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**Q3**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an economic crisis with many Arizonans losing their jobs or dealing with a reduction in income. What strategies would you support to help Arizona workers and families recover from this economic crisis?

**Increase Arizona’s weekly unemployment benefit (which at \$240 is the second-lowest in the U.S.) to closer to the national average of \$490 per week.**

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**Eliminate barriers to enrolling in and maintaining food support benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).**

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**Replenish and create a designated funding source for the Housing Trust Fund to assist low-income residents and those at risk of eviction or experiencing homelessness.**

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**Increase state-funded childcare subsidies to enable more parents to return to the workforce.**

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**Q4**

When the new legislature convenes in January, it is very likely lawmakers will be facing a significant revenue shortfall in order to maintain current ongoing funding of state government. If that is the case, would you support raising new revenue by raising taxes or reversing past tax cuts – like previous tax cuts for corporations or the wealthy – in order to avoid making budget cuts to things like public education, healthcare and other priorities?

**Yes,**

Other (please specify):

I would take into consideration reversing all the options to avoid making budget cuts to education and healthcare while keeping in mind the necessary growth that our businesses should create.

**Q5**

Which of the following do you support to create a fairer tax code for all Arizonans?

**Repealing targeted, special interest sales tax exemptions for certain luxury items like country club memberships, fine art to out of state purchasers, and private jets.**

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**Enable legislators to evaluate whether tax credits are providing the desired return on investment by requiring corporations who claim tax credits to provide sufficient information on the jobs and economic benefits they are providing in exchange for the tax credit.**

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**Increase the minimum corporate tax that large corporations must pay no matter how many tax breaks they claim from \$50 to \$500 (73% of Arizona corporations currently pay \$50 or less in state income taxes).**

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**Establish one formula for determining how multistate corporate income is taxed rather than allowing corporations to choose the formula which results in paying the least (Arizona is the only state in the country that allows this).**

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**Requiring a sunset date for all new tax credits and sales tax exemptions to require the legislature to review each tax break every five years to evaluate whether Arizona is receiving the desired return-on-investment for the tax giveaway.**

**Q6**

The effects of discrimination against Black, Latino and American Indians have lingered and manifested as racial inequalities in Arizona's economy today. What steps would you take as a state lawmaker to create a more racially equitable and inclusive economy? (500 words or less)

Arizona has to make the necessary investment to its public education system, so all our kids, in every single community will have a chance, an opportunity to advance.

We need to build an economy that lifts up every hard-working Arizonans, not just a few.

And our government together with all stakeholders should take necessary action to solve the affordable housing issue before it is too late. Because a safe, stable home is the bedrock of a healthy, thriving family and community

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**Q7**

Please share what your priorities will be as a state lawmaker to strengthen Arizona's workforce and economy so that all Arizonans have better opportunities to move up the economic ladder? (500 words or less)

as a state lawmaker, my priority is to strengthen Arizona's economy so that all Arizonans have better lives.

Arizona needs to be an attractive destination for people to build their families, for entrepreneurs to start their dreams, their companies, and for the investors to bring their capital.

In order to be a magnet for these groups, in Arizona we have to start properly funding our schools, our teachers. A state paying attention to its education system will gather attention from outside. This will be my first priority.

My second priority during this recession caused by COVID19 and our government's inadequate response is to assist our small and micro businesses and their employees to survive. They are the ones creating most of the jobs and spending all their earnings locally.

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