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Open seat or incumbent?

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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).

Women's health and rights are non-negotiable – and that includes access to safe, legal abortion. It's a constitutional right that cannot be traded away.

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

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

Equal pay for equal work is the only fundamentally fair way to structure a business, economy, or society. It is absurd that this is still being debated.

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).

Access to reliable, safe contraception is an essential part of basic health care. Women should have all the tools they need to plan for the future and be healthy – including access to emergency contraception.

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).

Birth control is a fundamental part of healthcare—no less than physical exams, cancer screenings, etc.—and it shouldn't be singled out for exemption for any reason.

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

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

I believe that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and that our current system is inefficient and not meeting the needs of American families. We spend 30%-47% more of our Gross Domestic Product on healthcare than the U.K., Germany, Japan and other major developed nations. Yet all of these countries perform better than the U.S. according to standard public-health measures such as life expectancy. Moving to single-payer is good public policy and basic common sense.

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).

I was a big supporter of Prop. 206, the ballot measure that raised Arizona's minimum wage to \$12, provided earned paid sick leave to Arizona's workers for the first time and is indexed to inflation. It was the largest increase in the minimum wage across the country in 2017. I believe that raising our minimum wage to \$15 is the necessary next step. When we passed Prop. 206, opponents said that it would cost jobs, and yet jobs have actually increased since its implementation. The restaurant industry – an industry fueled by minimum wage jobs - was the fastest growing sector in Arizona in 2017. This dynamic is also true in states like New York and California that have raised their minimum wage to \$15 and are seeing boom economies.

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).

Prop. 123 was a bill of goods sold to parents and students as a 'first step' in resolving the public education funding crisis in Arizona. Of course, step two has yet to materialize. Our state land trust is in many ways Arizona's 'seed corn.' It is a precious resource meant to support future generations. This land is a critical lifeline for our public schools into the future. There may be times when selling small parcels is worthwhile, but it can NEVER be used in place of sustainable funding for public education at levels that give every child a real shot at success now and into the future.

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

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

The fact that this powerful industry is incentivized to put more people in jail and keep them there is wrong from any point of view. This outrage is compounded by the fact that incarceration disproportionately affects people of color. As governor, I will end private prisons in Arizona.

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).

There is no circumstance in which public school dollars should ever be siphoned into private schools and I am opposed to school vouchers in any shape or form. While there are some charter schools that offer meaningful educational opportunities to underserved communities, we must get rid of the waste, fraud and abuse rampant in charter systems and ensure that all schools receiving public dollars are held to the same standards for transparency and accountability.

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).

We exist in a global, multicultural society, and in order to achieve success, employers, employees, universities, and students must be able to work effectively with diverse communities. Affirmative Action helps us do that, but it also helps to level the playing field for people from disadvantaged communities.

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).

As Governor, I will not tolerate racial profiling in Arizona. All Arizonans need to feel safe and actually be safe in their communities. I support empowered Civilian Review Boards for all law enforcement related shootings and state funding for body cameras for all law enforcement in Arizona.

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 am a vocal advocate for federal immigration legislation that protects families and that creates an earned path to citizenship for undocumented folks who have built lives in the U.S., do not have a criminal record, to pay taxes, learn English, and ultimately become citizens, should they desire to do so. We should put Dreamers on a special path immediately and protect these young people who represent the best of our American values.

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).

These are programs that save lives through prevention and helping people deal with horrific trauma. I support making these programs accessible to women everywhere, and when the state is prioritizing correctly, it's clear that this can be fully funded.

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).

As a professor at ASU, I understand the need for education regarding violence towards women on college campuses everywhere. Not only do we need to create safe and secure learning environments for students, but it is a critically important opportunity to provide information and improve behavior for life.

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).

This goes back to the paradigm shift we need in Arizona's approach to criminal justice. Rather than criminalizing the children who are victims of sexual exploitation and abuse through prostitution, we should be offering the help they need to lead safe, healthy and supported lives.

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).

I support a statewide non-discrimination policy (and it's municipal counterparts) that protects everyone including protections for sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression around issues of housing, public accommodations and at the workplace. Similarly, I am a fervent opponent of so-called 'no promo homo' legislation, which prevents schools from teaching comprehensive health education to all of its students, in particular its LGBTQ students. As governor, I will make it a priority to repeal this legislation.

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 oppose so-called 'no promo homo' legislation and will work to repeal this discriminatory law as governor.

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).

Today it is legal to fire somebody for being gay. That is wrong and I will fight to pass a non-discrimination policy that prevents anyone from being fired from their jobs for simply being who they are or for whom they love.

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).

What Arizona does sends a message to the nation and to our children about how we value women. Our message CANNOT be that our beliefs condemn girls and women to lifetimes of inequality.

24) Optional

I am a husband, dad, veteran, and teacher and I'm running for Governor because the political process is rigged against hardworking families.

At seventeen, I enlisted in the U.S. Army, where I learned values that guide my life to this day: discipline, accountability and duty. With assistance from the G.I. Bill, I graduated from the Honors College at Arizona State University, and received a masters and doctorate from the University of Chicago, becoming a nationally-recognized expert in education research and policy.

I've never forgotten the people who shaped me and the neighborhood I will always call home. As Governor, I'll fight for fair wages, access to affordable healthcare, and criminal justice policies that don't enrich corporations at the expense of rehabilitation and public safety.

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1) 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 limitations on abortion specifying fetal age (6, 12 week and 20 week bans)?

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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).

The absurdity is that these things are referred to as "luxury" items in the first place. It is a regressive tax that overwhelmingly targets one gender and I will get rid of it immediately when I am elected governor. We are debating a bill in the Arizona legislature currently that will remove the current limit on feminine hygiene products – 12 tampons or pads per month – for inmates. I am a strong supporter of this bill and believe this artificial and inhumane limit must end.

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).

I support setting the minimum age for marriage at 18 with no exceptions for approval by parents, guardians, or courts.

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

There are only six UN member nations that have not ratified this global bill of rights for women—including Iran, Palau, Somalia, Sudan, Tonga, and the United States. It is a national disgrace and I fully support its local adoption.

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).

We should be encouraging more participation in our democracy, not disenfranchising voters as a way to pursue partisan advantage. I will fight to expand early voting, vote by mail, permanent portability, and ultimately Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) in Arizona.

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

I have uploaded the resume through the link given above.