

## Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Blake Sacha**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **12**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **blakesachaforaz.com**

Previous Office(s): **Appointed to Gilbert School Board in 2011**

Education: **BSCHE, MEd**

Occupation: **Intel (retired), Adjunct instructor GCU**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

**Answer: It is critical that we establish a framework for education funding that is stable, sustainable and enables the high quality education needed for our future. This will require work on funding resources, funding formula and agreement on the expected outcome. This will take much longer than a single term, but we can make significant progress. Transportation and infrastructure improvements. This is especially critical in my district where Highway 24 and the North/South corridor are needed to provide critical connectivity to enable future economic development. Keeping Arizona government limited and focused so Arizona remains a place of opportunity for those reaching for the American Dream. The various divisions of government (city, county, state) have areas of responsibility. They each need to stay in their lane and effectively and efficiently get their work done.**

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: 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: 9**

**Comments: Transportation infrastructure is a critical component.**

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

**Comments: I do not have sufficient background or expertise in this area to have an informed opinion. However, any opportunity to improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of how government operates should at least be considered.**

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

**Answer: The first step in solving the revenue shortfall is to stop the sweep of highway user funds. Regional area road funds are also an important piece of funding. The buying power of the gasoline tax as well as the decline in revenue due to MPG improvement and AFV growth will need to be addressed by the legislature in the near future.**