



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I was tired of seeing politics as usual in Topeka.  
The sales increase that was passed was the final action  
taken that motivated me to join the race. I believe the free  
market system is superior to any other. It must be  
supported and encouraged. It must have elected officials that  
believe in that same principle.

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I would like to see the sales tax increase repealed. I  
would like the legislature to revisit the House  
Appropriations Committee's budget to be heard and voted  
on.

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? This makes for good public policy. It would  
encourage lawmakers to take a harder look at  
spending rather than looking at tax increases  
for 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?

SRS - We need to revisit this program so that it is truly helping those that are in need. Cut funding for illegal immigrants, such as in-state tuition.

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

I would not raise taxes.

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 Balanced Budget - Cut Spending
- 2 School Funding Formula / Finance
- 3 Job Creation & economic growth
- 4 KPERS -
- 5 Voter Registration - Change to require photo I.D. at polling booths and proof of citizenship at 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?

No, I do not believe this is a proper use of tax dollars. We don't know where the lobbyists allegiance lies. Is it with the government agency or is it with the taxpayer? As taxpayers we should know where and how much money is being spent.

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

I believe that Kansas Supreme Court Justices should be nominated by the governor and approved by a vote in the Kansas Senate.

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?

Close to 4% assuming that we are not running a budget deficit at the time. Since we are currently out spending our tax revenues the growth needs to be less. This seems to be a good metric to go by.

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 need to have a vision for the future. We need to tap into our strengths and promote them. Examples: Research and development programs at K-State & KU, aircraft production in Wichita.  
We also need to create a tax culture that is inviting to business. We need to extend tax incentives to ~~be~~ that are tied to levels of performance.

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 will lose some consumer sales to neighboring states as a result of this increase. A bigger issue is the burden we are placing upon Kansans when families and business alike are already struggling.

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

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