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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Sean Bowie

Office Sought: Arizona Senate

District: 18

Status: Challenger

Party: Republican

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Previous Public Office(s): None

Occupation: Senior Planning Analyst, Office of the University Provost at Arizona State University

Education: Master's, Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University; BS, Political Science, BA History, 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) Our state's education system - restoring the cuts to K-12 and higher education. Making education the #1 priority in the state's budget 2) Long term infrastructure planning, particularly around our roads and our water. We need to be doing more to plan 20 and 30 years into the future, and make sure our state is prepared. 3) Our state's child safety system needs to be better funded and managed. We need reform, and need to make sure our state's most vulnerable children are kept safe.

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: Our state's HURF funding is critical to funding our roads, bridges, and other improvements. It needs to be funded, and not swept into the general fund or to pay for other programs.

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: I wouldn't eliminate the option entirely, but toll roads would not be my preference.

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: It's critical. As I mentioned above, we need to be doing more to invest in our state's infrastructure, especially around transportation.

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: My preferred option here would be exploring the state gasoline tax. Ours is one of the lowest in the country, and a very modest change in the tax rate could help pay for some of these improvements.

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

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: I need to read the proposition itself if it makes it to the ballot, but as of right now, I am opposed to it.

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