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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):

Increase funding to state agencies that were overwhelmed by pandemic such as DES and ADHS. They need upgraded software/hardware and personnel to handle the increase in demand due to COVID19.

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):

Education is the great equalizer and studies shows that a college degree gives a person a 90% chance to get out of poverty. We must protect education funding, it has never recovered from the pre-recession cuts. We must protect the future of Arizona children from Kinder to Public Universities.

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 budget is our moral document. We need to draft a state budget and tax policies to address these harms and create more opportunities for people of color. When we improve tax and budget policies and adequately finance needed public services such as education, social services, healthcare, prescription access, criminal justice reform and paying people a living wage, this will create a state economy more equitable and stronger, which in turn could benefit many state residents of all backgrounds.

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)

Education funding is the foundation for it all! If we have good schools (which create safe neighborhoods) and affordable public colleges it will attract business to Arizona, particularly high paying tech jobs. Employers want an educated workforce and the trades need trained workers. High Schools, Community Colleges and West-MEC can create public-private partnerships to address the workforce needs in our state and make sure Arizonans are going into jobs well trained/educated and earning a better than living wage. Education is the key for it all!
