

# 2010 Candidate Survey

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- 1. Candidate for (check the one that applies.) (answer type: multiple options with single answer)**  
Answer: selected option = New York State Assembly 129th District
- 2. Candidate Name (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: Brian M. Kolb
- 3. Campaign Name and Address (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: Friends of Brian Kolb, PO Box 835, Canandaigua, NY 14424
- 4. Campaign office phone number (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: (315) 548-5652
- 5. Campaign FAX Number (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: N/A
- 6. Campaign email (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: bkolb@briankolb.com
- 7. Educational Background: (answer type: long text)**  
Answer: Earned my Master of Science and Bachelor of Science Degrees from Roberts Wesleyan College.
- 8. Occupation: (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: Serve as Leader of the New York State Assembly Republican Conference, and as Assemblyman for the 129th District which includes Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Ontario and Seneca counties.
- 9. Work History: (answer type: long text)**  
Answer: Former president of Refractron Technologies and co-founder of the North American Filter Corporation. I also served as an Adjunct Professor of Adult and Graduate Education at Roberts Wesleyan College.
- 10. Community Involvement: (answer type: long text)**  
Answer: Former Chairman of the Finger Lakes Community College Foundation and a former member of the Honeoye Central School Board and the Finger Lakes Community College Board of Trustees. I previously served as Chairman of Leadership Rochester's Board of Directors, and as a member of the Ontario County Revolving Loan Fund Committee and the New York State Public Authorities Control Board.
- 11. What is your top legislative policy priority for 2011? (answer type: short text)**  
Answer: Three words: jobs, jobs, jobs! We must get people back to work by fixing our economy, growing the private sector and making New York's business climate more competitive with the other 49 states.

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**12. What are two specific actions you would take to address next year's anticipated state budget deficit? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: First, reduce state spending – not merely control the rate of growth but actually reduce it – by enacting a state spending cap and a State Budget that spends less than the previous year. Second, restore fiscal sanity to Albany by reducing the size, cost and reach of state government. This includes merging and consolidating State Agencies, eliminating programs that aren't working, cracking down on waste, fraud and abuse, and cutting Albany's patronage, perks and pork.

**13. What are your top two recommendations to improve the climate for economic development in our region? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: Cut job-killing taxes and costly government mandates on upstate businesses. Also, reduce energy, workers' comp and regulatory costs on employers, especially upstate, so they can be more competitive.

**14. What specific efforts would you support to control the growth of state spending in 2011? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: I will continue leading the fight to enact legislation (Assembly Bill A.9061) which I introduced that would cap state spending. I will keep voting against State Budgets that increase spending.

**15. What steps would you take to reduce the cost of public employee benefits to better align them with those of private sector employees? Will you support a Tier VI with defined benefit contributions? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: I am the only Legislative Leader in state government who has publicly called on the public employee unions to show greater flexibility when it comes to contract re-negotiations. I support legislation (Assembly Bill A.6932) that would create a defined benefit contribution plan for new public employees, much like 401k plans routinely used in the private sector.

**16. What steps would you support to increase the competitiveness of New York State's small businesses? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: Small business is the backbone of New York's economy – but state government's taxes, fees, energy, workers' comp, and regulatory costs are breaking small businesses' back. Increasing the competitiveness of small businesses requires cutting job-killing taxes and fees, along with Albany's bureaucratic red tape. Simply put, we need to get the state bureaucracy off businesses' back and out of their way.

**17. What specific policies or legislation would you sponsor or support in 2011 to encourage or implement government modernization at the state, regional and local levels? (answer type: long text)**

Answer: I will continue pushing the state to offer financial incentives and technical support to help localities modernize or, with voter approval, consolidate. I was a co-sponsor of the local government consolidation legislation (the "New N.Y. Government Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act") that became law in 2009.

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**18. If elected, at the end of 2011, what would you like to point to as your most important legislative or budget related accomplishment for the year? (answer type: short text)**

Answer: That we enacted common sense public policies which grew the private sector and created more jobs to get the more than 800,000 New Yorkers who are out of work, back to work. Also, that we passed a fiscally responsible, on-time State Budget that didn't include any new taxes, fees or borrowing and actually spent less than this year's budget did.