The Affordable Care Act (ACA) has provided protections for 2.8 million Arizonans living with a pre-existing condition and has provisions that extend care to former foster youth, school-aged children, and hundreds of thousands for Arizonans. However, the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act is under review by the Supreme Court. Do you support efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act?

No

Comments on the Affordable Care Act

The ACA has made amazing strides to provide healthcare for those who may not otherwise have insurance. While there are still some gaps that need filled and closed, the ACA is a great source of support for many.

Medicaid is a major source of federal funds in Arizona, with every dollar of state investment drawing down $3.20 in federal funds. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) projects a major state budget shortfall in the next state fiscal year (FY2021). Would you support cuts to Medicaid provider rates, member eligibility, or covered benefits in order to make up for state budget shortfalls?

No

Comments on Medicaid

I would support cuts to provider rates, as I believe that providers charge too much as it is. Additionally I believe that we need to prohibit surprise or balanced billing.
The Invest in Education Act is a ballot proposition that restores hundreds of millions of dollars annually in K-12 education funding to solve the teacher-shortage crisis, lower class sizes, hire aides and counselors, and expand career and technical education. It raises the state income tax rate for income above $250,000 for individuals and for income above $500,000 for households. Do you support the Invest in Education ballot proposition to raise new resources dedicated to public schools?

Yes

Comments on Invest in Education

We cannot continue to tax the individuals who make the least, the most. While only allowing large corporations to pay upwards of $50 a year. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the Arizona Legislature to fund public K-12. I believe that the legislature needs to be held responsible in doing so, and not allowing them to continue to say "we just don't have the money" or "only schools who test well deserve to have funding".

The Arizona Education Progress Meter recognizes that children with access to quality, early learning opportunities are more prepared for kindergarten. As they go forward in school and in life, they are less likely to need special education or be held back a grade. They are more likely to graduate high school and go on to college. But many children start kindergarten already behind their peers. Only 21 percent of Arizona preschool-aged children today benefit from quality, early learning in child care and preschool compared to the progress meter goal of 45 percent by 2030. Will you support using state and federal child care funds to connect more young children with quality, early learning in preschool and child care to move Arizona toward the progress meter goal?

Yes

Comments on early learning

I don't know much about the Progress Meter, I am open to being educated on it. I do however, support prevention and early intervention programs that support early and equitable education.
In 2018, 13 percent of children in Arizona (204,363) were being raised by their grandparents or other relatives. In many instances, these relatives have stepped up to care for children who were being abused and neglected, keeping them safe and out of the foster care system. Nationally, informal kinship caregivers keep millions of children out of the overburdened child welfare system and save taxpayers more than $4 billion each year. Even prior to the COVID-19 crisis, these families faced barriers to securing adequate food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. Before the Great Recession, kinship caregivers were able to access “child-only” benefits through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), also known as cash assistance. These benefits helped these families meet the critical basic needs of the relative children in their care. Do you support restoring access to “child-only” TANF benefits for children who are being raised by kin?

Yes

The events over the last few weeks have brought widespread focus on the systemic racism that is deeply embedded in our society. If elected, would you hold your colleagues and other elected officials accountable to specific criminal justice and police reforms for systemic change.

Yes

I have been at the forefront of fighting back against systemic racism and oppression. It is my mission as a social worker to advocate for the families I serve, for positive and effective change, and now ending police brutality. I believe in an equitable education. One that teaches the history of all cultures not just European history. I believe this fosters racism and oppression

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