

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Becky A Nutt**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **14**

Status: **Incumbent**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **beckynutt.org**

Previous Office(s): **Arizona House of Representatives**

Education: **Under-grad Public Admin. Graduate degree [in progress] Political Science and Business**

Occupation:

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: Rural: Stabilizing rural economies. Water: Diversifying Arizona's water portfolio to include desalination of Arizona's brackish water.

Education: Working to make sure our children and youth are equipped with the tools they need to live prosperous and productive lives.

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: Love entrepreneurs and the entrepreneurial spirit!

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

Comments: This is not an issue I am completely familiar with and will study it further. I am a "Yes" at this time that it is an option to consider.

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

Answer: Gas tax increase is a point of discussion with the feedback that it is not an answer for lack of adequately applying to everyone who uses the roads. There are indications a mileage-based user fee might have the capacity to apply to everyone. Another suggestion is that states and local governments pay for their own streets and roads and get federal dollars out of states and local infrastructure. I am looking at creating a formula that combines several or all options that keeps the costs fair across the board and not penalizing certain groups over others.