



# AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY K A N S A S

## 2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

With a wife and four young children, I have a strong interest in protecting their future. Government needs to control spending, not raise taxes.

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

Repeal the tax increase. Government needs to control spending. We need to work at creating private jobs and keep current businesses profitable here in Kansas.

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? Government needs to do everything they can to control spending. If a tax increase is necessary, it should go back to the people for a vote.

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?

We should evaluate each government program individually. Then funding would be provided based on what it takes to run the program effectively instead of just basing funding off of previous years.

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

Implementation of the fair tax would eliminate all individual and corporate income tax in Kansas. I would rather control spending, but if a tax increase was necessary, the people should

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 We must create tax policy that is simple and fair to Kansas businesses.
- 2 Every innocent human life is sacred. Strongly support Life issues.
- 3 Reestablish our right to determine federal healthcare mandates unconstitutional.
- 4 Kansas government should encourage development of new energy producing business.
- 5 Every effort must be used to ensure that all employees working within the state of Kansas are legal.

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?

This is not appropriate use of tax dollars. If these lobbyists continue to lobby, yes I think taxpayers have the right to know where their money is being spent.

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

The Senate should be involved in the selection process.  
They should make the final ~~confirmation~~ <sup>confirmation</sup> to the  
State. This should be similar to how our national Supreme  
court selects Justices.

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?

State expenditures should remain the same. The  
population growth would counteract the rate of inflation.  
Again we need to control spending.

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?

Grow the economy by making the state business friendly.  
We need to make tax law less burdensome for Kansas businesses.

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. Raising taxes will not lead to prosperity. People bordering  
other states can and probably will seek goods and services  
from these other states. I believe the sales tax increase  
will slow spending and have a negative affect in raising revenue.

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

I have been endorsed by Kansans for Life, Kansas Republican  
Assembly, and the Kansas Chamber. When elected,  
I will work to make Kansas a better place to live and  
work.