



2014 Candidate Questionnaire

Name:

District:

1. Describe what led you to seek election to the Kansas Legislature.

2. What are your top five priorities if you are elected to the Kansas Legislature?

3. What do you believe is the best economic growth strategy for Kansas?
(Please rank top two.)

- Increase state spending on transportation.
- Increase incentives for businesses to expand and locate in Kansas.
- Lower taxes to allow more reinvestment in the state economy.
- Increase state spending on K-12 education.
- Increase state spending on higher education.
- Reduce government-driven costs of doing business, such as workers compensation, unemployment compensation, burdensome regulation and tort liability.

4. Rank the following issues by the order of their importance to you. (Please rank 1 to 6 with 1 being the most important.)

- Managing the health care costs.
- Increasing benefits for state employees.
- Increasing funding for K-12 education.
- Controlling taxes and government spending.
- Developing a comprehensive energy plan.
- Reducing state regulations.



5. Which most closely reflects your views about state spending and taxes? *(Please mark one)*

- Raise taxes and never cut any spending.
- Always cut spending and never raise taxes.
- Cut spending 2% before raising taxes.
- Cut more than 7% before raising taxes

6. When, if ever, should taxes on businesses be increased? *(Please rank 1 to 5 with 1 being the most important)*

- To fund social programs.
- To fund education.
- To fund shortfalls in the Kansas budget.
- To fund transportation plans.
- Only as a last resort.

7. Do you support a gradual elimination of personal income tax using growth in state revenues?

Support

Oppose

8. Do you support a gradual elimination of corporate income tax using growth in state revenues?

Support

Oppose

9. Which statement most accurately reflects your beliefs? *(Please mark no more than two.)*

- The quality of life in Kansas that attracts jobs to the state requires a three-legged stool tax structure to ensure there is adequate funding for schools and infrastructure.
- For the Kansas economy to grow business costs, such taxes, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation, in Kansas must be competitive.
- Collective bargaining and unions ensure Kansas workers have high-paying jobs that drive the economy in the state.
- Incentives are critical to attracting and retaining jobs.

10. Do you support state mandates on private companies to achieve public policy objectives you favor?

Support

Oppose

11. If you support state mandates, which ones?

12. Currently, only 55 cents of every tax dollar spent on schools in Kansas is spent on instruction. Would you favor increasing the percentage of funds that are spent on classroom instruction while reducing the amount spent on non-instructional costs?

Support

Oppose

Explain: