

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Gail Griffin**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **14**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **www.griffinforarizona.com**

Previous Office(s): **Current State Senator LD14 (2011-2018) - Az House (1997-2001)**

Education:

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: 1. Jobs and a good economy not just for urban areas but rural Arizona as well. 2. Balanced Budget 3. Border Security and safe communities. 4. Education dollars into the classroom for students and teachers to improve student achievement. 5. I believe in less government, lower taxes, a strong national defense, personal responsibility and in the free enterprise system.

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: As a Realtor I am an independent contractor. I know this issue and will not support any changes.

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: Roads and highways are very important to economies in urban and Rural areas of 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 a fairness issue and yes... they need to pay their fair share for using the roads.

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:

Comments: Not sure... need more info on this issue.

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

Answer: We need more industry and jobs to create a larger state revenue income. Arizona is coming out of a down economy and we need to create an environment to attract new industry and expand existing industries/businesses etc. We can create more revenue to be applied toward infrastructure of roads and highways.