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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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Other (please specify):

Educate Arizonans about how to be in public settings safely so that we can return to work while protecting our workers and our families.

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):

While the JLBC numbers released June 19, 2020 forecast budget shortfalls that are less bad than earlier estimates, the 2021 legislative session will face difficult decisions. I continue to support review of all tax incentives to determine whether they are in-line with current Arizona values and goals.

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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Repeal the special tax treatment individual taxpayers receive on long-term capital gains which an analysis shows that 83 percent of the benefits of this tax break went to the top 5 percent of wealthiest incomes in Arizona.

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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)

Ending discrimination and racial inequality requires a multi-pronged approach that focuses on helping the minority business community right now, sets all children on an even learning trajectory and stops mass incarceration of people of color. Immediately we need to ensure that equal access to business loans that encourage and support minority owned business. We also need to focus on public education to ensure that children of all ethnic backgrounds and income levels have access to high quality education and prioritize accessibility of post secondary education. Finally we need to dismantle the school to prison pipeline and stop mass incarceration of people of color. The final step requires changing our criminal justice system so the minorities and people of modest income are not penalized unfairly, and revamping our \$1 billion state prison system to exclude non-violent offenders that are not a threat to the public.

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)

My first task will be to address the needs of Arizonans affected by Covid-19. We have already seen numerous ways in which people have been impacted by inability to pay rent or buy food, the deficiencies in UI/PUI. In the coming months more business will be struggling which will affect workers, their families, and the broader community. Long term health effects will likely impact the workforce as well. When the immediate dangers of Covid-19 are addressed we need to return our focus to public education in the context of new budget shortfalls. Current worker retraining will also need to be addressed as part of our workforce will need to move laterally to other fields but will need training to do so.
