



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY KANSAS

2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

I AM RUNNING TO RESTORE COMMON SENSE CONSERVATIVE FISCAL AND SOCIAL PRINCIPLES TO KANSAS GOVERNMENT.

I WANT TO SPONSOR AND SUPPORT PRO-GROWTH, PRO-BUSINESS STATE TAX, BUDGET AND SPENDING POLICIES, INCLUDING ACROSS THE BOARD TAX CUTS AND ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.

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

(1) REPEAL THE 1% SALES TAX INCREASE ENACTED THIS YEAR, THE ABSOLUTE WORST STEP THAT COULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN A RECESSION, WHICH WILL STUNT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND KILL JOBS, ESP. IN BORDER COUNTIES LIKE

MY VOW JOHNSON COUNTY (2) ESTABLISH ZERO-BASED BUDGETING

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)

TO spur economic development, grow jobs, and thereby increase revenues.

- a. support
- b. oppose

Why? I WILL SUPPORT ANY MEASURE THAT WILL RESTRICT-OR MAKE IT HARDER TO-RAISE TAXES ON ALREADY STRAPPED HARD-WORKING KANSANS. THE ONLY OCCASION IN WHICH I WOULD EVEN CONSIDER RAISING TAXES WOULD BE IN AN EMERGENCY TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY NEEDS OF CITIZENS AS A RESULT OF NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS. [NOTE: BUDGET DEFICITS ARE NOT EMERGENCIES.]

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?

AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING, WE CAN MORE READILY IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY, NON-ESSENTIAL, WASTEFUL OR DUPLICATIVE SPENDING THAT EXISTS IN ALL STATE AGENCIES + PROGRAMS.

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

I WILL NEVER VOTE TO RAISE TAXES, OTHER THAN VERY NARROW, TARGETED, TIME-LIMITED TAXES NECESSARY TO ADDRESS EMERGENCY NEEDS OF CITIZENS RESULTING FROM

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. ^{STATE} OVERSPENDING - REIN IN STATE SPENDING W. ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.
2. OVERTAXING - KS HAS 2ND WAST BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE IN MID-WEST. - CUT TAXES.
3. RECONSTITUTE THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA
4. CLOSE LOOPS HOLES + TIGHTEN RESTRICTIONS ON LATE TERM ABORTIONS
5. REFORM JUDICIAL SELECTION PROCESS

NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS (NOT BUDGET DEFICITS)

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, THIS IS NOT A PROPER USE OF TAX DOLLARS, BUT TO THE EXTENT IT REMAINS PERMISSIBLE, IT SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE DISCLOSED TO TAXPAYERS.

I BELIEVE IN ABSOLUTE TRANSPARENCY IN ALL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO SPENDING THE TAXPAYERS' HARD-EARNED DOLLARS. I WOULD BAN SUCH EXPENDITURES IN FUTURE, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNNECESSARY CITY, COUNTY OR STATE EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ESSENTIAL GOV'T. SERVICES.

I BELIEVE IN REDUCING TAXES AND BOND PROCS STEWARDSHIP OF THE TAXPAYERS DOLLARS AT ALL LEVELS - FED., STATE & LOCAL.

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

Ks. SUPREME COURT JUSTICES + ALL LOWER COURT JUDGES SHOULD BE SELECTED AS FOLLOWS: (1) NOMINATION COMMISSION

(1/3 OF COM. NAMED BY GOV.; 1/3 BY SEN. RES.; 1/3 BY HOUSE SPEAKER)

PROVIDES A PANEL OF THREE NOMINEES FOR GOV.'S CONSIDERATION; (2) GOV. SELECTS JUDICIAL NOMINEE FROM PANEL OF NAMES

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 BUDGET EXPENDITURES SHOULD NEVER BE

TIED TO INFLATION OR ANY OTHER ARTIFICIAL

STANDARD. ~~WE~~ UTILIZING ZERO-BASED BUDGETING,

EXPENDITURES SHOULD ONLY BE MADE PURSUANT TO

THE AGENCY + PROGRAM ~~BUDGET~~ ANNUAL BUDGET REQUESTS

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?

DRIVEN IN OUT OF CONTROL STATE SPENDING BY

ESTABLISHING ZERO-BASED BUDGETING ^{WITH} ACCOUNT-

ABILITY, + TRANSPARENCY (2) CUT TAXES: REPEAL

1% SALES TAX INCREASE. CUT CORPORATE + INDIVIDUAL

INCOME TAXES ACROSS THE BOARD. (3) ELIMINATE TAXATION OF

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?

I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION.

THE FIRST ITEM ON MY AGENDA IN JANUARY IS

TO REPEAL THE 1% SALES TAX INCREASE, WHICH WILL

DESTROY SMALL BUSINESSES AND KILL JOBS, ESP. IN

BOARDER COUNTIES LIKE MY OWN JOHNSON COUNTY. SEE MY

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

SEE THE SUBSTANCE OF MY CAMPAIGN FUND-

RAISING LETTER AND BROCHURE USED IN

DOOR-TO-DOOR VOTER CANVASSING, BOTH INCLUDED

HEREIN.

AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO FUND ESSENTIAL GOV'T. SERVICES.

SUBMITTED BY COM. (3) NOMINATION MUST BE CONFIRMED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF SENATE.

CAPITAL GAINS + DIVIDENDS.

ANSWER TO # 219 ABOVE.

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