

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Charles Loftus**

Office Sought: **Arizona Senate**

District: **20**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **www.loftus4az.com**

Previous Office(s):

Education: **BS, MPA, Ph.D. all from ASU**

Occupation: **Retired Police, now college faculty**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: Education Improve business operation environment Crime

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: My family owned a large trucking company in Southern AZ. I have a good idea of what it takes to keep the margin profitable.

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: One of the three most important infrastructures.

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: Don't they pay annual fees? I would oppose a mileage tax.

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: AZ DPS should not be the only law enforcement in the state. The present administration wants DPS to take over many other investigative areas in the state as well.

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

Answer: I would want to reduce taxes to business before raising them. We could tax gasoline only, raise light vehicle diesel taxes but I would like to avoid raising the tax exposure of the trucking industry.