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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Jennifer Pawlik

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District: 17

Status: Challenger

Party: Democratic

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Previous Public Office(s):

Occupation: Teacher

Education: Master's Degree

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: My top three priorities include properly funding education, fighting dark money, and funding social programs.

1. I believe that education should be funded from pre-kindergarten through university. I support the reinstatement of full day kindergarten; this provides a strong foundation for future success in school. I support funding for CTE/JTED programs, community college, and a return to making college "as free as possible." Voucher programs should be halted as they are draining money from public schools and are subsidizing private and/or parochial tuition. 2. With the passage of SB1516, unlimited amounts of money can be dumped into campaigns by anonymous donors who may not even be citizens of Arizona. We need to have transparency in government. 3. Social programs need to be supported. There should be funded programs in place to help those in need. This includes healthcare, childcare, housing, and food. I fully support the return of TANF to 24 months. The foster care program should be streamlined so qualified families can quickly and easily welcome children into their homes.

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: Yes, I support eliminating the transfer of HURF funds to other entities. If we wish to have a strong economic climate in Arizona, our infrastructure must be strong. Our roads must be in shape so goods can be transported within and across the state.

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: Yes, owner-operators should be considered independent contractors, not employees

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:

Comments: Maybe. I need more information on this idea. When funds used to construct new roads are cut or redistributed, there must be a way to fund new roads. Perhaps toll roads are one way to do this. I do not think most of the constituents in my district will be in favor of this idea however.

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: As discussed above, it is imperative that the transportation infrastructure is strong if we expect Arizona's economy to grow. Without well-maintained roads and highways, goods cannot be easily transported. If a section of the highway collapsed (like the I-10 in California last year), travel (and perhaps tourism) is impacted.

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: When there is no money to fund education properly, and the HURF funds that are dedicated to maintenance and construction of roads are diverted to other programs, it does not feel as if there is enough money in the general fund. We must analyze priorities when building a budget-there are always options and perhaps by thinking outside the box and shifting funds from private prisons or tax cuts to corporations, money can be found where previously we've been told the funds are exhausted.

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

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: I oppose the marijuana ballot proposition.

Because legalized marijuana is a relatively new idea, long-

term studies to report on impact of legalization have yet to be completed. Short-term studies in Washington State have shown an increase of traffic fatalities linked to marijuana usage and homeless rates and the need for social services have dramatically increased in Colorado.

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