

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: **IL Mealer**

Office Sought: **Arizona Senate**

District: **7**

Status: **Challenger**

Party: **Republican**

Website: **http://ilmealer.com**

Previous Office(s): **n/a**

Education: **Phoenix Insitute of Technology, some MIT**

Occupation: **Engineer, Contractor, fabricator, automobile Mfg**

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. ArizonaVestedâ, from the Mealer Initiative 2018 is a Day One plan to be put in place to help YOU as we grow Arizona into a thriving, water wise, Agri-Industrial, state where opportunity and personal business funding abounds. 2. ArizonaVestedâ, SHOULD give Arizona children something to look forward to and SHOULD cut teen suicides... Adult suicides as well. This plan also better funds schools and ends property taxes. 3. Infrastructure over-haul with the huge, newfound funds from our business expansion and career based new industries.

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: The only benefit I can see from the state considering many truck drivers as 'employees' would be if they were covered under the state retirement fund.

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: ArizonaVestedâ, was designed by myself for just this reason among the plan to Make

Arizona Great. while we raise our level of businesses and earning to top all other states.

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: Since they use the roads, they must pay the basic taxes at the very least.

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: Either way, if/when combined we would need to both reduce and increase the amount of fees for the actual law enforcement officers both away from and to the other agency. It might be worthwhile to think of creating an agency based out of one of these two departments that has access to all data bases, yet can operate without oversight from either department.

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

Answer: ArizonaVestedâ, wold absolutely cover it, but a temporary tax (made temporary by legal mandate) on the sale of fuels might help.. IF I am not elected and ArizonaVestedâ, is never put into law.