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**Q1**

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**Q2**

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

LD 11 Senate

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**Q3**

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**Q4**

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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 support educating families on current affordable healthcare options and support legislation that fosters greater access to affordable and equitable healthcare options for children and families.

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**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 early childhood programs, i.e. head start, full day kindergarten, meal programs, etc.

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**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?

Invest in quality childcare, early education, support kinship care through making sure they have access to stipends, greater access to mental health resources, access to affordable transportation, etc.

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**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

Support legislation that increases per pupil funding and moves us towards fully funded schools.

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**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?

Support legislation that provides for a more progressive tax structure.

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**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?

1. Support a higher minimum wage; 2. Support child tax credit; 3. Support reduction of barriers to work through expanding childcare assistance and training for incentives to prepare for better paying jobs.

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