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## 2016 Candidate Survey Results

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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:** (1) Education funding: The future of Arizona is dependent on high quality education for every student regardless of geography or family income (2) Education support services funding: High quality education cannot be achieved without a dramatic improvement in services for children and families that support successful learning (economic security/living wages; health care; child care; food security, etc). Too much money is being invested in private prisons rather than in the health of our communities. Better support services would help Arizonans flourish and stay out of our criminal justice system altogether. (3) Water: Arizona water policy currently does not balance environmental concerns with economic growth. The lack of uniformity between law governing groundwater and law governing surface water is irrational and damaging. There is an incredible need to address environmental water issues with public policy to fix this disconnect and protect Arizona's water.

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:** No

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

**Answer:** No

**Comments:** Tolls are a regressive tax that disproportionately hurt poor people, and transportation owner-operators.

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:** I support progressive tax plans to provide needed funding, but oppose regressive tolls and sales taxes.

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

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

**Comments:** I support regulation as a means to fund education and reduce the amount spent on the prisons that incarcerate marijuana consumers. Regulating marijuana like alcohol does not allow medical or recreational users to drive while impaired.

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