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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?

If elected, my priorities would lie in helping Arizona's families and children as much as I can. This would include expanding and protecting programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and KidsCare. I would also push for policies that would help transition Arizona towards universal healthcare for all.

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?

One thing the state can do to help children get the best head start is to fund universal preschool as well as funding the education system generally. Also, we can invest in our childcare programs to allow job seeking parents and working families adequate care for their children as well as supporting better maternity and paternity leave policies.

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 support expanding the social safety net and supporting the welfare state as much as possible. By getting resources and services to families and supporting family planning, we can ensure all families receive the help they need.

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

Education is one of my priority issues because I believe everyone in Arizona deserves access to affordable, quality K-12 and higher education. We must devote more of the state budget to public education, to funding schools and paying our teachers so all children have a quality education with appropriate resources and class sizes. We must also address the ways that current school funding priorities mainly affect children living in poverty or in low-income areas of the 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?

If elected, I will be sure to tax corporations by raising the corporate minimum tax rate as well as tax the rich through a progressive income tax. We need an Arizona that works for all people, not for the wealthy and for our 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 will support affordable housing measures, limiting evictions, and raising the state-wide minimum age. These policies are only the beginning of what we must do to help improve economic well-being for people in this state.
