

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Christine Marsh**

Office Sought: **Arizona Senate**

District: **28**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Democratic**

Website: **www.ChristinePorterMarsh.com**

Previous Office(s): **N/A**

Education: **Masters Degree in Education Administration**

Occupation: **teacher**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: Fiscal responsibility Education Economy and higher paying jobs

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: 9

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:

Comments: I would want to talk to someone from the trucking industry before answering yes/no for this question. I assume that--like with policies that affect education--there may be unintended consequences that only someone on the inside of the industry would fully understand. So often, legislators create ineffective (even destructive) policy without first talking to educators, and I wouldn't want to do that.

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 should evaluate every tax credit, cut, and loophole to determine if they are fiscally wise choices. It's possible--even likely--that some of the corporate handouts are not bringing any financial gain to the state, and we should shift some of that funding to other areas of the budget, like infrastructure. I would also be open to looking at a possible increase in the gas tax, knowing it would ultimately need to be referred to the voters.