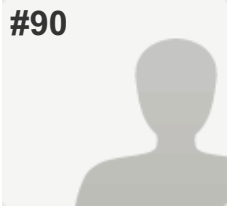


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PAGE 2: Campaign Information

Q1: Please answer the following contact information

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Q2: What elected office are you seeking?

State Representative LD24

Q3: What is your party affiliation?

Democrat

Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant:

Manager	Bobbi Masquelier
Consultant	Benjamin Scheel

Q5: Press and/or Media contact:

Lela Alston

Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements?

I have had the endorsement of AZ Chamber and Phoenix Chamber in 2010 but not in 2012. I am hopeful of having those endorsements this cycle since I have voted favorably on pro Chamber primary issues. I listing of my endorsements from last campaign cycle can be found on my website, www.lelaalstonaz.com.

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Q7: Current employment:

State Representative LD24

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Q8: Have you ever been elected or appointed to public office at the local, state or federal level?

Yes,

Election year and office(s):

AZ State Senate - 1977-1995 AZ House of

Representatives 2011- to present Phoenix Union

High School District School Board 2008 - present

Q9: If elected, and you are running for the Arizona Legislature or United States Congress, which committees would you most like to serve (in order of preference) and why?

Appropriations - I have been on this committee for 22 years and understand and like the process

Education or Higher Education - I am a retired school teacher and know and care about educational issues

Human Service - I have concern about these issues because they are necessary to help make children and families safe and strong.

Q10: Would you like us to contact you to make an appointment for an interview to seek our support?

Yes,

If "no", why?

If that is part of your endorsement process and you think that I might be a candidate you are interested in supporting. However, I have a lengthy voting record which should make an in person interview unnecessary.

Q11: Would you be interested in visiting AZAGC member project sites?

No

PAGE 4: Policy Questions

Q12: What are the greatest challenges for Arizona over the next two to four years?

Providing funds to keep our infrastructure such as roads repaired and adequate in scope to meet the needs of our growing population.

Supporting industries that provide high wage jobs such as construction, technology and biosciences.

Offering educational opportunities at all levels so that our citizens are prepared to work in these jobs and industries.

I see a solid economy and a strong educational system as going hand in hand.

Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?

Invest in incentives that we are sure will pay the dividends that we are seeking. Sometimes appropriations, tax incentives and credits are given without a known return on investment.

Research grants as requested by the UofA in this last budget cycle are an example of something that we should be funding.

Support an adequately funded educational system.

Q14: Do you understand the relationship between infrastructure and the economy? Please explain.

Yes. High wage jobs that are produced by maintaining and improving the infrastructure promote a strong economy. Further, funds spent on equipment, materials, etc. are dollars spent to keep the economy healthy. The same is true for job training and educational expenditures.

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Q15: Do you support or oppose government spending for the purposes of investment in public infrastructure (e.g., transportation, water resources, water infrastructure, public facilities, state/local buildings, etc.)?

Support,

Why?

It helps keep people employed in high wage jobs and keeps the economy healthy. It also is necessary so that our roads, water systems and buildings do not crumble causing more expensive repair or replacement at a later date.

Q16: Do you support or oppose raiding the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and Vehicle License Tax (VLT) to balance the state budget?

Oppose,

Why?

Those funds are needed for the purposes for which they were originally designated.

Q17: Would you support or oppose a referendum that closes the loophole that allows the Arizona Legislature to raid the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and Vehicle License Tax (VLT) to balance the budget?

Why?

I would need more information on this issue. Generally, I do not like to tie the hands of the legislature to make decisions when there are tough choices to be made. I question how those revenues would be replaced or what programs would be cut.

Q18: Would you support or oppose an initiative that closes the loophole that allows the Arizona Legislature to raid the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) and Vehicle License Tax (VLT) to balance the budget?

Why? Same answer as above.

Q19: Would you support or oppose authorizing an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?

Support,

Why?

Probably. I would again need more specific information as to what revenue source is being considered.

Q20: Would you support or oppose a referendum that authorizes an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?

Why? Same as above,

Q21: Would you support or oppose an initiative that authorizes an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?

Support,

Why?

Same as above. I did support the Education and Jobs Initiative very strongly!

Q22: Do you support or oppose streamlining environmental regulations while weighing the impacts to both the economy and the environment.

Why?

It depends on the specifics of the proposal. Generally, I am environmentally friendly. I would have to weigh this on a case by case basis.

Q23: Some localities are passing ordinances that allow preferences for local contractors to get a bid advantage because of business location. In some cases the advantage to the "local" contractor is as much as 5%. Do you support or oppose these ordinances?

Why? Need more information.

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Q24: Under the guise of promoting "local labor", unions are adding language to city contracts requiring contractors to have apprenticeship programs, health insurance, a living wage, etc. prior to qualifying to perform work for the city. Do you support or oppose these provisions in city contracts?

Support,

Why?

I think that all persons deserve a living wage with appropriate benefits. Public funds should be used to support local workers with good wages and benefits.