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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: TONYA K MACBETH

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District: 15

Status: Challenger

Party: Democratic

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Previous Public Office(s):

Occupation: Attorney

Education: J.D. (ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law) B.A. (U of A)

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:** Education: Properly fund education to ensure job-ready graduates, including community colleges and vocational programs. Business Growth: Creating an environment for business development through matching grants rather than unrestricted tax cuts. Infrastructure: HURF funding for its proper purpose. Without a responsible use of HURF funds, the state is deprived of a valuable resource for economic development--goods must get to market and people to their jobs. Additionally, high-speed internet must be expanded. Not only does it increase the educational opportunities for all residents, but it builds computing capacity for businesses.

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

**Answer:** No

**Comments:** I reluctantly answer no, only because the law sets an expectation of some DPS funding. However, exceeding the cap is a violation of law and shouldn't be continued.

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:** The distinction between employee and contractor no longer reflects the "contracting economy." I support the update of our laws to reflect the new reality in a manner that protects both the contractor, business, and public.

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 tend to hit the low-wage worker and the independent contractor hardest.

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:** Yes, I think the legislature needs to increase taxes or fees to raise revenue for road infrastructure.

**Comments:** There can be a balance between using our existing funding appropriately and a small raise in revenue to achieve long-term protection of our economy.

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

**Answer:**

**Comments:** I support regulating marijuana in a manner that decriminalizes use and possession. I have some issues with the manner in which the proposed law favors certain business owners without making a significant change in the criminal laws.

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