



2010 State Legislative Candidate Questionnaire
Please complete and FAX to 405/235-3670
By Friday, June 25, 2010

Your Name _____

Running For: ___ Senate ___ House ___ District Number

Party: ___ Democratic ___ Republican ___ Independent

Occupation: _____

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The Oklahoma Prosperity Agenda summarizes what state legislators can do to tackle the tough issues that restrict Oklahoma’s economy, limit our job growth, and stifle the future of Oklahoma families. Once implemented, the solutions to these issues will clearly establish Oklahoma as an economically competitive state.

The 2010 Oklahoma Prosperity Project Voter’s Guide for your race will be distributed to employers, employees and other interested voters within your district. They will also be published on our website at www.okprosperity.com. In 2008, more than 4.3 million pages from these on-line Voters’ Guides were viewed by voters before they went to the polls.

Please complete this Candidate Survey by circling your answers and faxing it in TODAY to ensure that you and your positions are listed. If you do not answer a specific question or fail to complete the survey, “FTR” (Failed to Respond) will be listed in place of your answers in your District Voter’s Guide.

Issue One: *Develop a healthy, educated and skilled workforce that will grow Oklahoma’s economy for generations to come.*

Oklahoma must have a workforce that is competitive in a global economy.

Will You Vote To:

- 1. Enhance tax incentives for certified employee training and re-training expense costs? Yes No

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| 2. Encourage physical fitness and health education in our schools? | Yes | No |
| 3. Enhance access to on-line education programs and technology? | Yes | No |
| 4. Provide funding for high school dropout and credit-recovery programs? | Yes | No |
| 5. Incentivize investment in quality childcare that assists parents in low-income families to lay the foundation for future school success? | Yes | No |
| 6. Allow greater ability for schools to terminate teachers who are not improving student performance? | Yes | No |
| 7. Allow scholarships for children in low performing schools to attend other schools of choice? | Yes | No |

Issue Two: *Promote a healthy and productive workforce.*

We must ensure that health insurance is affordable and that incentives are in place to encourage wellness programs.

Will You Vote To:

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| 8. Require an actuarial-based cost-benefit analysis prior to considering any health insurance mandates? | Yes | No |
| 9. Provide financial incentives to better enhance the utilization of wellness programs and preventative care services? | Yes | No |
| 10. Find a way to secure federal matching funds for Medicaid services that will do away with the recently passed 1% assessment on health insurance claims? | Yes | No |
| 11. Oppose “any willing provider” laws that require insurance carriers to reimburse out-of-network physicians or hospitals for services rendered? | Yes | No |

Issue Three: *Create and maintain a competitive business environment in Oklahoma.*

Competition for jobs is a national and global contest. To successfully compete, Oklahoma must have effective economic development incentives for our key job-producing industries such as manufacturing, aerospace and energy.

Will You Vote To:

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| 12. Find a permanent funding source to grow the EDGE (Economic Development Generating Excellence) Endowment Fund, established to help fund the commercialization of innovative research and development projects that will significantly impact and diversify the Oklahoma economy and create high paying jobs? | Yes | No |
| 13. Retain economic development incentives that ensure the continuing competitiveness of our state? | Yes | No |
| 14. Support policies that keep Oklahoma a leading energy-producing and refining state? | Yes | No |
| 15. Create and fund a workable state “closing fund” to help finalize deals that create jobs and bring investment into Oklahoma? | Yes | No |

Issue Four: *Make Oklahoma's tax climate more competitive.*

Oklahoma must work to keep a tax system that is fair and responsible to our citizens and the businesses that drive our economy.

Will You Vote To:

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| 16. Cut state expenditures before raising fees or taxes? | Yes | No |
| 17. Repeal the moratorium on economic development incentives imposed on Oklahoma businesses in the 2010 legislative session? | Yes | No |
| 18. Oppose tax increases disguised as fees that are to be used for general government or other expenses not related to the administration or regulation of programs for which they are collected? | Yes | No |
| 19. Lower the individual income tax, thereby giving Oklahoma taxpayers more income? | Yes | No |
| 20. Exclude Oklahoma individuals and businesses from an intangible personal property tax on items such as customer lists, goodwill, contracts, patents, trademarks and software? | Yes | No |

Issue Five: *Lower the costs of conducting business and growing jobs in Oklahoma.*

The costs of doing business in Oklahoma force companies to make tough choices about hiring or promoting employees, relocating elsewhere or closing down altogether.

Lawsuit abuse hurts everyone, increasing costs to consumers and businesses. Legislators must continue to work to ensure predictability and efficiency to our legal system, fairly compensating plaintiffs for damages suffered.

High workers' compensation costs have always been one of Oklahoma's most serious economic challenges. Our State Legislature must restructure our workers' compensation laws to reflect the best reforms possible.

Will You Vote To:

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| 21. Require Senate confirmation on all judicial appointments made by the Governor? | Yes | No |
| 22. Permit the admissibility of evidence indicating the plaintiff has already received payment for damages from another source? | Yes | No |
| 23. Change Oklahoma's workers' compensation system through significant, comprehensive reform legislation and move toward a more administrative and less adversarial system? | Yes | No |

Issue Six: *Build and maintain a strong transportation infrastructure to ensure safety for our families and efficient movement of our commerce.*

The Oklahoma Legislature has significantly increased funding for Oklahoma's roads and bridges over the last four years. Yet our roads and bridges are in deplorable condition after decades of prior neglect. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation still reports a backlog of \$11 billion in reconstruction and maintenance needs.

Aviation is also a major part of our transportation infrastructure. Upgrading our regional general aviation airports is a priority.

Will You Vote To:

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| 24. Protect and expand the funding gains achieved for transportation infrastructure? | Yes | No |
| 25. Dedicate funds from motor vehicle license fees (road-related taxes and fees), now used for general government spending, to transportation programs? | Yes | No |
| 26. Upgrade facilities at Oklahoma's regional general aviation airports? | Yes | No |

Issue Seven: *Provide quality water for Oklahomans and our economy.*

Water is crucial to our daily lives and to businesses and industries that support our lifestyles. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is updating the state's comprehensive water plan.

Will You Vote To:

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| 27. Oppose legislation that significantly changes water law prior to the completion of the update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan that is due in 2012? | Yes | No |
| 28. Oppose legislation that sets aside water in our streams and rivers for fish and other aquatic life at the expense of the needs of people, agriculture, energy, or business and industry? | Yes | No |
| 29. Oppose any significant changes to groundwater law pertaining to private property ownership of groundwater? | Yes | No |

If you wish, you may answer the next two questions on a separate sheet and fax it back with your completed Candidate Survey. Your answers will be published in our online Voter's Guide for this race at www.okprosperity.com.

- A. What are your two highest priorities to grow Oklahoma's economy? (Please limit answer to 200 words.)**

- B. Is there anything else you'd like voters to know about you and your campaign? (Please limit answer to 200 words).**

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THANK YOU for your participation – Much Success!

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