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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Mark Finchem

Office Sought: <u>Arizona House</u> District: <u>11</u> Status: <u>Incumbent</u> Party: <u>Republican</u>

Website: www.votefinchem.com

Previous Public Office(s): State Representative LD-11

Occupation: Realtor

Education: <u>AAS Criminal Justice</u> Accepting PAC Contributions: <u>Yes</u>

Are you interested in an endorsement: Yes

## **SURVEY QUESTIONS:**

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

**Answer:** Funding for education, Infrastructure an public safety; and of course paying down the debt that Arizona government has racked up.

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

Answer: Yes

**Comments:** <u>I believe we need to create separate funding paths for infrastructure and DPS.</u>

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: While we are hostage to the federal classifications (IRS), when an independent contractor assumes self-employment responsibilities he/she is indeed self employed. More over, I support self-employment.

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: Yes

**Comments:** This is an option for generating the needed revenue to build and properly maintain new roads. The concept of user pays is one I favor.

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: 10

**Comments:** <u>Without infrastructure nothing moves.</u> <u>Poor infrastructure hampers our ability to compete with other states in the private sector.</u>

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: <u>I am unconvinced that we have a revenue</u> generation problem. I think we have a problem with how we are spending taxpayer money, and what e are spending it on.

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

**Answer:** I oppose the marijuana proposition.

**Comments:** I oppose all propositions that legalize marijuana for recreational use.

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