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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

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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:** 1. Education funding and workforce development -Arizona is at the bottom of nearly all education metrics; perpupil funding, average teacher salary, and student retention/graduation rates. Our reputation for poorly funded public schools and universities causes companies to doubt our commitment to workforce development. We must begin to responsibly and sustainably restore funds cut from K-12 and university budgets. 11111111111111.1 1E1c1o1n1o1m1i1c1 1d1e1v1e1l1o1p1m1e1n1t1 1-1 1A1r1i1z1o1n1a1 1g1o1v1e1r1n1m1e1n1t1 1m1u1s1t1 1f1o1c1u1s1 1o1n1 1a1n1 1a1g1e1n1d1a1 1t1h1a1t1 <u>1s1t1r1e1n1g1t1h1e1n1s1 1o1u1r1 1e1c1o1n1o1m1y1,1</u> 1i1m1p1r1o1v1e1s1 1o1u1r1 1c1o1m1p1e1t1i1t1i1v1e1 1p1o1s1i1t1i1o1n1 1a1n1d1 1e1n1h1a1n1c1e1s1 1o1u1r1 <u>1w1a1y1 1o1f1 1l1i1f1e1.1 1W1e1 1s1h1o1u1l1d1</u> <u>1c1o1n1s1t1a1n1t1l1y1 1e1v1a1l1u1a1t1e1 1t1a1x1</u> 1p1o1|1i1c1y1 1t1o1 1e1n1s1u1r1e1 1a1n1 1e1q1u1i1t1a1b1l1e1 1t1a1x1 1b1u1r1d1e1n1,1 1w1h1i1l1e1 1p1r1o1v1i1d1i1n1g1 1a1d1e1q1u1a1t1e1 <u>1r1e1v1e1n1u1e1 1t1o1 1f1u1n1d1 1o1u1r1 1n1e1e1d1s1.1</u> 1T1h1e1 1l1e1g1i1s1l1a1t1u1r1e1s1 1m1u1l1t1i1-1y1e1a1r1 1s1w1e1e1p1 1o1f1 1H1U1R1F1 1f1u1n1d1s1 1l1e1a1v1e1s1 101u1r1 1h1i1g1h1w1a1y1 1a1n1d1 1t1r1a1n1s1p1o1r1t1a1t1i1o1n1 1i1n1f1r1a1s1t1r1u1c1t1u1r1e1 1i1n1 1n1e1e1d1 1o1f1 <u>1m1a1i1n1t1e1n1a1n1c1e1.1W1e1 1n1e1e1d1 1l1o1n1g1</u> 1r1a1n1g1e1 1p1l1a1n1n1i1n1g1 1t1o1 1e1n1s1u1r1e1 1t1h1e1 1v1i1t1a1l1i1t1y1 1o1f1 1o1u1r1 1m1o1s1t1

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

Comments: Our economy depends upon quality transportation infrastructure. The state legislature's continued lack of investment and fund sweeps are irresponsible. Instead, we must prioritize critical maintenance and improvement of our roads and highways, recognizing the

<u>vital role of infrastructure investment to economic development and prosperity.</u>

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 is vital to our economy, with a broad range of economic benefits. We need a thoughtful, long-range plan for our infrastructure that creates near term jobs, allows businesses and consumers to access products and materials efficiently, keeps our roadways safe. We should be leveraging our geographic opportunity as a border state and gateway to emerging markets. Investment in transportation infrastructure will also improve Arizona's competitive position, sending a pro-growth message to businesses looking to start or relocate to Arizona.

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: Our current fuel user tax rates are not sufficient to maintain and improve our infrastructure. The legislature must work on a range of responsible, sustainable solutions to funding.

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

Answer:

Comments: <u>I</u> understand both sides of the marijuana <u>legalization issue and it is likely that voters will have the opportunity to decide. If the proposition passes, we will need <u>legislators</u> who will create reasonable policy to regulate and <u>monitor the new industry and determine the best way to utilize the additional revenue.</u></u>

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