

## Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Bob Karp**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **14**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Democratic**

Website: **BobKarpForArizona.com**

Previous Office(s):

Education: **BA UCLA**

Occupation: **Real Estate Broker**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

**Answer: Supporting public school education for K-12, Community College and 4 year college**  
**Improving infrastructure particularly roads, bridges, electric grid, and high speed internet**  
**Reform of the state budget process to allow participation by minority party with greater transparency and more opportunities for public and stakeholders to be involved in budget decisions**

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: Flexibility allows for more efficiencies in regulated industries. I support such flexibility as long as workers are not exploited**

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: 10**

**Comments: I have commented on this extensively on my website. It is one of my top concerns. Particularly for rural Arizona.**

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: This is something I am not familiar with. My inclination is that they should pay something. I don't know about parity with other gas or diesel powered vehicles.**

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: Let's not duplicate enforcement activities.**

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 have proposed a one cent per year for five years gas tax increase starting in 2019. I believe your organization in 2011 supported a bigger increase. This is reasonable and the economy certainly can absorb the increase without significant difficulty based on the wide swings in gas prices in the last few years. Without some additional funding our roads infrastructure will continue to be a drag on our economy.**