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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?

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):

Everything is "on the table" for helping Arizona workers and families recover from this pandemic. I believe the key is getting businesses open and operating as soon as we safely can.

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):

Public education and health care budgets are untouchable for me. I will do everything I can not to raise taxes but reversing past tax cuts is an option. I also believe we can find areas with wasteful spending that can be eliminated and that funding can then be redistributed to priority areas like education.

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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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.

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Other (please specify):

All options are "on the table" for reforming our tax system. Corporate taxes need to be competitive in order to encourage business investment in the state of Arizona but legislators need to remember they represent the people and ensure we are getting an appropriate return on our investment in that corporation

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)

At this point in our nations history we should be well past stuff like racial inequalities. The fact that we are not shows me we continue to elect the wrong people into office at every level. Things like race should not be on job applications or anywhere that they can be used to make a qualifying determination for a persons ability for any job. program , etc.

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)

The government should ensure equality, safety, and the health of Arizona workers but should allow businesses to grow and develop on their own. Nobody knows what a business needs to succeed more than the owner and workers of that business. Law makers need to remember it was not politician who built this county but people working for a living.
