



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

To make State government supportive of
markets, Freedom and Families.

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

eliminate Corporate and individual income taxes.

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? It is the only realistic way to protect
Kansas taxpayers.

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?

- The problem isn't finding areas to cut. It is finding legislators and a governor with the courage to do it!

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

I'm not prepared to talk about tax increases.
We have to cut spending and grow out of this 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 Eliminate Corp & Individual Income taxes
- 2 Reform unemployment insurance
- 3 Reform worker compensation
- 4 Privatize the state employee health plan
- 5 Demand uniform accounting of our school districts

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?

~~YES~~ Taxpayer funded lobbyists are anathema to responsible state government.

NO → this is not proper use of tax dollars

~~NO~~ → Expenditures should be disclosed

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

Senate must approve selection. I am a HUGE supporter of Prof. Ware and have worked hard in 2009 with Rep. Krizer on Judiciary to change the selection process.

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%. Because spending more than that is unsustainable and economic suicide.

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?

Change everything about our tax policy.

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. I voted against it.

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

We need to move fully towards Priority-based budgeting as proposed by "Rich States, Poor States"