

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Rebecca Rios**

Office Sought: **Arizona Senate**

District: **27**

Status: **Incumbent**

Party: **Democratic**

Website:

Previous Office(s): **az house 1995-2000, az senate 2005-2010, house 2014-now**

Education: **MSW, ASU**

Occupation: **government relations, florence copper project**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes** Are you interested in an endorsement: **Yes**

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

Answer: public education funding restore funding cuts made to the local Counties, including HURF funds. improving job opportunities in my district

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: 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:

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 am open to the idea if it increases efficiency, maintains safety and the trucking industry is supportive.

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 support taxing alternative vehicles and using the revenue exclusively for infrastructure. we need to fully fund HURF, and stop tax giveaways until infrastructure, education and other basic necessities are fully funded.