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Q1

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Q2

What race are you running in? (LD? House? Senate?)

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Q5

Children who have year-round health Insurance do better in school, are more likely to graduate from high school, are healthier, and earn more in adulthood. There are approximately 161,000 uninsured children in Arizona. If elected, how would you help ensure that all children and families have access to the health care that they need?

I will continue to support and advocate to increase Az's Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funding as well as expanding AHCSS such as dental care to pregnant woman.

Q6

We know that a child's earliest years, birth to age 8, are the most important for the development of their brains. High-quality early childhood experiences can enhance that development. How can the state take a role in helping parents give their children the best start in life?

By funding all-day Kindergarten, providing daycare assistance, increasing TANF and increasing funding for CHIP.

Q7

Many families in Arizona are struggling. Housing is becoming increasingly unaffordable, nearly one in four children live in poverty, and resources that used to be available to help families are no longer there. Research shows that when access to safety net resources are low, foster care populations are high. What is your plan to help children and families get the resources and services they need to keep them out of the child welfare system?

Increasing the funding to the Housing Trust Fund. Funding school counselors in Az's public schools and access to more family counselors in our communities.

Q8

Arizona has been among the bottom states in per pupil K-12 funding for the past decade which has resulted in severe challenges including teacher shortages, crowded classrooms, and insufficient student support services. How will you ensure that students in every neighborhood have access to quality, well-funded education in Arizona

Will keep fighting for increased public education funding, increasing teacher pay and more resources in Az's classrooms such as technology, and lowering classroom sizes. I will continue to be vocal on the issues which impact Az's public schools and will continue to speak out against the expansion ESA's and for-profit private charter schools on account it drains public money from our public schools.

Q9

Arizona's elected leaders have created a tax code that is upside down and regressive— meaning that those with low incomes pay a much higher share of their income in taxes compared to Arizona's highest income earners. If elected, what will you do to make sure that wealthy and corporations pay their share of taxes?

I will continue to vote against tax giveaways and advocate that working families need the tax breaks, not the ultra-wealthy, big businesses and corporations. I will also support legislation to have a study committee to sunset tax credits which do not benefit working families.

Q10

As the cost of living is rising faster than wages in Arizona, many households are struggling to afford basic needs. If elected, what are three ways that you will improve economic well-being for Arizonans?

I have sponsored legislation to increase the minimum wage to \$15/Hour. Implement rent control and stop investors from pricing out 1st time home buyers. Fully funding public education, including community colleges and universities funding, because many college graduates have incurred a lifetime of debt due to tuition costs.
