

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Catherine Ripley**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **10**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Democratic**

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Previous Office(s):

Education: **M.A. National Security Affairs, Navy Postgraduate School; B.S. Engineering and Political Science, U.S. Naval Academy**

Occupation: **Adjunct Professor**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

Are you interested in an endorsement: **Yes**

5. If elected, what are your top three priorities for 2019-2020?

Answer: 1. Fully funding public education through a comprehensive long-term, sustainable strategy and plan of action that addresses every aspect of providing quality education to all children in Tucson. 2. Creating a thorough and complete strategy to immediately enact a comprehensive plan for safe, common sense gun policy in Arizona. 3. Writing and/or supporting legislation that would protect and expand Health Care for All.

6. 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:

7. Do you support the conversion of our existing infrastructure into toll roads?

Answer: No

8. Do you support the use of toll roads for construction of new infrastructure?

Answer: No

9. 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: Transportation infrastructure is extremely important, as the majority of goods and services in our country still relies on ground transportation. It is a cornerstone of our economy.

10. Currently, alternative fuel vehicles (natural gas and electric) do not pay any taxes or fees for use of the roads. (i.e. a gas tax substitute) Do you believe that these vehicles should pay something for use of the roads, or do you believe that they should continue to get a discount for using alternative fuels?

Answer: I believe alternative fueled vehicles should continue to get a discount for use of the roads.

Comments: I believe, as we phase into more renewable sources of fuel and energy that we must incentivize those who are making the attempt towards that end, but not at the expense of those still transitioning.

11. Currently, both the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety have law enforcement officers that specialize in commercial vehicle enforcement. Do you believe Arizona should look at consolidating all truck enforcement activities under the Department of Public Safety?

Answer: Yes, I believe we should look at consolidating ADOT's law enforcement under the DPS.

Comments:

12. Given the importance of transportation is to our economic success, how would you propose we solve the revenue shortfall needs for transportation?

Answer: We must look at overall tax reform in Arizona, across the board. This would include proposing an increase in gas and diesel fuel, but also a hard look at tax exemptions and cuts made over the years that may not make sense today, or have outlived their purposes.