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Q1: Please answer the following contact information

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Q2: What elected office are you seeking?

House of Representative LD 1

Q3: What is your party affiliation?

Republican

Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant:

Manager	Don and Darlene Packard
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Q5: Press and/or Media contact:

same as above

Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements?

Arizona Chapter Associated General Contractors; Az. State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police; Arizona Auto Dealers Association; HomeBuilders Assoc. Of Central Arizona; Arizona Cattleman's Assoc.; Az. State Contractor Coalition; Az. Rock Products Assoc. ; Motor Vehicle Providers Assoc.; ... received to date. Prior years have also included Arizona Chamber of Commerce; Arizona Nurses Association; Arizona Realtor Association; The Goldwater Institute; National Federation of Independent Businesses; Americans for Prosperity

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Q7: Current employment:

President/CEO Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, Inc.

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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):

2010 to Present Az. State Representative LD1

2002-2009 Mayor Town of Chino Valley 1992-1995

Prescott City Councilman & Mayor Pro Tem

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?

Current Chair of House Transportation; Vice Chair Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee; Committee member Agricultural & Water. If re-elected I intend to run for a leadership position as Majority Whip. I will also stay intimately involved with my current committees either way.

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?

Although we are slowly climbing out of the recession, lack of State Revenues will still be a challenge for the next few years. These limited resources continue to plague the adequate funding needed for infrastructure, education, public safety and other necessary services. The restructuring of Child Protective Services this year is a good start but it will need our full attention in the next few years to ensure it is done correctly and efficiently. Lastly, we will continue to see Education as a top priority to get Arizona to the top of the National Standards both on the K-12 level and at the Higher Education level as well.

Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?

My priorities are steadfast. It takes a strong economy to provide the services needed in our State. Investing some of our limited financial resources into infrastructure not only fulfills our commitment to the taxpayers, but also creates the jobs and revenues needed to support other essential services. We must also address additional revenues needed to fully fund our infrastructure. Fuel taxes equal to the national average, Public Private Partnerships, Valued Engineering and energy efficient vehicles are just a few of the options we should start addressing immediately. Additionally, we need to address serious reforms in our education system. Additional funding is only part of the solution. It should be coupled with a reduction in federal bureaucracy and returning discipline and respect back into the classrooms.

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

Yes, as stated in #2

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?

Transportation, water resources, water infrastructure, public facilities are a function of government. These are items taxpayers expect the government to provide since they are not able to provide individually.

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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?
When our voters, the constitution and state laws establish requirements for revenue expenditures, those requirements should be followed. Raiding HURF and VLT dollars not only goes against our voters' intentions, it is a bad decision from an economic standpoint. When infrastructure is underfunded, future needs are not being addressed and existing infrastructure is deteriorating faster at the taxpayers expense. As the saying goes "Penny wise and pound foolish"

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? As stated in # 5

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? As stated in # 5

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

Support,
Why?
As stated in #2, #4, and #5 and see # 10 below.

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

Support,
Why? As stated in #2 ,#4, # 5 and see #10 below

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

Support,
Why?
The decision as to whether it should be a referendum or an initiative should be discussed and decided based on which has the better odds of passing with the voters. Can we get the necessary votes in the legislative body and Governor to move forward or should it be taken directly to the voters? Electing a Governor this year who is a strong supporter of infrastructure needs and will make it a top priority, would have a large bearing on the avenue we should take. In addition, we must make this a top priority with other state organizations who will help educate our voters and help with the financial resources needed to get a referendum or initiative passed.

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

Support,

Why?

It is our responsibility to protect our environment and natural resources, however, over regulation can be just as harmful as not protecting them. When we over-regulate, the economy suffers which then reduces the revenues needed to support and protect our environment. Those of us in the construction industry see the billions of dollars the government spends for environmental and wildlife protections, yet somehow there never seems to be enough money to provide safe roads, water resources and infrastructure needs.

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?

Oppose,

Why?

Since most of the work we are discussing involves tax dollars, I oppose municipal preferences but would support a preference for Arizona companies versus out of state contractors. We should try to keep Arizona tax dollars and jobs in Arizona. There are great contractors who are based in other states but end up taking our Arizona dollars out of state. Regarding municipal ordinances, I oppose because it's a two-edged sword, particularly in rural Arizona. Preferences may be a small help for the local contractor but out of town contractors spend a lot of money for hotels, restaurants, equipment needs, etc. which supports a lot of local businesses.

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?

Arizona is a right to work state and should stay that way. The free labor market will adjust itself depending on current economics with supply and demand. Every employer I know tries to pay their employees the best they can because we know how valuable good employees are to the success of our businesses. We should not follow in the steps of other unionized states and municipalities who are facing bankruptcy because of union contract obligations.