



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I love serving people, problem solving, and mentoring others. I love the learning experience and working for and with others.

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

Healthcare Freedom Act. It is the right thing to do.

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? We have proven time and time again we lack the discipline to do the right thing and cut -- that is the ~~majority~~ majority lacks that discipline, but there are enough true taxpayer friendly people in the legislature to prevent a tax increase with a supermajority.

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?

State jobs - state wages - Government is growing too much!

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 Budget
- 2 Health care
- 3 Pressure from taxpayer funded lobbyists
- 4 Economy
- 5 Unemployment & Taxes

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 it is very inappropriate. I think those taxpayer funded should disclose this expenditure. It is the taxpayer's money!

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

Senate 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?

No more than the CPI, otherwise we are spending more than we take in.

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?

Help create jobs by giving tax incentives, eliminate unnecessary mandates, and give investors a predictable environment to grow in.

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?

Absolutely not!

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

I believe that government should not compete with private business. We can find greater efficiency by out-sourcing contracts. Government spending should have more transparency