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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Steven D. Adkins

Office Sought: Arizona House

District: 26

Status: Open Seat

Party: Republican

Website: http://www.azforstevenadkins.com/

Previous Public Office(s): none

Occupation: Business

Education: Associates in Automotive, Associates in Diesel Industrial

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: My top 3 priorities are the State Budget, Education reform, and Business. The budget and bureaucracy has created to many holes that waste tax payer dollars. This inadvertently raises the taxes on businesses and individuals, in turn hurting or local economy even more. Balancing the budget will be the turning point of easing the issues on every other sector of our economy. It is also the solution at helping businesses carry less of the burden of society. When it comes to education we have lost the notion that traditional school is not for everyone, trade schools and entrepreneurial ambitions are also important in ensuring that everyone has a chance at living a prosperous life. In the case of your industry, I would be less reluctant to hire someone who studied math and science instead of someone who chose this field as a lifestyle over school. Passion beats un-applied knowledge every time. Its time our school system recognizes the other forms of education just as important.

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

Answer: No

Comments: The forms of taxation on citizens is designed to be indirect. Meaning the taxes that are received would be the private sector raising cost to fund the taxes they pay. How it is used and appropriated is irrelevant to fixing the situation of higher taxes on industrial vehicles. If we are going to reduce the burden it will come from deregulation on certain areas of the sector as well as reducing the amount need to sustainable levels.

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: I completely support the idea of independent contractors, it is a great example on how the free market

was designed to work. The contractors are business owners and entrepreneurs, forcing them to remove this identity would be detrimental to the trucking economy.

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: If a municipality would like to expand or create new infrastructure, It is their decision on how they wish to do so. Toll roads are a great way to pay these ventures off.

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: 9

Comments: In the early history of the United States the infrastructure inn the North out did that of the South. During the Civil War this infrastructure gave the North a huge advantage at moving resources where they were needed. In the colonial era it was Great Britain's infrastructure that allowed them to expand around the globe more successfully than the rest of the countries. Infrastructure is a huge element to creating great strides in business.

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: Until we find the holes in the bucket we call a budget, raising taxes will only hurt the trucking industry. I maybe running for office, but one thing is certain aout today's politicians on the understanding of taxes, is that if you give

them more they will find somewhere else to spend it. Sort of like they do with the highway taxes funding DPS.

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

Answer: I support the marijuana proposition.

Comments: What a person does in the privacy of their own home is none of the governments business, as long as it doesn't impede on another individuals Rights.

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