

## Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Bill Brotherton**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **30**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Democratic**

Website:

Previous Office(s): **Superior Court Judge, State Senator, State Representative**

Education: **BA from Grand Canyon College, JD from University of Arizona**

Occupation: **Attorney**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

**Answer: There are many needs that have been neglected in this state. Some that come to mind as very important are full funding of our public education system (K-college), water/drought issues, maintenance and construction of infrastructure, homelessness, health care.**

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:**

**Comments: It is difficult to answer this question without more information. If they are bona fide independent contractors then they should be treated as such. If it is a ruse, then just like in any other industry they should be categorized accordingly. Without specifics it is difficult for an attorney, such as myself, to give a definitive answer.**

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: Taxes paid defray the cost of road maintenance and building. That occurs and is necessary regardless of the fuel used.**

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: Don't have enough information about this topic to give a definitive answer.**

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 to look at increasing the tax, broadening its scope as referred to earlier and other defined sources of revenue (general budget) to meet our transportation needs.**