

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Diego Espinoza**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **19**

Status: **Incumbent**

Party: **Democratic**

Website: **espinozaforhouse.com**

Previous Office(s): **14 years city council, vice mayor**

Education: **Bachelors From Ottawa University, Estrella Mountain Community College AA, AS several business certificates**

Occupation: **Fuego Bar & Grill 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: I think focusing on identifying revenue sources to fund infrastructure projects is pertinent to a successful economy. Funding for education (k-12) & college bound is a must and focusing on in-state tuition for our DACA students is an important extension of improving Arizona's education 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:

7. Do you support the conversion of our existing infrastructure into toll roads?

Answer:

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: 8

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 continue to get a discount 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: No, I do not believe we should consolidate ADOT's law enforcement under DPS.

Comments:

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

Answer: increasing diesel prices