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Q1

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Q2

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

LD-18 Senate

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 would like to see Arizona implement a universal insurance program for children through AHCCCS. We would need money from the federal government like we get with AHCCCS. I think all children should be fully insured.

## 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?

I ran a bill that would create a universal pre-k program in Arizona at a cost of \$900mm a year. This is the best way to give every Arizona child the opportunity they deserve.

## 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?

In Arizona we need to build more affordable housing. We can do this by a greater allocation to the housing trust fund. I am advocating for a \$250mm investment this year in the housing trust fund.

## 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

We need to make massive investment in K-12 funding this year. That is why I support the AEA created educators budget which invest \$1.2 billion into our schools this year.

## 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?

This year I ran a bill that would make all tax loopholes be reviewed every 10 years. In Arizona we lose \$20 billion a year to tax loopholes. Reviewing them regularly can help the legislature determine if they are really necessary in the public eye.

## 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 is to help with affordable housing. I believe you can not thrive economically until you have stable housing. That is why I support Arizona investing hundreds of millions in the housing trust fund. Second is better access to qualify education. This includes Pre-K, K-12, and adult education. I believe that a qualify education is the key to economic mobility. That is why I support investing state dollars in all these areas. Third is state run public insurance option with free insurance for uninsured children and AHCCCS clients. I believe you can not thrive economically if you do not have access to quality healthcare.