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Responses are listed in order of legislative district with Senate candidates in alphabetical order by last name, followed by House candidates in alphabetical order by last name. If you're unsure of your legislative district, you can find it here: <https://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/> If you or someone you know isn't registered to vote or you need to change your voter registration or request a mail-in ballot, you can do so here: <https://arizona.vote/>

Legislative District 1

Senate Candidate

Gilbert Carillo (Write-in candidate)

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
To provide resources to Arizona's economy to help provide relief from covid 19.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - There needs to be more unification in disaster planning.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

House Candidate

Judy Stahl

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
My four top priorities are environmental responsibility with a focus on green jobs and energy; affordable, comprehensive health care; establishing nationally competitive public schools, and long-term economic prosperity. Our environmental and economic health are inextricably linked. Arizona's economic policies must take sustainability, conservation and preservation into account. COVID-19 has uncovered the longstanding gaps in our state's healthcare delivery system. We need healthcare that puts Arizonans first. For education, I am focused on establishing a permanent funding source for our public schools to prepare our children for the future and to attract businesses and families to our state. To guarantee economic prosperity, we must invest in local

businesses and our communities. We must also ensure that all workers have paid sick leave, good healthcare coverage, and living wages.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Cities and towns must have the latitude and ability to address issues of particular concern to their citizens, and that ability includes creating ordinances that go beyond what the state legislature provides. Local governments are charged with taking care of their citizens, and having the right to establish ordinances, rules, and policies that strengthen state laws is critical to carrying out the job they were elected to do. That being said, I believe the state legislature should set strong environmental standards and public health policies to provide uniform and stringent protections across Arizona. As state representative, I will work to put teeth into environmental and public health legislation.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - Tax credits are an excellent incentive for industry, small businesses, and residential consumers to conserve water, use renewable energy sources, and to use all energy sources wisely. As state representative, I will fully support the use of tax credits to make water conservation and the use of renewable energy a smart economic decision for families and businesses. Water conservation is a critical issue to my district--the Verde River, which is the last perennial river in Arizona, has its headwaters in my district. I will support any policies that will protect the ecosystem of the Verde River and other precious natural resources for generations of Arizonans to come.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - As state representative, I will work tirelessly to safeguard our precious water resources and move Arizona toward a green economy. A public awareness campaign would be an important component of this work. Educating the public goes a long way in influencing individual behaviors and can have a major impact on water and energy consumption. I would also look to legislative action to review and rewrite Arizona water laws and to integrate environmental responsibility into economic policy.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - Lead is a dangerous neurotoxin that impacts child development and IQ even at low levels. As state representative, I will absolutely support legislation that requires ADEQ to annually test drinking water in schools, not just for lead but for any impurities for which testing exists. I also agree with Environment Arizona and Arizona PIRG that ADEQ should install certified filters on all sources of drinking water in schools and should also replace lead parts in pipes. This is a big job that would most likely require funding, and I will support the authorization of that funding. All efforts must be made to protect the health of Arizona's children.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Electric vehicles are better for the environment and better for the health of our citizens. As state representative, I will support legislation directing the purchase of electric vehicles for state fleets. Pollution from gas-powered vehicles not only accelerates the deleterious impacts of climate change but also has serious consequences for human health. While electric vehicles rely on fossil fuel for electricity generation, they still use less of it than gas-powered vehicles. Moving to electric vehicles in state fleets is good way to reduce Arizona's use of fossil fuels.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - I am a big believer in public transit as a means to reduce traffic and pollution and to encourage a more healthful way of life. In rural communities, public transit is of particular importance to help people access needed services and to stay connected to their communities. When elected, I will liaise with ADOT, Yavapai and Maricopa County officials, and municipal leaders in LD-1 to explore public transit projects and ways to supplement the Federal Transit Administration's grant for rural transportation initiatives. I also support the idea of walkable and bikeable communities, and will support local efforts to create them.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - I agree that the legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species. That means revisiting and updating the ADEQ's Endangered Species Act, staying informed about data collected by state and federal agencies, and working with environmental experts and other stakeholders to take appropriate protective actions when indicated. Governor Ducey recently signed a bill requiring state-sponsored endangered species surveys on private property to be kept secret. I will work to overturn that bill and make this important information available to federal agencies and the public. I will also work to ensure that native animals, such as Yavapai County's Pronghorn Antelope herds, do

