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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: LaCinda Lewis

Office Sought: Arizona House

District: 12

Status: Open Seat

Party: Republican

Website: lewisforazhouse.com

Previous Public Office(s): None

Occupation: Small Business Owner; Teacher at MCC; Nonprofit Director

Education: BS and MS

Accepting PAC Contributions: Yes

Are you interested in an endorsement: Yes

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

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

Answer: From Candidate for AZ House, District 12, LaCinda Lewis EDUCATION: Education policy requires a multi-pronged approach to include, appropriate funding within a merit-based system; a cultural shift within families and communities to expect high school graduation and post-secondary certification or degrees for all students; teacher/administrator accountability for each student's measureable success and transparency with taxpayer dollars; and business involvement to include mentoring, internships and apprenticeships. ECONOMY: A thriving economy requires a skilled and educated workforce, a regulatory environment that is friendly to business and low taxes attractive for local businesses and for those looking to come to Arizona. FAMILY: There are many family issues in our State; one of great passion for me is related to Child Safety. In Governor Ducey's 2016 State of the State Address, he stated, "As a parent and as governor, there is one number that keeps me up at night...18,947." This is the number of children in foster care. As a former foster parent, I too have sleepless nights. Leaders in Arizona must make policies related to children a priority. It is my desire to apply "best practices" from other successful States to reverse the trend of increasing the number of children in foster care.

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: Voter approved revenue sources for maintenance and construction of our roads and highways should be honored. Transportation infrastructure is crucial to State, County and City economic development success.

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: Small business is the backbone of America. Reduce regulation on owner-operators and let them thrive.

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: Conversion of existing infrastructure into toll roads would be detrimental to the future success of the trucking industry. Toll road revenue sources place unfair burdens on the trucking industry.

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: Our transportation infrastructure connects us to each other and the global economy. Using Gilbert in my Legislative District as an example, the 202 Freeway in the center of our community completely opened a whole new business corridor for thousands of jobs. Gilbert now has 90,000 jobs inside our boundaries and more to come. Our nearby Gateway Airport has been a regional asset that grew even during our recent national recession when 300,000 jobs were lost statewide. The new South Mountain Freeway will be another great transportation asset to support economic development. I support efforts for I-11 to become a reality to enhance future trade with Mexico and Canada.

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

Answer:

Comments: I support options to increase revenues for transportation funding. Before raising taxes or fees, I would explore other options that could include making

transportation a higher priority in the overall State budget discussions.

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

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: Approval would be unfavorable to businesses and would lead to road traffic that would be less safe than today.

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