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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: David Stringer
Office Sought: Arizona House District: 1 Status: Open Seat Party: Republican
Website: votestringer.com
Previous Public Office(s): None
Occupation: Attorney/CPA
Education: BA/JD
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. Tax Reform--I support Gov Ducey's plan to create a more business friendly environment and reduce the state income tax to "as close to zero as possible". This will require a long term, incremental approach. But we can start now. 2. Education reform--I support higher education standards and school choice. I will support expansion of Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA's) as a way to create more competition and free market solutions in education. 3. Infrastructure--I support good roads. In LD1, I-17 is a key commercial corridor which needs urgent improvement. Good roads are essential to economic development throughout the state.

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: The HURF transfers were needed to resolve a budget crises. The crises is over and we need to restore HURF funds to their intended use.

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: As a general matter, I support free markets and small businessman and oppose government meddling and burdensome regulations.

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: Taxpayers have already paid for our existing roads. With respect to new infrastructure, I am not a fan of toll roads. The tolls never seem to go away. There may be exceptions and I will listen. But as a general matter, I prefer other funding alternatives.

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: I rate good infrastructure at the top of the list along with taxes and education and business climate in promoting economic development. Transportation is fundamental to commerce and economic prosperity.

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: Categorical yes or no answers overly simplify the question. A lot depends on the details of the specific proposal. My yes answer comes with an important caveat. The best way to increase transportation funding is thru economic growth and finding economies in current government operations. I do not want to increase the overall tax burden. If we are going to increase the gas tax, we need to give taxpayers a break in other areas.

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

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: I do not support the current ballot initiative to decriminalize recreational marijuana.