

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Ed Gogek**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **1**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Democratic**

Website: **edgogek.com**

Previous Office(s):

Education:

Occupation: **Physician**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **No**

Are you interested in an endorsement: **No**

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

Answer: Education. Ensuring Arizona's water supply. Substance abuse prevention. I am an addiction psychiatrist.

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:

Comments: Not sure on this. I want to make sure truck driving pays well. It is hard work that often requires a taxing lifestyle.

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 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:

Comments: Not sure.

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

Answer: Arizona gives a large number of tax breaks to out of state companies. The first step to increasing revenue is closing some of these loopholes.