

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **Felicia French**

Office Sought: **Arizona House**

District: **6**

Status: **Open Seat**

Party: **Democratic**

Website: **www.feliciafrench.com**

Previous Office(s): **none**

Education: **BS Nursing, MS Systems Management, MS Sustainable Solutions**

Occupation: **Retired military, Hospice case manager RN, Educator**

Accepting PAC Contributions: **Yes**

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

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

Answer: 1. Sustainable funding for public education
2. Affordable and available health care for everyone to include mental health, vision, and dental.
3. Quality sustainable jobs in the renewable energy sector and building infrastructure such as safer roads.

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: Safe roads benefit the economy through tourism and commerce.

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. I believe alternative fueled vehicles should continue to get a discount for use of the roads.

Comments: We need to transition our economy from fossil fuels to renewable energy. However, if a vehicle is using a road paid for by public taxes, they should have to contribute in some way.

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: If consolidation to one of the agencies would save tax dollars and be more efficient and effective, then I am for consolidating truck enforcement activities.

12. Given the importance of transportation is to our economic success, how would you propose we solve the revenue shortfall needs for transportation?

Answer: Raise gas taxes to pay for building and maintaining our roads.