

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Karen Fann**

Office Sought: **Arizona Senate**

District: **1**

Status: **Incumbent**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **Electkarenfann.com**

Previous Office(s): **Az House of Rep.: Mayor Chino Valley; Vice Mayor Prescott**

Education: **Some college; contractors license; real estate license**

Occupation: **Owner, Hwy Construction Company**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: Highway infrastructure; Water resources; education funding options

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: 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: If we don't have good infrastructure, tourism, and economic development all come to a screeching 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:

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 understand fully the need for safety on our highways but too much regulation and delays are killing our industry

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 to keep pushing for increasing the gas tax to at least the medium of 28 cents by phasing in over the few years. I hated raising the VLT taxes/fees. Az businesses were hit the hardest and non residents don't contribute their fair share.