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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)

The recent killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Dion Johnson, and so many others at the hands of law enforcement are powerful wake-up calls (again) to the systemic racism that still persists not just nationally, but here in Arizona as well. I am committed to listening deeply to people of color and then working together to create a more racially equitable and inclusive economy. That includes creating more equitable funding formulas for schools and reforming our criminal justice system. I also support law enforcement reforms such as psychological screenings, de-escalation training, body cameras, ending chokeholds, and the creation of civilian review boards. As I continue to listen and learn, I look forward to being an on-going champion for inclusion, equity, and justice in Arizona

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)

It's the everyday working people of Arizona who are the key to a thriving economy. That's why now, more than ever, we need to prioritize our investment in education as well as expanding access to quality, affordable health care. These are the foundation for providing our state with the healthy, educated workforce and consumers we need for a strong economy where all Arizonans have a chance to thrive.

We need public policy solutions that put more money in the pockets of everyday Arizonans who are the real drivers of a strong economy. We all do better when every student gets a quality education and every Arizonan gets their chance to thrive. My priorities are

1) Education

Provide access to quality pre-school education in every neighborhood to remove barriers for parents who need to work or go to school to improve their work opportunities.

Address our teacher shortage and funding crisis for our schools so that we can prepare our students for the new economy

Ensure more affordable post-secondary education and job training opportunities that lead to a strong, educated workforce

2) Healthcare and housing

Expand access to quality affordable healthcare, help reduce costs, and protect people with pre-existing conditions

Address our state's growing affordable housing crisis which is critical to getting people into the workforce and contributing to our economy

3) Economy. Foster a strong, modern economy that creates good-paying jobs, opportunities for all, and a sustainable community for our children.
