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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?

We must fund healthcare for our children. I would put more money into KidsCare and keep it funded yearly. This will require using some of the \$5 billion surplus that we have, but it will also require repealing the flat tax rate that our governor initiated. I would also increase corporate taxes so that the corporations that choose to come to Arizona have a stake in the education and healthcare of our children.

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?

Arizona should provide preschool for every child ages three to four years old. We know that this will dramatically improve their success in kindergarten and the high school graduation rates. We can also provide more information to parents about how they can help their young children succeed. Parents want the best for their children, but sometimes they don't know how they can help. This is another reason to increase health insurance coverage. Pediatricians can be a wonderful source of information for families. If our children are going to regular check ups, there is an opportunity for other information to be given.

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?

I believe that kinship foster families should get the same amount of assistance each month as any other foster care family. Arizona must step up and provide money in the budget for children. This includes health care, foster care and education. We need to provide help for youth living in extended foster care. The bottom line is that the time is now to make children a priority in our state.

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 am running as a public high school teacher. I began my career in elementary school in Arizona in 1994. I am passionate about public education and believe that every child is entitled to equitable and quality education. I will work to stop vouchers in our state from giving public money to private and charter schools. I will work to fully fund our public education system. The party in charge has been systematically privatising our schools and that has to stop.

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 absolutely disagree with a flat tax rate. The people who make the least should not pay the most in taxes, rather it needs to be reversed. Corporations in our state must become partners with us and pay their fair share of taxes in order to provide great schools that will lead to well rounded employees to these corporations.

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?

I believe in raising the minimum wage to at least \$15/hour. I will also work to make changes to our rental structure so that land lords are unable to raise rents at an exponential rate. I think that when we invest in our public schools, we will attract businesses to come here because they know that their employees will have great school for their children. I also think that our state should be the leader in solar energy. This is a huge industry and we are the perfect place to attract more companies to come to Arizona, hire our highly skilled citizens and build our state's reputation in green energy.
