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Title: Helm Campaign releases three questions and five principles on fiscal policy
Subhead: District 10 Candidate, Todd Helm, extends public dialogue on fiscal policy

Currently, there is a structural imbalance in our federal government's spending and taxation system. Every taxpayer should consider these three questions.

#1 Is it better to A. Deal with the imbalance OR B. Ignore the annual deficit?

#2 Is it better to balance the federal budget by moving toward `
A. Smaller government (i.e. by only cutting spending) OR
B. Bigger government (i.e. by cutting spending and increasing taxes)?

#3 Is it better to move to a balanced budget
A. Quickly, over two years OR B. Slowly, over ten years?

The federal budget is on an unsustainable path. It will take legislative action to solve this structural problem. The sooner we address the issue, the better off we will be. The two major parties and the mainstream media are failing to address the debt crisis.

Five principles can inform our discussion of fiscal policy. Good fiscal policy is on time, at standard, without wasteage, agreeable to the masses, and enabling of limited government.

a. Decisions regarding how the government spends money should be made on time. Spending decisions made today should be limited in scope, shouldered by current taxpayers, and not encumbering to future generations.
b. Fiscal policy must meet specific standards. In regard to budget, money coming in must be equal to or greater than money going out. That is the single rule that defines a budget. Congress must stop breaking that rule. In regard to debt, national budget strategy must allow for the accumulated national debt to stay below the debt limit. To habitually increase the debt limit is dishonest.
c. Good managers eliminate waste. Government spending decisions can insist upon greater efficiency by reducing rather than increasing available funds.
d. Congressional spending should be agreeable to the masses; the nation should spend money on things voters agree on.
e. The goal of government spending is to enable limited government. The Constitution is the enduring framework that marks our nation's agreed upon role for government.

The majority of voters are in favor of a balanced budget. **Going forward with a balanced budget is the best way to responsibly manage national debt**.

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