

Arizona Trucking Association Candidate Survey 2018

Name: David Cook

Office Sought: Arizona House

District: 8

Status: Incumbent

Party: Republican

Website: CookArizona.com

Previous Office(s): Representative LD8

Education: Yes

Occupation: Rancher

Accepting PAC Contributions: Yes

Are you interested in an endorsement: Yes

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

Answer: Follow through on the promises we made in previous session on education and HURF Funding - and keep water with the people not the government.

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: Independence is another word for Freedom. We must defend freedom at every level, including the freight and trucking level.

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: Yes

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: We have to be able to move product in and out of the state and from Mexico the best we can. We are in competition with Texas as a state and longer transportation equates to higher costs for consumers and lower profits for operations.

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: No one should get a free ride and carpool use.

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: We need one commercial enforcement agency. We don't need cities and towns trying to enforce fed and state regs in transportation.

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 can't have it both ways. We can't raise the taxes on fuel and the. Have those dollars taken and used for things like DPS. That's a double tax.