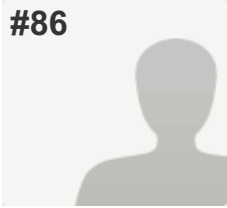


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Q1: Please answer the following contact information

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Q2: What elected office are you seeking?

House of Representatives LD25

Q3: What is your party affiliation?

Republican

Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant:

Manager	Candidate
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Q5: Press and/or Media contact:

Candidate

Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements?

Arizona Rock Products Association

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Q7: Current employment:

Director of External Affairs, East Valley Institute of Technology

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

Yes,
Election year and office(s):
1992 Arizona House of Representatives, LD21 1996
Arizona State Senate LD21

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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?

Natural Resources and Environment - continue common sense protection of Arizona business capacity to produce the mineral, food and fiber we depend on, and protect Arizona's water and mining laws

Transportation - Maintain and extend Arizona's transportation system in a thoughtful and wise way.

Education - protect and expand quality career and technical education to lift academic performance and assure the ability of Arizona business to secure quality trained individuals to carry business activity into the future and secure the Republic.

Appropriations - Secure and protect funding mechanisms for business interests who have paid fees and assessments to a specific end.

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

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

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

Secure sound financial footing and regain the balanced budget without sweeps, rollovers and redirection of funds, by continuing to restrain regulations that inhibit job growth and productivity in every sector. We need to grow jobs with sound administrative policy that restricts government and frees up business potential. We can't continue to spend on every project that raises its head, but need to focus on essentials.

Education: Continue to promote high standards of education, and in parallel to promote development of marketable skills within our growing generations.

Security: Make sure our neighborhoods are safe and secure - a never ending priority clarified by recent attacks on law enforcement.

Assess and maintain our transportation needs.

Water and Natural Resources - their access and preservation

Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?

A BRAC-like committee that would review specific regulations whose impact is negative on the overall economic capacity of the state, and to make recommendations on their improvement or removal.

Build alliances with like-minded individuals to achieve these ends and to examine and filter all new regulatory schemes.

Promote and highlight the successful efforts of CTE, like EVIT, in preparing the rising generation with the ability to serve and grow our families, communities and State. Reduce the amount of demands made by government on education and give them the trust and capacity to focus on fundamental academic and skill-based learning.

Reinvigorate and reassure law enforcement agencies to their task, and provide the means for them to achieve their goals.

Review and renew efforts to build a quality transportation system which is the bloodstream of our economy. Highlight the successes and trust of companies exemplifying professionalism and good stewardship, and protect their sources of natural resources used for the good of our State. Protect water law within the state from encroachment from federal overreach, and use the pulpit of office to thank and bring attention to those who likewise are good stewards of this critical resource.

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

If you can't move goods, services and people effectively the economy dependent upon those three areas falters. Effective, efficient and safe.

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 support the wise creation of transportation systems, dams, canals and infrastructure. I don't want to cross over the line of common sense, but maintain a usable balance between what we can build and maintain and that which does not return a greater benefit than the cost.

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?
The HURF is not the catch basin for every spending scheme in the State. If government wants to set other priorities, it should provide the financial stream to pay for them, not tax or raid or sweep from agency funds set up for the specific and less transitory needs of our citizens.

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 give qualified support - the devil's in the details, as I hate to reduce the oversight of the elected legislature...but dad-gummit, I do not like what I have seen in this regard.

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?
Same as the above. Just a different mechanism. We have to hold legislators feet to the fire, even mine, scrawny though they may be.

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

Support,
Why?
Again, the devils in the details, but with the FACT of inflation, more and more is being demanded of less and less. Gas efficiencies in automobiles and less driver miles, and inflation's impact on productivity of the money is creating a difficult situation.

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

Why?
I don't know which ones you mean...case by case proposal and review is better for me than a blanket "public infrastructure" commitment. Aging water systems - yes. Aging bridges and road maintenance - yes if necessary.

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

Why?
Same as the above - but if I am going to raise taxes for public benefit, I wouldn't discount the power and ability of the public to assess the need. What I don't want is another package like 20 years ago. I could support something where specific proposals are put to the public for specific road or infrastructure improvements at a specific spec and cost and duration of the tax.

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

Support,
Why? support, support , SUPPORT!

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 a 5%. Do you support or oppose these ordinances?

Oppose,
Why?
Phoenix is huge and Duncan is small...to survive business needs to be movable, efficient and competitive. I fear Cronyism etc.

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?

Oppose,
Why?
I support a right to work, a right to risk, and a right to perform. The above is just another way of forcing the same effect of 5% benefit for local labor. It would be interesting to see if the demands of #13 by unions would not be about equal to the 5% benefit.