

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Howell Jones**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **11**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Republican**

Website:

Previous Office(s):

Education: **High School with some college courses.**

Occupation: **Retired Carpenter**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **No**

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

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

Answer: Keeping the desert clean. Keeping the state operating within its means. Keeping the roads in order. I also mentioned the roads and ADOT being a top priority in a questionnaire sent to me by InMaricopa Magazine.

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: I believe the definition of an employee is pretty clear and a person who pays their own cost of operation is not an employee.

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: Yes

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: 8

Comments: Arizona's roads are among the best because many are not as old as ones back east. It is easier and cheaper to maintain them than to rebuild.

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: No one rides for free.

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: This is not an issue I am up to speed on but would say consolidating should save time and money and has to be looked at.

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

Answer: I believe we should first look at what can be cut before we look at where we should increase. This goes for any and all revenue related issues in the state.