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Q2

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

LD2 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 help the uninsured children in Arizona be working to expand KidsCare to cover all children in the state of 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 help parents give their children the best start in life by restoring funding for full day kindergarten and allowing children to start building for success at a young age.

#### 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?

Fund public schools since everything starts with providing those opportunities not just to kids but to their families as well and provide food and job training within the communities. Make sure that we are providing health care and child care at affordable prices.

## 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

Arizona currently has a budget surplus of more than \$5 billion. I would first ask the voters to remove the AEL and then utilize the surplus to restore Arizona's education funding to where it was before the 2008 recession.

## 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 work to end tax credits that exclusively benefit the wealthy and out of state businesses. I oppose the flat tax passed last session by the Republicans in the state legislature.

#### 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?

When elected, I will work to fully fund education, raise the minimum wage, and fulfill the promise of our state constitution by making college as free as possible.