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Q1

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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 would make sure that families have access to information through government agencies and non-profit partners. I definitely need to learn more about this! Being a teacher, I strongly support making sure our children have what they need!

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?

I would like to see more opportunities for early childhood education at our district schools, especially Title I schools. But perhaps the most pressing need for our young children is for full-day kindergarten to be fully funded. Currently, kindergarten students are funded at 50%.

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?

It is important that housing is affordable for families. Right now we have a housing crisis. This places more stress on families, especially our young families with children. I am learning about what is being done in other states, such as Colorado, to address this challenge.

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?

The first place to start is to fully fund programs already in existence. Special education funding is not fully funded, and neither is kindergarten. Currently in the budget, a 2% inflation increase has been allocated. Inflation in our district is greater than 10%. In order to be well-funded and able to address other important challenges, such as large class sizes, we need to find what is already in place.

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?

We need to be business-friendly so that our state has sustainability. In order for businesses and corporations to receive tax incentives, they must meet certain goals for providing employment and creating a tax base. We need accountability before offering tax breaks.

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?

The three things that I will do to help economic well-being are investing in education, supporting efforts to make housing more affordable, and supporting programs that are designed to help our most marginalized groups.
