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PAGE 2: Campaign Information

Q1: Please answer the following contact information Candidate Name: Steven B. Yarbrough Campaign Committee Name: Yarbrough/Senate Campaign Address: 2241 E. Pecos Rd. City/Town: Chandler State: ΑZ ZIP: 85225 Email Address: sby@acsto.org Phone Number: 480-897-1060 Arizona State Senate District 17 Q2: What elected office are you seeking? Republican Q3: What is your party affiliation? Q4: Campaign Manager and/or Consultant: Self Manager Consultant None Self Q5: Press and/or Media contact: Q6: Name some of your key business organization endorsements? In past years they include: Arizona Chamber of Commerce, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Chandler Chandler of Commerce, Arizona Tech Council, and NFIB

PAGE 3: Candidate Information

| Q7: Current employment: | Attorney and Executive Director, Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization |
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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): 2002 Arizona House 2012 Arizona Senate 2004 Arizona House 2006 Arizona House 2008 Arizona House 2010 Arizona Senate |

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?

Flnance given by eight years on House Ways & Means including two as chairman and most recently four years as chairman of Finance. I also have served ten years combined on House and Senate Judiciary, two years on House Education, tow years on House Rules, two years on Senate Commerce and eight years combined on House and Senate Ethics including two years as chair of each respectively. I have also served on JLBC for six years.

My preference is to continue as chair of Finance and a member of Judiciary unless I succumb to the urging of numerous members and seek to be Majority Leader. If I do that I would join Senate Rules but hopefully continue to serve on Finance although not as chair.

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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?

No

PAGE 4: Policy Questions

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

Continuing to implement policies that facilitate our economy growing out of this recession. We need to development a long-term plan for addressing our debt situation and our critical need for improved and preserved infrastructure.

There is also a vital need to pursue policies that will improve overall student achievement in Arizona. I remain a strong advocate of continuing to increase school choice as one means to help accomplish this goal.

Q13: What would you do to overcome these challenges?

Continue to improve our business environment through low taxes and only truly necessary regulation. We need to continue to lower this business property tax assessment, make depreciation more readily available, and diminish or eliminate the business personal property tax.

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

Absolutely. If we do not preserve and enhance our transportation system we run the real risk of slowing or even reversing our recovery. Electricity and water delivery are also vital. I worked with Chandler and Intel to successfully advance infrastructure coordination legislation and there is much more we need to do.

I suggest that my history of leading the way on legislation that serves to advance manufacturing in Arizona is unparalleled. As business, both small and large, advances we provide the opportunity our economy needs.

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 and public safety are proper roles for government. So too is water, electricity, and gas delivery. These are best accomplished under the auspices of the government. Similarly, pubic facilities are a key ingredient to our general quality of life as well as providing vital services.

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 recognize that in the depths of the Great Recession we may very well have needed to use HURF funds of public safety. But I would much prefer and look forward to the day when HURF and VLT go entirely for their intended purposes and if we manage wisely we will not visit that approach again.

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 support the people weighing in on this. However, they would need to understand that the future is always uncertain and if this diversion is prohibited there may be future consequences of higher taxes or diminished services.

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,

Whv?

I would a referral but I am fine with the people deciding subject to the honesty I suggested in #6.

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

Support,

Why?

A qualified support because it would depend on what it provides, how it would operate and what if any exceptions for circumstances are included.

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

Support,

Whv?

Same as above but with the same reservations. Referrals can be better vetted than are initiatives and that is where my preference would lie. Let the policy makers and stakeholders design any referral together rather than a unilateral initiative which may well be harder to pass.

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

Support,

Whv?

Again, it depends. Answering that question in the dark is hard. It is easy to say sure but I would need to see and understand it and that is why a cooperatively designed referral is the far better approach.

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

Support,

Why?

Often these regulations seem like roadblocks to prevent appropriate infrastructure development. There is a place for some environmental regulations but philosophically I strongly support streamlining them as much as possible.

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?

Oppose,

Why? Let the unadulterated free market prevail.

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?

Oppose,

Why?

With all of my being. It distorts the free market. It should be prohibited.