

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Nick Myers**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **12**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Republican**

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

Education: **Yes**

Occupation: **Self Employed**

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) Fair policies for the people, 2) Restoring autonomy to the cities and states, 3) Educational reform (please see my website for more details)

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 have a CDL and did some local driving and I loved the autonomy provided as being independent. In reality I believe this decision should be left up to the company and the driver. There is no reason for government interference on this matter as it can only muck things up in the long run. The free market is almost always a better option.

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: 8

Comments: Transportation infrastructure is critical, but other things are important too. Hence the 8/10 rating.

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: I would not be opposed to a registration tax or something on those vehicles to support their share of the infrastructure.

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: Any change to minimize government is an opportunity not to be missed.

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 and foremost we need to find alternative funding for DPS so as to return funds to HURE. Also, I have many ideas about cutting funding to other government entities and that money could be pushed into first responders and highway/infrastructure.