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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Lela Alston

Office Sought: Arizona House

District: 24

Status: Incumbent

Party: Democratic

Website: www.lelaalstonaz.com

Previous Public Office(s): State Rep 2011-present, State Senator 1977-95

Occupation: Retired Teacher- Phoenix Union HSD

Education: BS-UofA, MS-ASU

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: EDUCATION including human services which helps children be prepared for learning. ECONOMY ENVIRONMENT

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: Road construction, maintenance and improvements are necessary and support our economy by producing jobs and need for both materials and manpower. I think we need to look at the revenue side to make sure we have funds to adequately meet our obligations for DPS and other essential government functions.

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:

Comments: I need more information on this issue.

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 am generally opposed to toll roads but might consider some "fast lanes" that individuals can subscribe to like are available in southern California.

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: 8

Comments: I have always been supportive of funds for highway maintenance and construction. I feel that transportation infrastructure is a governmental responsibility and important to the economy, public safety and security.

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: I trust the Auditor General's report indicating a massive shortfall and think that we need to consider our needs for the future and be proactive rather than reactive.

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

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: I believe that legalizing recreational use of marijuana will lead to use by younger children and will become more available to a broader population of children. I also think that it will result in more impaired drivers on the road.

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