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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?

No child should be forced to go without healthcare. As a parent and a teacher, I understand just how necessary it is for children to have access to affordable care. If elected, I would support the expansion of KidsCare eligibility to ensure that all children without healthcare receive the care that they need and deserve.

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?

As an educator I understand the need to increase our attention to these vital formative years. The funding of our elementary schools has continued to decrease over the last several decades. Additionally, when funding is provided to our schools it is often the high schools that gain priority. It is time for our state to make a significant investment in our children to capitalize upon these important early years.

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?

I believe that all parents should have access to the resources, services, and ability to provide for their children that they need. One way I will help families is by addressing the housing shortage, as well as reversing laws that limit rent control. As State Senator I will propose legislation that prioritizes early investment in our students, job training, and support for the existing small businesses community.

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

During the peak of the 2010 Recession, Arizona State lawmakers made the decision to slash funding for our public schools that devastated the lives of my fellow educators, students, and their families. Now, fast forward to over a decade later with a Five Billion dollar surplus in the state budget, our schools have not been provided with the funding that was taken away from us in 2010 and the controlling party refuses to address the need for additional investments. We are suffering from deferred maintenance, neglected classroom resources and family investment, and sufficient career development for our communities. If elected, I will champion education legislation that provides the real investment in our schools and children that is needed to ensure the future success that our neighborhoods deserve.

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?

As a teacher, and single father of two young girls, I understand what it is like to live towards the bottom of the income ladder. It is past time the legislature makes working people a priority in the organization of our tax code. As a state senator I will do everything in my power to ensure our government is protecting those who work to uphold our state economy by advocating for a more equitable approach to taxation in Arizona.

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?

If I am elected, I will improve economic well being for Arizonans by supporting unions and investing in workers. I believe we need to focus on strengthening our economy with workforce development and job training. This, in conjunction with decreasing health care and housing costs, will help ensure economic freedom for all Arizonans.
