

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Kevin Payne**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **21**

Status: **Incumbent**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **www.electkevinpayne.com**

Previous Office(s): **AZ House**

Education: **BS electrical engineering**

Occupation: **Owner Kstar BBQ**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: Good tax policy No toll roads in AS for publicly funded roads. 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: I also am an owner operator of a food truck.

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: I think Arizona is set to become a major trade hub and without proper infrastructure we will not be able to achieve this.

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 rather see it done under one Department, however I would need to see what that looks like before I would absolutely support it.

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 think at the very least we need to tie the fuel tax to inflation.