



2010 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1) Why are you running for the Legislature?

Our current representative voted to increase taxes as well as increased spending, neither of which will help our economy to recover and grow.

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

Reduce spending and suppress government growth need to be addressed first, then easing tax burdens can follow.

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? Part of the legislatures job is to safe guard tax payer money. A supermajority would give us one more safe guard and with a supermajority there would have to be a substantial and compelling reason to raise taxes

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?

Social Services is the first area that comes to mind. We need people who can work to become productive members of society.

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

Most, if not all, of our taxes are higher than other States in the region, raising taxes is not an option, not does it guarantee more money.

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 Reduce Spending
- 3 Stop Government Growth
- 4 EASE TAX Burden
- 5 ATTRACT Business and Industry

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?

Any use of tax dollars in this arena should be disclosed to tax payers, they have a right to know what their money is being used for. I do not believe we should have tax payers fund or subsidize lobbyists.

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

A similar process to the one used to appoint US Supreme Court justices would be sufficient.

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 increases should at least pace CPI and population growth. If the state budget continues to grow at its current 5-year rate, there will be no one to tax to cover increased spending and government growth.

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 new businesses & industry and we need the ones we have to grow and/or expand. We need to be competitive with our neighboring state in regards to taxes and other fees associated with doing business in our state.

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. We cannot convince people to shop Kansas if we cannot be competitive with our neighboring states. We need to show consumers we want them to spend money here.

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

I operate a small business in a small town and in order for my business and businesses like mine to survive and grow, the people need to be able to keep more of the money they earn so our businesses can be supported.