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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Adam Stevens

Office Sought: <u>Arizona House</u> District: <u>16</u> Status: <u>Challenger</u> Party: <u>Republican</u>

Website: www.adamforaz.com
Previous Public Office(s): N/A

Occupation: Business Owner - Real Estate

Education: Political Science - Arizona State University

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: 1. Jobs and Economic Growth. I would work with our business community to identify opportunities for growth and identify areas where action is needed to fix problems. I would like to work on Arizona's growing infrastructure needs, which if not addressed will make it harder on existing businesses to operate and dissuade other businesses from moving to Arizona. I believe that cultivating our natural resources by opening up state lands for intelligent development will help create new business and job opportunities in our rural communities. I would also like to develop a job training program that would help get people off government programs and back in the workforce by identifying skills and matching those people with jobs. 2. Education. I would work to build a child-first education system built on the individual needs of the child and parental choice. I also believe that we must support our traditional public schools by maintaining steady investment. I want to help expand charter school access, create new vocational school opportunities, support our successful public schools, and work with underperforming schools to become great schools. I believe in creating a system that will focus on getting tax dollars into classrooms and trimming the bureaucracy of our education system. I don't want any parent to feel like they have no choice but to send their children to a failing school. I would also like to continue to expand access to Empowerment Accounts so Arizona parents can have real choices when they feel like they have to move their child into a different school. 3. Tax and Regulatory Reform. Arizona needs a low tax paying, broad tax payer base. I want to work on creating a consistent and predictable tax and regulatory environment. I will work with businesses and other stakeholders to identify the different issues facing each industry and see how their concerns can be addressed to create a system that promotes growth and prosperity and not one that inhibits expansion and investment. Lowering income and corporate taxes across the board and working towards eliminating the capital gains tax are steps I believe will put Arizona on an aggressive path towards long-term growth.

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: I believe that Arizona's infrastructure issues need to be a major focus for the legislature in the coming years.

Arizona will not meet its full potential as long as our current and future infrastructure needs are not met. The funding for our infrastructure projects must be available.

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:

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: Currently I do not see toll roads as a necessary solution to our infrastructure problems. I would first like to get the roughly \$2 billion in infrastructure dollars that have been transferred back to where the dollars belong before looking at creating toll roads.

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>10</u>

Comments: Arizona will not grow unless it has the infrastructure to support that growth. We will not see the kind of growth we want until our commitment and

investment in our roads and highways matches our values and vision for Arizona.

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: I am a fiscal conservative and naturally concerned about tax increases. I would need to study the exact plan on the table before committing to any plan that would increase taxes on the people and businesses of Arizona but would

strongly consider a plan that would get us the funding needed to meet our infrastructure needs.

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

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: I lived in Costa Rica for 4 years and saw the front lines of what drugs can do to a community. I will do all I can to make sure that marijuana and all other illegal drugs stay illegal.

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