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2016 Candidate Survey Results

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Office Sought: <u>Arizona House</u> District: <u>15</u> Status: <u>Challenger</u> Party: <u>Democratic</u>

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Previous Public Office(s): None
Occupation: Delivery Driver
Education: Some college

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: 1. Fully Fund Public Education: First and foremost, we must invest in public education. The discussion of our ranking in per pupil funding being the lowest in the country has been exhaustively ongoing. Our budget reflects the priorities of our elected leaders, and unfortunately, they disagree with the priorities of Arizona voters. Yet, because of the vitriol and partisanship, they continue to get re-elected despite their abhorrent disregard for sound education policies. I want to be clear that I support school choice if in fact parents have a choice. However, mostly due to a national conservative strategy to break teacher unions across the country, th1e1 1A1r1i1z1o1n1a1 1l1e1g1i1s1l1a1t1u1r1e1 1c1o1n1t1i1n1u1e1s1 1t1o1 1u1n1d1e1r1c1u1t1 1t1h1e1 1y1e1o1m1a1n1s1 1w1o1r1k1 1p1e1r1f1o1r1m1e1d1 1b1y1 1o1u1r1 1t1e1a1c1h1e1r1s1

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: If we continue to short change our infrastructure, Companies will find opportunities to invest in other states as Arizona lags in its investment in roads and other more accommodating, modern ports of entry into the US. To begin, as a full time delivery driver myself I have experienced how poor roads lead to higher vehicle maintenance both personally and as added costs for companies. Additionally, by taking HURF funds for other purposes, our State Legislature essentially plays a shell game claiming to be fiscally responsible while actually displacing its responsibility for funding roads and highways to local municipalities.

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 support the needs of contracted employees to keep their independence if they so choose. I also recognize that the contractor must not set undo and unfair burdens on

these independent contractors. Independent contractors pick up the baton of entrepreneur, the backbone of our economy, and they should be respected as such.

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: Toll roads serve the purpose of the legislature disregarding its responsibility to maintain and improve our infrastructure. Road maintenance should be funded by the general fund or other infrastructure specific tax revenues.

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: <u>8</u>

Comments: <u>Infrastructure would be one of my top three priorities as your legislator.</u>

6) Do you support exploring options to increase revenues for transportation funding through either taxes or fees? **Answer:** Yes, I think the legislature needs to increase taxes or fees to raise revenue for road infrastructure.

Comments:

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

Answer: I support the marijuana proposition.

Comments: <u>Legalization of Marijuana will add much needed</u> <u>revenue to the state and stop criminalizing behavior that</u> many people in Arizona consider non-harmful.