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2016 Candidate Survey Results

Name: David Cook
Office Sought: Arizona House District: 8 Status: Open Seat Challenger Party: Republican
Website: CookArizona.com
Previous Public Office(s): None
Occupation: Rancher
Education: Important
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: To get the speaker to put the budget process back into a committee structure so that the legislatures can be educated on the process and workings of the government. If I do not win this seat it would be the first time in the state legislatures history a rancher would not be in the state legislature. I'm the only agriculture producer in the state running for the state legislature. Trucking plays an important role in the transportation of agriculture products. I will be the agriculture voice for my district and the state. I want to be a representative for people to assist them in getting through agency red tape and reviewing laws that could be done better. For instance if an out of state CDL driver goes to get an Arizona drivers CDL license and has a passport, utility bill and his out of state license they cannot get it because the state wants a social security card. When they go to get a social security card the Feds don't want the passport they want the out of state CDL. Does not make sense.

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

Answer: Yes

Comments: I believe except in critical one time circumstances that DPS should be funded out of the general fund. Rural counties are struggling and they need these dollars. I contacted the Pinal County Sheriff and asked him what we could do to help rural Pinal County and this is exactly the issue we discussed. If needed to fund DPS in Maricopa Or another county then the amounts should be shifted to the county sheriff departments.

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 am a rancher and have a CDL and my own semi. I have tried to go and get extra work hauling personal

property and items for my neighbor but the over regulations and requirements are way to many. Another problem is local police trying to enforce Stste ADOT laws. This needs to be left to ADOT in my opinion.

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: I would have to see a proposal. There is not enough information here. In Oklahoma where we have a small ranch there are turnpikes there but they have always been there so voter approval could be an issues here.

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: Everything is transported that is valuable starting with our families. School kids.

6) Do you support exploring options to increase revenues for transportation funding through either taxes or fees?

Answer: No, I do not think we need to increase revenue/funding for transportation infrastructure; we have more than enough money to expand and maintain our system well into the future.

Comments: Your question is not asked right here. I do support looking at additional bypass roads and such being built possibly on a toll or turnpike system.

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

Answer: I oppose the marijuana proposition.

Comments: Info not support marijuana being legal

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