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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Senator Martin J. Quezada

Office Sought: Arizona Senate

District: 29

Status: Incumbent

Party: Democratic

Website: www.MartinQuezada.com

Previous Public Office(s): State Representative, LD29 (2013-2014); State Representative (LD13 (2012); Pendergast Elementary School District Governing Board (2011-present)

Occupation: Attorney

Education: J.D., Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (2008); B.S. in Administration of Justice/Ethnic Studies, Arizona State University (2001)

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. Responsible investment in public education; 2. Economic development with jobs that pay a living wage; 3. Protecting the constitutional rights of my constituents to vote and be free from discrimination.

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

**Answer:** Yes

**Comments:**

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 don't believe we need to have a major restructure of this set-up, however there are always ways to improve treatment of workers in areas such as workers' compensation, insurance, unemployment and contracting. I am open to exploring those issues not just for trucking industry but all industries. Any reforms must be done responsibly and in collaboration w/ the industry though.

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:** This is a soft yes. I believe there are ways we can fund construction of new infrastructure without imposing tolls, fees or raising taxes, but I'm also not opposed to exploring the idea as long as it is done responsibly and in limited circumstances and not instead of other budget reforms.

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:**

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 think raising taxes/fees should be a definite option on the table, but it isn't the only solution and I believe it's certainly possible to meet funding needs without doing this.

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

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

**Comments:** I am still researching the initiative. Before being fully informed of what it does and what impacts it will have I am in opposition. However, I am generally in favor of decriminalization of marijuana use for a multitude of reasons, but I also acknowledge it must be done in the right way. I'm not sure yet, that this is the right way. My position may change upon further research.

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