## AZAGC 2014 Candidate Survey



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## **PAGE 2: Campaign Information**

Q1: Please answer the following contact info	rmation
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Q7: Current employment:	State Rep LD22
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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): Appointed 2012 and elected 2012 to State Rep LD 22

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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?

Currently serve as Chairman of the Insurance and Retirement Committee and a member of the Health Committee. I am open to new assignments should I be re-elected. Commerce, Government and Appropriations are all committees of interest but the new speaker will make that determination.

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?

The most important challenge is to implement policies that increase economic growth. With a national economy that has been stagnating for six years, it's more important than ever that states take their economic destinies into their own hands by enacting policies that increase economic development. A better economy leads to more tax revenues, wage growth, less crime, and more funding for education.

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

A competitive tax structure, reducing regulations where appropriate, and conservative budgeting all play a role at the state level in helping create an environment for job growth.

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

Having worked in the hotel industry for over a decade travelling throughout the mountain west, it's obvious there's a link between a transportation infrastructure and the economy. Small towns, with little more than an interstate stop, can become tourist destinations. For rural or urban locations, highway access can clearly be an economic generator as businesses look to locations with ground transportation options.

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.)?

Why?

Uncertain. Would look at each situation independently. For instance, I support the idea of I-11 but would need to see details on cost and route before coming to a final conclusion whether I would support a particular plan.

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 would prefer not to raid HURF. I understand why the state has done this in the past in order to balance the budget. This year, we reversed some of that funding. If the economy improves, I think there will be less need and incentive to raid these funds.

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?

Why? Uncertain. Would need to see details.

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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?	Why? same as above
Q19: Would you support or oppose authorizing an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?	Why? If by authorizing an additional revenue source you mean raising taxes then no, I would not support it. Other than that I would be open to alternatives.
Q20: Would you support or oppose a referendum that authorizes an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?	Why? same as above
Q21: Would you support or oppose an initiative that authorizes an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?	Why? same as #8
Q22: Do you support or oppose streamlining environmental regulations while weighing the impacts to both the economy and the environment.	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?	Why? At the state level, I would consider giving Arizona contractors a bid advantage over out-of-state contractors. As I understand, other states have a similar law in place
Q24: Under the guise of promoting "local labor", unions are adding language to city contracts requiring contractors to have apprecticeship 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?	Why? City issue.