

## Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **DJ Rothans**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **12**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Democratic**

Website:

Previous Office(s): **N/A**

Education:

Occupation: **Retired**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **No**

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

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

**Answer: 1. Restoring public education funding. 2. Creating employer incentives for good paying jobs. 3. Talking across-the-aisle for equitable legislation, i.e., private prisons contract revisions, taxpayer equity, infrastructure funding, school vouchers and/or charter schools amendments, water protection, etc.**

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: Owner-operators should be protected by contract, not by employee reclassification**

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

**Answer:**

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: 10**

**Comments: Infrastructure needs to be a priority which will be included in my across-the-aisle discussions**

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: Those who purchased vehicles with the understanding they get discounts should be grandfathered into any new legislation that requires a minor incentive discount**

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: Duplication of laws causes problems with enforcement.**

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

**Answer: Increased taxes dedicated to infrastructure on tobacco and alcoholic products**