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Open seat or incumbent?
Open

Are you a NOW member?
Yes

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Do you have a field plan?

What is your position on abortion rights without restrictions such as parental notification for minors, waiting periods, criminalization of assistance to teenagers crossing city/county/state/reservation lines to obtain abortions or limitation on abortion specifying fetal age (6, 12 week and 20 week bans)?

1a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I strongly support abortion rights without restrictions. I am concerned there is a danger Roe vs Wade will be repealed. I am concerned about the loss of protection especially in AZ. Repealing the Supreme Court decision or restricting abortion rights for minors, etc, will not prevent abortions. It will make them again unsafe and unregulated. Women have the right to decide what's best for their life and bodies and should retain that right.

2) What is your position on pay equity for women without restrictions?

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2a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I strongly pay equity for women. Gender does not dictate ability. If it was the other way around - women paid more than men, it would be a crime.

3) What is your position regarding over-the-counter accessibility of Emergency Contraception, Plan B, for minors and those residing on Indian reservations?

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3a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I support this option being available to all women of childbearing age including minors. It reduces unwanted pregnancies and abortions. EC protects maternal and child welfare. Forcing women to shop around for available sources of EC during a very stressful time when there is a limited window of biological efficacy is discriminatory and unacceptable. I support this for all women including minors and those living on a reservation.

4) What is your position for inclusion of birth control in all health insurance plans without restrictions?

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4a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

Absolutely should be covered! Family planning services should also be available for low-income women and teens. Funding of low-income women gives them the power of choice and reduces CPS and foster care costs to the State.

5) What is your position on single payer health plans?

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5a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

A single payer health plan is the best way to have national health insurance and would a more affordable system with checks and balances for all.

6) What is your position on increasing the minimum wage (livable wage legislation)?

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6a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

Research shows raising minimum wage actually increases economic health for individuals, families, local communities and the nation as a whole.

8) What is your position on the selling of state trust land to fund public education as has been done in the past?

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8a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

This is a terrible way to fund public education. We need a sustainable source of education funding and not obliterating our public lands. We should keep our public lands for posterity and should not be sold.

9) What is your position on for-profit prisons in AZ?

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9a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I'm adamantly opposed, especially since the City of Mesa has recently become the only city in the US to approve a contract with one of the worst for-profit corporations, even in the face of public protest.

10) What is your position on the redistribution of public funds to private and charter schools?

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10a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

AZ is the 49th in educational funding in the US. Public schools, teacher and students are suffering due to lack of funding. While charter schools may have a role to play, our first responsibility is to fund our public schools. Public funds should never be used for private schools.

22) What is your position on the local adoption of the UN Convention treaty on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)?

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11a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

12) What is your position on Affirmative Action programs in the workplace and educational institutions for women and people of color?

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12a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I am for them until the time they are no longer necessary.

13) Several law enforcement agencies in AZ have been found guilty of racial profiling. What is your position on increasing data gathering, training, and on increasing measures to improve police-community relations in communities of color?

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13a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I am in support of any program to increase empathy and communication between police and their community. Ideally, law enforcement personnel and the citizens they protect should not be adversaries.

14) What is your position on comprehensive immigration reform that will create a path to citizenship?

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14a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I support comprehensive immigration reform especially for children who grew up here.

15) What is your position on increased funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs and making such services available in every city/county?

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15a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

This is a huge women's issue. It has become apparent this year that sexual assault, domestic violence and sexual harassment are much more pervasive in our society than has been known. We must have more programs available to combat this.

16) What is your position on increasing funding for training and education on college campuses regarding violence against women?

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16a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

Funding needs to be increased on college campuses and elsewhere.

17) What is your position on amending AZ Law to prohibit the arrest or criminalization of child prostitution victims?

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17a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

I completely support it.

18) What is your position on legislation creating a legal age of marriage in Arizona of 16-18 years of age?

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19a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

Any discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation should be prohibited.

20) What is your position on amending AZ Law to remove the requirement that no public school official speak about sexual orientations differing from that of the majority in a positive manner?

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20a) Give reasons for your rating (optional).

I absolutely support it.

21) What is your position on an expanded employment nondiscrimination act that would prohibit all forms of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity even for organizations affiliated with religious institutions?

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21a) Give reasons for your rating (optional).

I absolutely support it.

23) What is your position on ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in Arizona?

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23a) Give reasons for your rating (optional).

This was ratified in the US in 1972. The fact we do it in AZ in 2018 is ridiculous, but imperative.

24) Optional

My entrepreneurial career has spanned 30 years in a male dominated field. I have taken that strength to serve the community, not only for women, but for children, minorities and those who are under represented. These values are the core for my aspiration to serve on all male Mesa City Council. I am

currently serving on Project M.E.S.A. (Mesa Education on Sexual Awareness) Committee to review curriculum and formulate recommendations to MPS Superintendency and to the Governing Board.

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7) What is your position on ending the luxury tax on feminine hygiene products, disposable briefs/diapers, and baby formula?

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7a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

This is ridiculous and should be ended! Calling essentials for women and babies is outrageous.

19) What is your position on legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in education, housing and public accommodations?

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18a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

The rights of girls should be protected. 16 is too young to be responsible to decide to get married and open to coercion.

22a) Give reasons for your rating (optional).

I absolutely support it.

11) What is your position on legislation that makes it harder to vote (e.g. fewer polling places, more limited hours, additional ID requirements, etc.)

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11a) Give a reason for your rating (optional).

Absolutely opposed! There's much work to be done in AZ and especially in Maricopa County (where 60% of the voters reside) for easy, non-discriminatory access to voting for all who are eligible to vote. We should be spending resources to facilitate "getting out the vote" for all, instead of fighting against legislation and methods to limit voting.

25) Please provide a copy of your resumé/CV (remember to submit this page if uploading)

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