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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, LD 24

### Q3: What is your party affiliation?

Democrat

### Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant:

Manager Tim Castro

### Q5: Press and/or Media contact:

Tim Castro

### Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements?

It is too early for any organizational endorsements that I've heard of. We have none yet.

Please see <http://www.kenclarkforaz.org/endorsements> for a list of endorsements.

## PAGE 3: Candidate Information

### Q7: Current employment:

Realtor, HomeSmart

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

Yes,  
 Election year and office(s):  
 State Hose of Representatives, 2002-2004

## AZAGC 2014 Candidate Survey

**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 will seek to be on Ways and Means, Rules and Natural Resources, as I was in the past.

**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

### PAGE 4: Policy Questions

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

Arizona must be more pro-active in attracting businesses to the state and supporting those locally-owned businesses that have struggled so long here.

We must support public education and hold all educational institutions accountable for our taxpayer dollars. If we want to attract businesses to Arizona and support those businesses that are already here, we must deliver a qualified, diverse workforce.

**Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?**

I have a strong history in the legislature working across the aisle. In my first term as a legislator, I was the only freshman Democrat in the House to pass a bill. The bill allowed schools to save money by using reverse auctions for school procurement.

Since my time in office, I have fought to increase the number of competitive congressional and legislative districts in order to increase the opportunities for bi-partisan and less extreme legislation. Our legislature is not doing its job because it is too focused on pandering to its base voters.

The lack of infrastructure spending that your organization seeks is a direct result of a Republican legislature that has, as a result of redistricting, moved so far to the right that it cannot find the votes to do what is necessary.

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

Naturally. If we do not have the infrastructure to move products, materials and labor, we will not move the economy. If we do not have the infrastructure to education our children and our university students, we will doom entire generations to under-performance in the 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?

A 2012 study by the Federal Department of Water Reclamation (with other partners) demonstrates that we will likely have a 20% shortfall in the water that enters the lower Colorado River Basin. As a realtor, I am helping people purchase homes with 30-year loans. What will their homes be worth if we do not find better, more efficient ways to use water, transport people and manage public spaces? Simply put, these goals require public investment.

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**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 and VLT not only should not be siphoned off to balance the budget, it needs to be reconfigured entirely. The gas tax needs to be a proportional tax rather than a flat tax. Not only does this tax not give us the necessary funds for infrastructure, it is not keeping pace with our forms of transportation. As a person who drives a hybrid vehicle, I understand that people with alternative fuel cars (primarily electric) are not paying in to the HURF as much as they use the roads. So, not only do I believe that the gas tax should be proportional to the price of fuel, but also that the increasing number of electric car users should pay a flat fee as part of their VLT that is based on estimates of standard vehicle use in Arizona. In other words, I am willing to pay my fair share as I strive to use less fossil fuel.

**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 definitely support a change in the gas tax, as described above.

**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? Please see above.

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

Support,

Why? Please see above.

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

Support,

Why?

While I support the idea state above, my preference would be to do it through the legislature, as this state has already budgeted through the ballot quite a bit recently.

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

Support,

Why? Please see above.

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

Why?

The phrase "streamlining" is too often a euphemism for "not protecting the public or our lands from pollution." I cannot answer this questions with a simple yes or no because I don't know what you mean by "streamlining". As a philosophy, I believe that we need to make government more responsive and accessible for both people and businesses. But, I will not step aside from my duty to protect the public and our children.

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**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?**

Support,

Why?

I am a member of Local First Arizona. I know that more of our money stays in Arizona to support our schools, police and fire services when we support locally-owned businesses. While I do not know the specifics of these ordinances and whether I would support a 5% advantage, I do believe that the location of ownership of the business should be given appropriate weight. What that weigh will be is a function of our democratic process.

**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?

The tone of the question makes the position of this organization clear. I believe that the best way to support families and our future is to support a qualified work force, health care, workplace safety and a living wage. I'm a Democrat, after all. I believe that most people have a perception of unions that stems from a history of corruption in other states. That is not what I see in Arizona, nor would I support that. In Arizona, I see people in unions who are fighting for a shrinking number of rights to protect themselves and their families. We have fallen out of balance in the opposite direction. Further, here is the core reality: if any group wants the support of Democrats to increase public spending on infrastructure (which is necessary in this state), expect that those Democrats will do their best to protect the rights of those workers. I can proudly say that I will.