

AZAGC 2014 Candidate Survey

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Q1: Please answer the following contact information

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Q2: What elected office are you seeking?

Arizona House of Representative- Distract 30

Q3: What is your party affiliation?

Democrat

Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant:

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Q5: Press and/or Media contact:

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Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7: Current employment:

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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):
I was elected as State Legislator in 2012; I am currently seeking reelection.

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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?

First, I would like to serve on the Government committee. This would allow me to build a close relationship between state and local government.

Second, I would like to serve on the Higher Education and Workforce Development committee. I currently sit on this committee and would like to continue the work we have started.

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?

One important issue is the heightened level of homelessness in the state. Another prominent problem is Arizona's branding and image.

Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?

To confront homelessness, I believe a restored housing trust fund will help the homeless get back on their feet. For rebranding Arizona, the state needs to appropriate sufficient funding, necessary to rebrand the state and rebuild its image in the wake of embarrassing legislation. This will help bring some revenue to the state in various sectors, including the tourist industry.

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

I do, a strong infrastructure is vital not only to the general public, but to the prosperity of local and national businesses. Infrastructure helps businesses transport goods and services across the state and the nation. Strong roads, bridges, piping, etc., provide a groundwork for economic prosperity.

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 government's prudent investment in public infrastructure. The people pay taxes with the idea that we will keep a strong and effective infrastructure that is available to businesses and the general public alike. As an elected official, it is key that we have transparency with our constituency.

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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?

I oppose raiding HURF and VLT for reasons other than their intended use. We created the fund to keep our highways and roads safe for all Arizonans. Raiding the fund continues to break trust between the government and the people and passes the infrastructure problem down the road. The taxpayers deserve to know what their hard earned dollars are invested in and raiding HURF for a different reason than its intended use is an example of clouding up government spending and making it less transparent to the people.

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 strongly support such a referendum. The only way to ensure that future legislatures will not raid the HURF and VLT funds is to pass a referendum that closes loopholes and prevents them from taking allocated funds. After such a referendum is passed, the government can then evaluate the state of the HURF and VLT funds to decide whether or not they accumulate a sufficient amount to meet the needs of the state's infrastructure.

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

Oppose,

Why?

I would not support such an initiative. At least not until we close the loopholes that allow the legislature to raid the fund for unintended purposes. An additional revenue source would only lead to more siphoning of allocated funds. The first priority must be to close loopholes. Once this is accomplished, the state legislature can then look at evaluating the state of the HURF and VLT funds in order to then decide whether or not an additional revenue source is necessary to meet the needs of public infrastructure.

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

Oppose,

Why?

I oppose such a referendum because the primary objective is closing the loopholes that allow raids of the HURF and VLT funds. After these loopholes are closed, I and my fellow legislators will reevaluate the state of the funds and decide whether or not an additional revenue source is necessary to meet the needs of public infrastructure.

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

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Why?

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

Oppose,

Why?

I oppose streamlining environmental regulations, however, they should be considered. Environmental regulations preserve the Earth for future generations and future economic growth. I believe in weighing both the economic and environmental impacts of legislation but do not believe we should sacrifice or allow any environmental regulations to slip through the cracks in haste to economic growth.

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 believe in contracts that work with labor unions and provide the best quality work for the most cost effective price. However, local contractors should have some sort of a bid advantage to keep revenue within the community.

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 support these city contracts. As a union member, I know first hand the importance of workers' rights and the value of being an appreciated employee. Employees supported by a strong union provide skilled labor and deserve quality health care and liveable wages in return; this system promotes a prosperous and mutually beneficial relationship.