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Q1: Please answer the following contact information Candidate Name: Victoria Steele Campaign Committee Name: Victoria Steele For House Campaign Address: PO Box 35611 City/Town: Tucson ΑZ State: ZIP: 85740 Email Address: VictoriaSteeleAZ@gmail.com Phone Number: 520-401-0935 State House of Representatives LD9 Tucson Q2: What elected office are you seeking? Democrat Q3: What is your party affiliation? Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant: Manager Ed Dunin-Wasowicz & Karen McGarrity Consultant DW McGarrity Advertising Ed Dunin-WAsowicz & Karen McGarrity Q5: Press and/or Media contact: Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements? During my first campaign in 2012: Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce Arizona Technology Council Arizona Pipe Trades 469 AFL/CIO - Pima Area Labor Federation **AFSCME** Arizona Building Trades Council IBEW 640 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers UFCW 99 United Food and Commercial Workers

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Q7: Current employment:

State of Arizona - House of Representatives
University of Phoenix

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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):

2012 State House of Representatives LD9

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?

In my first term in office I was the Ranking Democrat on the House Transportation Committee during 2013/2014. I was also on the Health and Insurance & Retirement committees.

My favorite was the transportation committee because I was able to work effectively with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I found the work on transportation issues to be exciting and fascinating. I enjoy telling others that I found my "inner transportation geek." Improving and funding transportation infrastructure is one of the most important issues facing Arizona. It's also one of the most significant ways to grow the economy and I plan to be very involved in the effort to take advantage of the opportunities that are before us in trade and commerce on the global stage.

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

Yes,

If "no", why? I'd love to!

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?

Water and transportation infrastructure funding.

Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?

We need to help educate and excite not only the people who live and vote in Arizona but individual members of the legislature so that they fully understand the challenges and opportunities that are before us. I feel confident in my ability to help communicate these this message clearly and to bring people together to build a bipartisan approach to meeting and overcoming the challenges.

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

There is a critical relationship between the economy and infrastructure. From the deep water ports, ports of entry, to highways and railways we need to move beyond a mere preservation stance to improve transportation infrastructure so that we can be competitive on a global scale. The Arizona - Sonora economic region is not only competing with Texas but also with other countries such as China. Our geographic positioning offers us many advantages but we must take advantage of them now before it is too late. We have to be able to increase trade opportunities with Mexico and increase the flow of traffic within and through Arizona.

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?

Our infrastructure is the framework that supports our security, economy and our quality of life. We should take advantage of Public/Private opportunities whenever we can but we cannot overlook the important role that the government has in supporting public infrastructure.

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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?	Support
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? Because politically, it may be easier to refer to the ballot than put through the usual legislative process.
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? Because some uneducated, unaware legislators may not understand the importance of funding our roads and they will continue to sweep this fund which is vital to our roads.
Q19: Would you support or oppose authorizing an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?	Support
Q20: Would you support or oppose a referendum that authorizes an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?	Support, Why? We have to consider additional an alternative ways of funding public infrastructure - the funding models we rely on now were designed in the 1960s for a different era and they are no longer sustainable.
Q21: Would you support or oppose an initiative that authorizes an additional revenue source for public infrastructure?	Support, Why? For all of the aforementioned reasons.
Q22: Do you support or oppose streamlining environmental regulations while weighing the impacts to both the economy and the environment.	Support, Why? We can meet our economic and environmental needs together - it will take thinking in new and progressive ways to do it. We have the ability to develop new technologies that will allow us to do both. The terms economy and sustainability are not mutually exclusive.
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? I would have to know more about this before I could comment.
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, Why? I support workers and business owners being able to have good paying, secure jobs with health insurance, training and benefits. We must support