

1. What do you think the two most pressing issues are for youth and their families?
 - a. I believe that the two most pressing issues for our youth and their families are a lack of opportunity and an underfinanced education system. More and more we see people who can't pay off their college debt, can't afford a house, can't qualify for a small-business loan, and can't afford to start a family. Our kids can't live at home forever – things have to change. I've seen a stark difference in the commitment that politicians have to our students and teachers from when I was growing up to now.

2. What do you believe the role of elected officials is in their communities when it comes to serving and advocating for children and youth?
 - a. Elected officials are responsible for assuring minimum standards of stability for our children and youth. This includes ensuring they have access to food, are healthy, have a sense of security, and that there are strong institutions in place, particularly schools, which provide them with opportunities and a chance to thrive.

3. Within the duties of your elected office, how can you support the children and families of our community? If elected, how will this be expressed in your agenda?
 - a. I have witnessed a stark difference in the commitment that politicians have for our children and families from when I was growing up to now. I will advocate for a restored and fully funded education system in our state budget and I am also focused on creating a robust, public community banking system. Through community banking we will be able to restore basic banking services to much of rural Arizona, truly invest in student success by offering actually affordable borrowing options to college students, and bring back investment into our communities through capital and favorable terms for small business, housing, and community development. This will restore opportunity to the youth of Arizona and ensure that they can truly thrive.

4. How would you, as an elected official, support an equitable school system for ALL students, cradle to career? As 90% of human brain development

happens by age 5, please additionally share your thoughts on early childhood education and its role in the educational system.

- a. As a result of the passage of Prop 108 in 1992, it takes a supermajority vote in both houses of the legislature to increase the state's budget, increases in the budget also include closing tax loopholes, meaning this rule applies to canceling previous corporate tax giveaways. This perverse incentive in our laws has enabled corporations to shirk any responsibility in funding Arizona's infrastructure - such as our public school and roads - and has left individuals and families holding the bag. It has fostered a culture of insecurity in our society and government, and has driven us to the very crisis in education we have now. It doesn't make sense that we can elect candidates with a simple majority but it takes a vote of over 66% to raise funds for students and teachers. The legislature should ask the voters to repeal the cumbersome supermajority requirement for revenue that helped create our current crisis. With the adequate funding of our education system, teachers will actually be able to provide individualized instruction and students will be able to reach their full potential.
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5. As childhood abuse, neglect and foster care continue to be major issues in Arizona, what prevention and trauma response strategies do you support for our child welfare system, the Department of Child Safety and/or our local communities? How would you propose using local, state and federal funds to improve outcomes for youth experiencing foster care or additionally, work toward prevention of child abuse in our communities?
 - a. The supermajority requirement in Prop 108 has caused a shift of the tax burden almost completely off of corporations and onto families. Once we repeal the supermajority requirement, we must review and repeal the over 30 years of corporate giveaways and finally make sure there are no free passes for the corrupt and greedy. When a fairer, and more stable tax system is in place then there will be funding in our state budget to ensure that all Arizonans have access to the resources they need. Our children are Arizona's, and our country's, future and need our full support to ensure that they are protected and have access to ample opportunities.

6. Lastly, please feel free to share any further information with voters.
 - a. I'm a fourth generation Arizonan with roots stretching back to territorial days. My ancestors saw endless potential here and so do I. Our founders gave us a constitution that made the Treasurer an independent executive to act as a check on establishment excesses. Today, I'm a small business owner focused on enforcing the law on greedy corporations trying to skirt taxes. It used to be the case that you could buy a home, start a family, and earn a decent wage without going into massive debt or flirting with poverty. This just isn't the case anymore. At least not for most of us. For too long our political establishment has enabled the bad behavior of corporations that gamble with our money, leaving us behind to pick up the pieces. When the government stops working for the people, we must elect new leaders to fix it. I will fight to create opportunity and restore integrity to an office that has let politicians get away with bad budgets and self-dealing.