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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Michael Muscato
Office Sought: Arizona Senate District: 22 Status: Challenger Party: Democratic
Website: muscato4azsenate2016.com
Previous Public Office(s): n/a
Occupation: Engineer and small business owner
Education: Bachelors 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: Fund Public Education Attract Businesses which pay middle-class or better wages / employment Equality

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: With new legislators we can within the very same state budget provide the means to fund our DPS and HURF without having to transfer funds. Part of attracting high paying jobs and businesses is showing our state understands the need for investment on infrastructure.

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: We do not need to tax our citizens more to pay for construction and new infrastructure. We need legislators who allocate our current funds appropriately.

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: No successful economic development will happen for this state unless this issue is taken care of

6) Do you support exploring options to increase revenues for transportation funding through either taxes or fees?

Answer: No, I do not think we need to increase revenue/funding for transportation infrastructure; we have more than enough money to expand and maintain our system well into the future.

Comments: Again, unlike our current legislators who choose to put forth policies which tax our citizens to pay for tax breaks given to corporations which provide minimum wage jobs...I see an opportunity to get back hundreds of millions of dollars every year and reallocate the same monies we have now to pay for our needs as a state.

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 legalization of the recreational use of marijuana. Again, we can fix our budget issues by electing new officials who represent the needs of Arizona citizens and uphold the Arizona constitution.

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