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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Richard C. Andrade
Office Sought: Arizona House District: 29 Status: Incumbent Party: Democratic
Website: richandrade.com
Previous Public Office(s): State Representative
Occupation: Certified Locomotive Engineer
Education: High School and USAF Technical School
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 Provide better paying jobs, with benefits and healthcare. Transportation and Infrastructure, building and maintaining Arizona's roads and interstates as well as building facilities to meet the transportation needs of the ever increasing commercial traffic in Arizona.

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

Answer: YesNo

Comments: Yes on eliminating HURF transfers to other non-road construction and maintenance purposes. We need to build our infrastructure, maintain our highways and roads and expand by adding more lanes on our highways, as well as building new bridges to prevent what recently occurred on I-10 in California. No on eliminating HURF transfers to DPS, the 10M which is in statute should not be eliminated or increased without a study committee to identify the need for an increase, we need to hire more DPS officers for their safety and the safety of the public when traveling on our highways.

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: Yes, on account this is job creation and there is a shortage of qualified truck drivers in the nation.

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: No, our HURF funds if used for its purpose would not require toll roads. Public money for public use.

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: With the heavy traffic on I-40, I-10, I-17 and I-8, there is a great need to expand.

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: Not only increasing revenue for road infrastructure, but also ensuring that these funds CANNOT be swept.

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

Answer: I support the marijuana proposition.

Comments: I am a certified locomotive engineer and I must comply with the Federal guidelines on zero tolerance on alcohol and drug use, and because I am subject to random drug testing, many of us who are under the Federal Transit Administration-Department of Transportation, would be unable to use marijuana.

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