

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Marilyn Wiles**

Office Sought: **Arizona Senate**

District: **10**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **www.electmarilyn.com**

Previous Office(s):

Education: **MBA**

Occupation: **Business Owner**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: Financial Accountability and Audit Integrity Government Reforms including Education, Judicial, and Other Critical Infrastructure Needs

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: The government should never intrude on small businesses and management of them.

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:

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 pay something for use of the roads.

Comments:

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: No, I do not believe we should consolidate ADOT's law enforcement under DPS.

Comments: I do support elimination of redundant functions.

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

Answer: First, the monies currently collected for highway and gas taxes should be distributed to the purpose by which they were collected. All to often, the legislature and other state and local entities use that funding for purposes other than for which they were intended. I am proposing a full review of all financial sources of funding, why they are collected, and where they go so that we know exactly where our shortfalls are.