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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Randall S Phelps

Office Sought: Arizona Senate

District: 10

Status: Challenger

Party: Republican

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Previous Public Office(s): None

Occupation: Aerospace Consultant

Education: Aviation Administration/Marketing

Accepting PAC Contributions: No

Are you interested in an endorsement: Yes

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

1) If elected, what are your top three priorities for 2017-2018?

Answer: I am a firm believer that governments role is to provide infrastructure, education and less regulation to enable the private sector to flourish. As a retired Army Major with aviation, logistician, maintenance and supply experience, I am concerned with the way our veterans have been treated. I will do everything to honor their service. As they always say, "If you can read, thank a teacher. If you can read English, thank a soldier. So, I am concerned with the state of or lack of education excellence in Arizona. Listen, Learn and help and they will let you lead. I am listening!

2) Do you support eliminating the HURF transfers to DPS and other non-road construction and maintenance purposes?

Answer: Yes

Comments:

3) Do you support the continued use of bona fide independent contractors in the trucking industry and oppose efforts by state and local governments to reclassify owner-operators as employees?

Answer: Yes

Comments: I went thru this when I owned an aviation training company. If I provided the aircraft the instructor trained in, he/she became an employee and not a contractor. If they own the truck they should not be an employee.

4a) Do you support the conversion of our existing infrastructure into toll roads?

Answer: No

4b) Do you support the use of toll roads for construction of new infrastructure?

Answer: No

Comments: My experience has been that the government build a road and charges a toll to pay for it with the promise

once it is paid for, no more tolls. Never happens. They continue the tolls. Ever drive around and thru Chicago?

5) On a scale of one to ten (one being low), how important do you believe transportation infrastructure (roads and highways) is to the success of the Arizona's economy?

Answer: 9

Comments:

6) Do you support exploring options to increase revenues for transportation funding through either taxes or fees?

Answer: No, I do not think we need to increase revenue/funding for transportation infrastructure; we have more than enough money to expand and maintain our system well into the future.

Comments: Not such a big number spread over twenty-five years. Increasing taxes is not the answer. I would question the report. Hard to estimate twenty-five years out.

7) Do you support or oppose the "Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol" ballot proposition?

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: I have heard all the arguments of how much revenue the tax on legalizing marijuana would bring but my experience with marijuana smokers is not positive. Personally, I don't care what an individual does but unfortunately the punishment isn't severe enough for DUI's and I am concerned that it won't be for marijuana impaired drivers either. In case you wonder, my door gunner shot my skid off in a gun run. I had to hover while they replaced my skid. Never flew with that door gunner again. Presently, I am against the proposition but would like to see the results in Colorado. DUI manslaughter is murder and should be dealt with accordingly.