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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 strongly believe in this cause. I will work to increase the income limits on Access and reduce the age restrictions on Medicaid. These 2 systems are already in place and could potentially ensure that all families have access to insurance in Arizona.

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?

The state can ensure that we provide funding for quality pre-Kindergarten education for our children. Also, overall funding for schools in our state is dangerously low. We need to re-prioritize how and where we spend money and make education a high priority.

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?

We need to give struggling families a leg up instead of giving tax breaks to the wealthy. Funding for safety net resources needs to be increased and transitional services including trade skills education for parents struggling to find a job that pays a living wage.

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

I will strongly advocate for increased funding for schools. It should be a top priority for lawmakers, and it will be for me. Our legislature has their priorities all wrong.

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 fight for a tax code that is fair and requires everyone to pay their fair share.

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?

First of all, we need a living wage for hard-working Arizonans. I will fight to increase the minimum wage for medium to large companies. Secondly, I will fight to allocate more funds to struggling families to help give them a step up, including helping to fund additional trade school training to those people who are willing to do the work of learning. Lastly, I will work to re-prioritize how we spend money in the state budget. Education, health care reform, and mental health care funding should be a priority. Giving tax breaks to the wealthy and not taking care of our most vulnerable citizens is unconscionable.
