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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):

Meet with stakeholders and look for ways to support small businesses.

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):

The priority is to restructure the tax codes first before burdening Arizonans with increase taxes.

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)

Our public schools must receive the funding they need regardless of zip codes. The disparities begin in the public schools. The history books are silent on minority contributions in America (with the exception of black history month) which fosters an idea that America does not belong to minority populations. From the inception of this nations' history, free black men spilled their blood to help America become a free nation. That truth must be taught. The truth about about how Native American children were treated with policies that sought to "educate the child but kill the Indian" in them. Content obviously has to be commensurate with age appropriateness, but policies of placing children in cages in a modern era is now part of this nation's history. In order to have a more just society we need a balanced approach in the education system. Everyone's story being taught is a part of that. Consequently, we will produce a more tolerable society. I support trade programs incorporated within the high schools. Allowing students to take the courses at trade schools to earn credits and graduate with a certificate in a specialized highly sought after fields. Students who decide to postpone college in that scenario can start working in a well paid field upon graduation or potentially placed into those jobs as part of an internship completion program. The financial implications would be life changing for all students who cannot afford to go to college right away or chose to postpone or not attend.

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)

Fully funding our public schools is a top priority including early childhood education; making colleges, two year institutions more affordable. In addition so many small business owners are unable to obtain small business loans, I want to look into how we can make the dream of owning a small business a reality. We know that local businesses are the lifeblood of the local economy. All things related to disparities that impact women disproportionately. In a district that outnumbers men we have never been represented by one in the legislature and I believe that is why issues unique to us have not been made a priority by those who currently represent us. One of the top issue, that places women at an economic disadvantage is their inability to obtain equal work for equal work. The impact that has on single families is devastating. In a society where we place worth on a person's income although I don't subscribe to that, think about the impact that it has on women to know that despite their ability they often do not earn equally to their male counterparts while doing the same job. This is a statement about her self worth, and her perceived value in society.
