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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 believe we need to expand how many Arizona children can qualify for state funding for health insurance.

## Q6

We know that a child's earliest years, birth to age 8, are the most important for the development of their brains. Highquality 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?

There are many ways are state can help a few ways the state can help is by funding public education and ensuring that all our of children have access to high quality pre school. I would love to see all public schools have pre school that starts at 3.

#### 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 we need to hold community resource meetings where the people are be it at schools, barber shops and parks. I also believe we should do door knocking in communities where families are most in need of resources.

#### **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

In Arizona we are constantly up against hurdles be it through prop 208 being challenged in the legislature and the courts. Despite the hurdles I will help pass bills that will fund our schools, taxing the highest earners of our state still seems like the most logical solutions but we may need to think outside of the box because of the hurdles we face in this state.

#### 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 am not a tax expert but I do know our tax code needs reform and that is why I would consult with tax experts to understand how we can make our tax code work for all Arizona families.

#### 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 would love to see a state funded version of the CTC, we need rent control so we can ensure families can stay in their homes, we should also suspend the gas tax for period of time untill gas prices are lowered.