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Q1: Please answer the following contact information

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Q2: What elected office are you seeking?

Arizona State House of Representatives

Q3: What is your party affiliation?

Democrat

Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant:

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Q5: Press and/or Media contact:

Reginald Boldiong

Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements?

While still early in the process, I have earned the endorsement of AFSCME Retirees. Additionally, I have been interviewed with both the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. In 2012, when I ran for State House, I received the endorsement of AFL-CIO and others. I anticipate more support this year based upon responses received during previous interviews.

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Q7: Current employment:

Teach for America, Director of Public Partnerships

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

No

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?

I am currently earning a EdD in Education, and my passion for education is evident through my campaign and policies I support, so I would most certainly like to serve on the Education Committee, and I believe I would prove to be a real asset with my experiences as an educator at both the elementary and collegiate levels. In addition, again because of my thorough background in education, I would like to serve on the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee.

Also, I would like to serve on a committee that focuses upon economic development, such as the Commerce or Technology and Infrastructure. Legislative District 27 is poised for investment opportunities by new, innovative businesses in the areas of high technology, medical research, and manufacturing. It also would benefit greatly from an investment in infrastructure and multi-modal transportation projects. I would like to be able to shape policies that will foster investment beneficial to both business and the workforce in the community.

Q10: Would you like us to contact you to make an appointment for an interview to seek our support?	Yes
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Q11: Would you be interested in visiting AZAGC member project sites?	Yes
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PAGE 4: Policy Questions

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

The greatest challenge for Arizona is reforming the public education system. It is deplorable that our state continues to rank at the bottom in both per pupil funding and student performance. In order to ensure we are prepared for long term success in this state, we must invest in our education system.

This also leads to another significant challenge Arizona faces over the next two to four years, fostering an environment that people inside and outside the state recognize as potentially prosperous for business investment. During the past few years, our state legislature has continued to pass legislation that goes against a business friendly environment, such as SB 1062. Furthermore, our economy is based upon unstable professional sectors, and rather we should seek opportunities for stable, growing sectors, which will require infrastructure improvements. We need to re-shape our economic focus to depend more greatly on innovative industries, such as high technology, medical research, and clean energies. By doing so, we will create other opportunities for property and infrastructure development and other construction possibilities. In doing so, we shall foster economic growth in a number of areas.

Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?

To overcome these challenges, I plan to work with a broad base of policy leaders, elected officials, and community leaders to identify specific areas where we can improve our education system. This starts with smart investment in our education community by increasing per pupil funding so our students can stay competitive with others around the country and world. In addition, I would work to implement statewide curriculum that focuses upon STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) so that our students of today are ready for the high quality careers of tomorrow.

With an education system that focuses upon STEM curriculum, as well as greater support of public education, we will make significant strides in diversifying our economy to be more supportive of innovative industries. The other key component to creating a diverse and sound economy is infrastructure improvements. Potential business investment relies upon a modern infrastructure, and Arizona must be equipped to meet those demands. An example that epitomizes the need for infrastructure improvements is the border with Mexico. Arizona stands in a prime position to benefit from being a trading hub; however, we can only do so if the roads and ports of entry have the modern infrastructure needed to be that trading hub. Furthermore, as the State invests in infrastructure needs, it must be careful not to do so at the cost of taking funds from local municipalities. Those funds should remain with the local cities and town for their own infrastructure improvements as the State identifies other revenue streams from which to invest.

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

Infrastructure is the backbone of a growing economy. Infrastructure provides the roads on which companies ship their goods and services, the utility lines from which companies draw their power and water, and the multi-modal transportation opportunities employees use when travelling to work. Fundamentally, without maintaining and expanding our infrastructure, companies and customers are hindered in their access to goods and services resulting in a failing economy.

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?
I strongly support government investment in public infrastructure. Even before tax breaks, innovative companies seek a viable, supportive infrastructure when determining where to invest. Infrastructure, especially transportation, becomes a driving economic force for which the public sector should take full responsibility.

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?
I oppose the State raiding HURF and VLT funds. Those funds should be used where they belong, for the purpose of improving our transportation infrastructure. Essentially, when legislators use those funds to balance the state budget, they are shirking their responsibility and passing the buck to other agencies and municipalities. Rather, the state should find alternative revenue streams and allow those funds to continue to be used for transportation infrastructure. If not, they are robbing us of future economic prosperity.

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?

Support,
Why?
I would support such a referendum to ensure those monies are used for their true, and needed purpose, transportation infrastructure.

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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?

Support,
Why?
For the reasons already stated, I would support such an initiative.

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

Support,
Why?
I would support authorizing an additional revenue source, if only for a relatively short term project. For example, as the Interstate 11 project moves forward, Arizona should be planning and implementing projects that the new interstate will foster, such as other roads linking to the interstate, or perhaps other utility infrastructure needs as a result of the interstate. The project is greatly needed, and Arizona should be anticipating and proactively developing projects that will result from its construction.

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

Support,
Why?
I would support such a referendum, as long as it makes long term economic sense and is a new revenue stream to the state that can be appropriated to public infrastructure.

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

Support,
Why? I would support for the reasons stated above.

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

Support,
Why?
In general, I support streamlining government regulations. That being said, we must be careful in regards to the environment that streamlining does not equate to superficial oversight. I appreciate the efforts of the AZAGC in its ardent support of protecting the environment while implementing much needed infrastructure projects, such as Greenroads. It is a careful balance between caring for the environment and expanding our economy. I am confident while working together, we will be able to find that balance while streamlining environmental regulations.

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?

Support,
Why?
I support such ordinances because I believe there should be factors in addition to lowest cost that should be considered when selecting contractors who bid for public projects. Among those considerations should be preference for local companies. It makes sound, prudent economic sense to use our public dollars to invest in local businesses when the opportunities arise so that we may continue to see the overall economic benefit.

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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?

Such consideration should be on a case by case basis. That being said, in general the level of compensation companies afford their employees, and the training they receive to complete the work, can be used as considerations when selecting a contractor. Employees who are properly trained are more likely to complete the work most cost effectively with better, long-term outcomes. In addition, labor that is earning a liveable wage are more likely to use their money with local businesses, further building our economy.