

## Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Nora Ellen**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **17**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **www.VoteNoraEllen.com**

Previous Office(s): **Vice Mayor, City of Chandler**

Education: **University of Northern Colorado**

Occupation: **Real Estate**

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. Make sure we have a structurally balanced budget with a reasonable rainy day fund that we only using during an economic downturn. 2. Have a business friendly regulatory and tax environment that supports and retains businesses and encourages entrepreneurship. 3. Have a short and long term infrastructure plan in place, including roads and water.**

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:**

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: 9**

**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: I would also need to know more about this issue to make a proper decision. I think there can be too many agencies looking into the same issue which can waste time and money, which this could be the case.**

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

**Answer: In having served on the Maricopa Association of Governments Transportation Policy Committee, I do understand we have a shortfall. I would like to see the plan for I-11 to come to fruition for the sake of commerce. Although I am not a tax and spend politician, I do believe we need to re-examine the current gas tax.**