



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF OUR STATE.
OUT OF CONTROL SPENDING, A HIGH TAX BURDEN AND
INCREASED REGULATION HAVE COMBINED TO CREATE AN
ENVIRONMENT THAT MAKES IT INCREASINGLY HOSTILE FOR KANSANS
TO PROSPER AND CREATE JOBS.

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

RESTRUCTURE THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS TO
INCLUDE ZERO-BASED BUDGETING B/C IT
WOULD BE THE STATE BEING MORE THOUGHTFUL,
MORE ACCOUNTABLE + MORE RESPONSIBLE W/ THE
PEOPLE'S MONEY!

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 BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT
FOR POLITICIANS TO TAKE THE EASY WAY
OUT.

4) When state revenues are less than state expenditures, which statement most accurately reflects your first priority? ~~A~~

- 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 THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE APPROPRIATIONS
PROCESS IMPLEMENTING ZERO-BASED BUDGETS. WE NEED TO BE
MORE THOUGHTFUL AND MORE RESPONSIBLE W/ THE TAXPAYERS
MONEY.

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

NOT MUCH OF A TAX INCREASE BUY. I WOULD NEED
TO DO MORE RESEARCH. THEY ALL SEEM VERY HARMFUL.

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 CREATE A MORE FAIR TAX SYSTEM
- 2 CUT WASTEFUL SPENDING
- 3 BALANCE THE BUDGET
- 4 STRONGER PRO-LIFE POLICIES
- 5 REDUCE THE DEBT

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?

TAXPAYER DOLLARS BEING USED TO LOBBY FOR MORE
TAXPAYER DOLLARS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A PROPER USE OF
TAX DOLLARS AND SHOULD BE DISCLOSED TO KANSAS TAXPAYERS.

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

SIMILAR TO FEDERAL SYSTEM. GOVERNOR NOMINATES AND SENATE CONFIRMS.

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?

4 AT THE VERY HIGHEST, IF THE REVENUES WERE THERE. MORE ACCOUNTABILITY WOULD FIND HIGH AMOUNT OF WASTEFUL SPENDING, MEANS 4% INCREASE WOULD NOT BE NEEDED.

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 MUST BECOME MORE BUSINESS FRIENDLY. WE MUST ATTRACT AND RETAIN BUSINESSES. THESE PROVIDE JOBS AND REAL ECONOMIC GROWTH! LESSEN TAX BURDEN AND LESS REGULATION.

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, THE INCREASE PLACED US AS 8TH HIGHEST SALES TAXED STATE IN THE COUNTRY. SUCH A HIGH POPULATION IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO NEIGHBORING STATES W/ LOWER SALES TAXES PRESENTS ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO KANSAS WITH BUYING GAS, GROCERIES, OR CARS.

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

- AS STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AT WASHBURN, I OVERSAW \$0.5 MILLION BUDGET. IN YEAR OF BIGGEST RECESSION IN OUR LIFETIME, WE ENDED WITH \$80,000 SURPLUS.
- FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE PRACTICED IN THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD TIMES!
- STARTED SMALL BIZ SELLING TEXT BOOKS TO STUDENTS
 - 3 FRANCHISES
 - SAVED STUDENTS OVER \$20,000.