms
- 5 Change voter registration laws to require photo ID at polling locations & proof of citizenship at the time of registration

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 do not believe this is proper use of the tax payer's money.  
Tax payers should be able to determine what groups they would like  
to give their money to voluntarily without being directed to do so  
by the government.

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

The Kansas governor should nominate a candidate for the state Supreme Court followed by a vote in the Kansas Senate to confirm or reject the nominee.

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 increase in state budget expenditures should be near 4%. I believe when the increase in state spending out paces inflation & population growth, it is indicative of a state spending problem.

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 have to create a pro-business environment in Kansas. The best means of doing that is to remove restrictive regulations & allow businesses to operate with minimal government involvement.

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?

I do not support the tax increase. This will drive existing business out of the state & deter new development. Ultimately, this will slow Kansas's economic recovery

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

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