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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?

All children deserve access to the health care that they need without bankrupting their families. No children should go without health care, and if elected I will support the expansion of KidsCare in order to cover all children in Arizona who need it.

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 take a role in helping parents in several ways. First, with the expansion of accessible health care for families and children. Additionally, the state should offer fully funded preschool to support children's developmental needs while providing the family with childcare.

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?

Arizona families need real investment from the legislature in order to increase access to the resources and services that they need. No parent should struggle to feed their children and the legislature must protect and increase access to SNAP benefits. I believe that lowering prescription drug costs and increasing access to affordable healthcare for families who need it. Additionally, I believe in increasing the amount of paid family leave available so that parents have an opportunity to adequately care for and bond with their newborn children.

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 have lived experience in education from all standpoints; as a parent, teacher, administrator, and school board member. I have seen first hand how schools have been defunded, teachers' class sizes have been doubled, and students are used as pawns in political games. When elected, I will vote to increase funding for public schools. We need to attract the best and brightest teachers so our students can remain competitive on a national and international level.

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 believe that everyone should pay their fair share of taxes and no more. If elected, I will work to decrease tax breaks and loopholes for corporations, especially those that encourage corporations to send work overseas. I will support taxes that do not place an undue burden on Arizona families and small businesses.

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?

One way I will improve economic well being for Arizonans is by addressing the housing shortage and rising housing costs. I will work with the cities, counties, and other entities who collect sales tax and work on lowering the taxes on basic needs such as food and gasoline. I will also work to increase the state's minimum wage to allow Arizonans to keep more of their hard earned money.
