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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: Jesus Rubalcava

Office Sought: Arizona House

District: 4

Status: Open Seat

Party: Democratic

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Previous Public Office(s): Gila Bend USD Governing Board, Gila Bend Town Council

Occupation: Special Education Educator

Education: MAED Cross Categorical Special Ed, University of Phoenix

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:** Education Investing in our students should and must be the state's top priority. Due to the recession, our state legislature has cut year after year from our public schools. The overall results have been detrimental to our schools, teachers and students. Teachers are fleeing the profession and class sizes keep increasing. Funding for our state universities has been reduced, resulting in tuition hikes and funding for many community colleges has been eliminated. As your State Representative, I will advocate for the restoration of funding for education and I work to ensure that our schools, teachers and students have the adequate resources to obtain a quality education in preparation for college and career. Economic Growth Our schools must remain the focus centers for research that also prepare our students for the jobs necessary to move our economy forward. Companies will only relocate to Arizona if we have a well-educated workforce. I believe in economic sectors that have sustainable, long-term potential, such as high-tech and biotech businesses. As we are seeing our economy recover, we must continue to invest in Arizona's infrastructure and help to promote economic development in all parts of our state. I believe we should fund job training and create incentives to attract high tech and good paying jobs to our state. Agriculture/Water Wallace Stegner wrote "water is the true wealth in a dry land." Arizonan's livelihood should not need to depend on water to be passionate about water conservation. Every Arizonan is a stakeholder when it comes to protecting our state's precious, natural water supply. As your State Representative, I will make every effort to protect Arizona's agriculture water rights. I will raise awareness to ensure that the Arizona Legislature understands the water rights issues and are prepared to protect the rights of farmers and Arizona's agriculture industry.

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:**

4a) Do you support the conversion of our existing infrastructure into toll roads?

**Answer:** Yes

4b) Do you support the use of toll roads for construction of new infrastructure?

**Answer:** Yes

**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:**

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:**

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

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

**Comments:**