

## **Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018**

Name: Randy Miller

Office Sought: <u>Arizona Senate</u> District: <u>21</u> Status: <u>Open Seat</u> Party: <u>Republican</u>

Website:

Previous Office(s): <a href="mailto:Precinct Committeeman">Previous Office(s): Precinct Committeeman</a>

Education:

Occupation: Retired Pobation officer-current, Real Estate

Accepting PAC Contributions: **No** Are you interested in an endorsement: **Yes** 

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

Answer: 1. Getting control of our budgets and spending. 2. Securing our borders as a state responsibility under the constitution, this is a national security threat and a threat to our sovereignty as a state. 3. Being a voice and advocate for the people's liberties and freedoms under the constitution of the U.S. and Arizona. Our state governments need to take back our rights to make most decisions as authorized under the the constitution.

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: <u>Independent "Contractors" are business</u> <u>owners and one of the back bone of our country.</u>

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: Our infrastructure has been neglected, particularly at the federal level. U.S. 10 through much of the southern states looks like a third world country. The state's roads and highway systems aren't as bad but adequate funding must be maintained.

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: This is an example of government picking winners and losers through a system of fees and taxes. They use the roads like everyone one else and should not be given preferential treatment.

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: <u>I answer this based on a logical approach</u> of enforcement policy. <u>Having several agencies with jurisdiction on enforcement doesn't seem practicable.</u>

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 have a significant government spending problem that needs to also be addressed. Yes revenue is an issue but I suggest as one option, increasing the frequency of license renewal from 20 or 25 years to 4 years and increasing the licensing fee about \$4 each time. This is a very odd practice in Arizona. Every state I have lived in licensing renewal has been 4 years. People change, physical circumstances change and this is a practicable and fair way to increase revenue for transportation infrastructure.