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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Celeste Plumlee

Office Sought: Arizona House

District: 26

Status: Incumbent

Party: Democratic

Website: celesteplumlee.com

Previous Public Office(s): AZ House of Representatives

Occupation: State Representative

Education: Master of Social Work and Master of Public Administration degrees

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:** My top three priorities for 2017-2018 are protecting our vulnerable populations, equal rights, and creating an economic environment in which all individuals and businesses can succeed.

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

**Answer:** Yes

**Comments:** I support eliminating HURF transfers to DPS because we should be using the fund for what it was designated to support. Using HURF to fund other areas of government has become too commonplace and will cause Arizona to lag behind other states when it comes to transportation infrastructure, in turn harming economic activity across the state.

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:

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:** Transportation infrastructure has always been vital to the economy. Arizona should properly maintain, build, and invest in transportation infrastructure to strengthen the state's economy.

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 support increasing fuel user tax rates due to vehicles having ever increasing gas mileage, meaning that the revenues raised by the tax will decrease as a motor vehicle's gas mileage improves. I would also be willing to explore other options to increase revenue so the state can provide the resources necessary to maintain and build transportation infrastructure.

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

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

**Comments:** Marijuana has proven to be less dangerous, as a substance, than alcohol and the opportunity to legalize and tax it will provide new revenue options for the state.

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