

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Michael Hernandez**

Office Sought: **Arizona Senate**

District: **16**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **www.bigmikeazsenate.com**

Previous Office(s): **none**

Education: **High School**

Occupation: **Small Business Owner**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: Healthcare, Education, Infrastructure

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 oppose the government putting any restrictions on this.

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: Without proper roads and infrastructure business of almost all kinds would come to a halt.

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 think that everyone who uses the roads should pay an equal share.

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: I feel that it would benefit both truckers and the state if they consolidated.

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

Answer: If we do not raise it through fuel tax then it will need to come from other sources. Also we need to stop looting HURF funds to pay for other things and actually use the money for its intended purpose.