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Q1

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Q2

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

LD4 House

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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 support proposed legislation to expand KidsCare.

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?

We can help students get off to their best start by restoring state funding for full-day kindergarten. I was teaching kindergarten when that funding was cut and saw just how damaging it was to our kids to lose full-day kindergarten.

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?

The best way to help children and families get the resources they need to keep them out of the child welfare system is to offer full-day kindergarten and affordable childcare so that kids are able to get off to a strong educational start. Additionally, we need to expand paid family leave so that Arizonans are able to take time off of work to care for members of the family while maintaining an income. Strong social safety nets help to build strong communities.

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

Providing quality education to children in our state starts with prioritizing the future leaders of our state in our budget. We need to restore education funding and make sure our schools have all the resources they need.

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 phase out the tax loopholes which fail at their stated goal of helping to build the Arizona economy.

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?

In order to improve the economic well-being of Arizonans, I will lower the cost of higher education so every Arizonan has the postsecondary education they need to prosper, fully fund our schools so that every student has the opportunity to learn and grow, and reducing regulatory burdens on our state's small businesses.
