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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.**
 - **Eliminate barriers to enrolling in and maintaining food support benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).**
 - **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.**
 - **Increase state-funded childcare subsidies to enable more parents to return to the workforce.**
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Q4

Yes

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?

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)

A more equitable and inclusive economy goes beyond gender and race to include other points of marginalization. For example, I have worked to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline and I have worked to "ban the box" so that those with past convictions have a clean slate to rebuild.

I have introduced worker pay protection bills in both sessions of the 54th Legislature that would give workers more power in their salary negotiations.

I have worked with my colleagues in LD7 to push legislation to fund higher education and trade schools for the tribes.

In 2014, I was part of the successful effort to amend the Phoenix non-discrimination ordinance providing broad protections to the LGBTQ+ community. I have advocated for state-wide protections ever since.

I have also advocated to reinstate Arizona's statewide ADA coordinator as a bridge between businesses and the disability community - especially in terms of workforce development.

We must continue to advocate for economic equity for those who live at the intersections of multiple marginalizing identities.

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)

Workforce development, economic equity and security require a holistic point of view in order to protect Arizona's working families. The pandemic has demonstrated that more worker protections are needed like TANF, unemployment insurance and healthcare.

Arizona's status as a Right to Work state hurts workers. We need to strengthen unions and the protections they provide through the power of collective bargaining.

Workforce development in our rural communities and in our minority communities -- which include women, racial & ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and those with records of convictions -- for competitive employment in the 21st century marketplace not only strengthens and protects those households, it builds a stronger Arizona, more attractive to woo new business opportunities to our state.
