



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I simply feel it is time the state tightens its belt,
much like most Kansans are doing. I want to work to
create a budget that will stimulate the economy not put us
more in a recession.

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

I would like to see a hiring freeze for at least 2
years. We have to stop growing the state government.

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? A tax increase should be something done only as a last
resort. Making it pass by a supermajority would make it
less easy to do.

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 like to see across the board cuts, not just specific agencies, I also don't feel any agency should be off the table.

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

We are taxed too much now, but sales tax is probably the most fair.

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 cutting spending
- 2 reducing the burden of taxes on businesses and families
- 3 creating incentives for businesses to stay in Kansas
- 4 making abortions less with more health standards at clinics
- 5 find a better and more stable school funding formula.

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 am not sure on this, on the surface it doesn't seem proper but I would like to look at it more. I for sure think it should be disclosed to the taxpayers.

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

By popular vote would probably be the best, but for sure changing the way the Commission members are selected and by who and then making a Senate confirmation mandatory would also be a good way or at least better than now.

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?

No more than 4%, but it would depend on how much is coming in, sometimes no increase would make sense to be able to lower or hold steady taxes.

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 find a way to keep businesses and attract new businesses. This could probably done with less of a business tax burden and less regulation. Ex: Holcomb power plants.

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, we should have made the hard choices and cut spending. We can't tax and spend and expect to grow.

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

I am a farmer/rancher and small business owner. I understand how burdensome current taxes are and I will work to reduce that burden not only to businesses but to our families.