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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Kevin Payne

Office Sought: Arizona House

District: 21

Status: Open Seat

Party: Republican

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Previous Public Office(s): NA

Occupation: Owner/operator K Star BBQ

Education: Three years at UOP in IT

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:** Grow Economy – To grow the economy you must grow and create jobs. This is best done with small business whether it is new startups, growing existing businesses or importing businesses from elsewhere. We must keep the regulatory burden in check eliminating unnecessary regulation. Finally, we must keep corporate taxes low and reduce where we can. For too long AZ has been cutting individual taxes while ignoring corporate taxes. Education – I believe in school choice which I think leads to competition between schools. When you have competition you have improvement. Arizona has three of the top ten schools in the nation so it's not entirely a money issue. We need to emulate those top schools and keep our best teachers. AZ is ranked last in the nation for teacher pay so it is difficult, at best, to attract good teachers. Along with increased pay comes increased accountability so we can ensure teachers and schools are performing to our standards. Transportation – Another key for business in AZ is our highways. AZ is in a great position to grow if we have a good highways, railways and modern airports. If we can manufacture goods in AZ and export them elsewhere that would be good for AZ. AZ could be a trade hub with Texas not far to our east, Mexico to our south and California to our west. Goods could ship overseas via California, south to Mexico and all over the country via rail and interstate highways. We must maintain our existing roadways and be ready to expand as needed.

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

**Answer:** Yes

**Comments:**

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:** Yes

**Comments:** I believe highways in AZ are underfunded and I don't support raising taxes. It seems like the fairest way to pay for the roads is a reasonable fee to use them. I am open to other means of funding. We must ensure we maintain our current roads and highways since it cost much less to maintain than to replace.

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:**

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:** The key word here is exploring.

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

**Answer:** I oppose the marijuana proposition.

**Comments:** As long as the federal government maintains that marijuana is a level one drug I do not support the prop. We a nation of laws and the federal government can at any time reverse the current stance and shutdown both the medical as well as the recreational sell of marijuana.