



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I want to bring back trust in government.
My desire is to make Kansas a thriving state
where businesses have the freedom to flourish
and we have good paying jobs.

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 challenge the Federal Health
Care mandates that require individuals
and employers to purchase health insurance
as well as imposing fines on those who

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 this would force legislators
to use the money they already have
rather than raise taxes.
I would be in favor of challenging all other parts of Federal Healthcare.

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?

I would look at ways to cut administrative costs in school districts. I would also look at ways we are wasting money in agencies.

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

None. Our taxes are high enough. Excessive taxation does not generate revenue. There is no incentive to work.

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 Healthcare - this is 1/6 of the economy and our state needs to be protected.
- 2 Abortion - we cannot continue this practice of killing innocent life.
- 3 Taxes - we need to lower taxes
- 4 Smoking Ban - this needs to be repealed
- 5 Business - we need to welcome and support all business. They are the life-blood of our economy

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 an ethical use of tax dollars. This should be disclosed because it is the peoples money and they should at the very least have a vote on whether this should be allowed.

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

I would propose that state senate confirm appointments made by the Governor.

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?

~~At least 4%~~ I would suggest not increasing expenditures until we have at least 1 year of spending in reserves. Then we may gradually increase while continuing to put money

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?

I would lower taxes first of all. I would support a state tax credit for existing and new businesses. Increase the child care tax credit from 25% to 45%, and eliminate sales tax on food and clothing. ^{in reserves for a "rainy day"}

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?

That pushes business out of our state. It is appalling that we will have the highest sales tax amongst neighboring states. I Do Not support this.

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

I am a wife and mom that knows how to cut spending when there is enough in the bank account, and say no to my kids when we can't afford things.