not become endangered in the first place. Protecting watersheds and other habitats will be critical components of my environmental policies.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - Arizona is a stunning patchwork of varied landscapes, every inch of which deserves legal protections that will not only ensure its beauty and vitality, but also guarantee a sustainable future for Arizonans. As state representative, I will be vigilant in protecting Arizona's public lands from overreach by special interest development. Quality of life and protection of the natural environment must always be prioritized in our public lands. I will also look into using state park designations as a tool to conserve our irreplaceable landscapes for the benefit of residents and tourists.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
The legislature must create economic policies that consider environmental impact and climate change. Much of that involves reducing Arizona's carbon footprint. With Arizona's plentiful sunshine, solar energy can be both an economic driver and a way to dramatically reduce reliance on fossil fuels. As state representative, I will push hard to improve Arizona's solar energy infrastructure to provide inexpensive solar energy for in-state use and to bolster our economy by exporting solar to other states. I will also invest in green energy jobs, provide tax incentives for businesses and families to conserve resources and transition to renewable energy, and mandate the use of bio-fuel and/or electric cars for state agencies and state-supported vehicles.

Legislative District 2

Senate Candidate

Rosana Gabaldon

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
My priorities include funding our public education, infrastructure, and working toward obtaining sustainable water supplies. We must make sure that the gains we have made for our public schools are expanded and secured for the long haul. There is a fundamental need to improve our infrastructure, including rehabilitation of our roads and highways. We must all work together to find long-term solutions for Arizona's water needs.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - Decisions made locally ensure higher consideration and transparency to the citizens; state governments should continue to set the direction and environment for success.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - Water-saving and energy efficiencies make sense for long-term sustainability.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - see above.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
2 - It was my honor to introduce legislation that encouraged the funding for testing of lead in the water at our public schools.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
2 - It was my honor to advocate for legislation that encouraged the funding for the use of electric vehicles for the States fleet.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - It was my honor to advocate for green zones.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - I have been a consistent voice for protecting our environment and the endangered species in Arizona.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
2 - We must hold those who use our public lands accountable to their impact to safeguard our environment for future generations.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Arizona should continue encouraging alternative energy sources, educate our citizens, and enforce air and water regulations.

Legislative District 4

House Candidate

Dr. Geraldine Peten

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

High quality education, living standards, and the healthiest air, water, and food possible. Abolish private prisons and drastically decrease mass incarceration.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - The operative word is "should." If local control establishes and maintains stronger environmental standards, then the environmental objectives are achieved. On the contrary, if they do not, then the state and possibly the federal government needs to step in to correct the deficiencies. The water disaster in Flint, Michigan is a prime example of how a city failed its most vulnerable citizens.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - Because we live in the Sonoran Desert, every means possible to efficiently and stringently use water and diverse energy sources must be applied.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - It is astonishing that PSA's are not a regular sound bite in all media platforms. These should be enacted immediately.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - Lead ingested by humans, especially children, causes brain damage. Water tests in all schools should occur during the summer break and after any water line renovations.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
2 - Electric vehicles are more cost efficient and environmentally friendly in areas with paved roads and highways. In rural areas, i.e. Native American reservations, this might not be so practical.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - By protecting the HURF funds from being swept to other budget line items, cities and towns would be better able of implement these community improvements. Also, providing high quality local community schools, children would be able to walk to and from school and not have to travel miles for a better education.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - An educational campaign needs to be created and launched to teach people how to identify endangered species and what these animals contribute to the symbiosis of our environment. During a legislative hearing this past sessions, no one could explain the benefits of the desert tortoise. I became enlightened with my own research and now know of the symbiotic relationship they have with other desert creatures.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - Yes, reckless exploitation of the earth to extract minerals often destroys the land and renders it a vast wasteland. Safeguard standards and regulations would protect the earth, and provide particular protection for Native sacred land.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
First, acknowledge that it exists. My HCR Bill to do just that in 2018, was never heard in committee. I will be relentless with bills to acknowledge, protect and enforce environmental issues that impact climate change..... if re-elected.

Legislative District 6

Senate Candidate

Felicia French

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

My top priorities in the state legislature will be to fully fund public education, ensure health care is affordable and accessible, especially for our rural and tribal nation communities, and make our state government more accountable to local towns and cities.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - We need more government accountability and stronger local control, to ensure policies drafted in our state capitol protect our beautiful environment and natural resources for today's families and future generations. SB 1487 is a bill that continues to pre-empt local communities from self-determination, and also prevents citizens from holding their local and state government accountable, by tying their hands on local legislative priorities and policies. Local leaders have a better sense of the challenges they face and the solutions their residents need; their ability to innovate should not be ceded to state legislators who are focused on serving special, for-profit corporate interests, to the detriment of every day Arizonans.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - In 2018, the clean energy sector provided three times more jobs than the fossil fuel sector nationwide. With Arizona being the 2nd sunniest state in the nation, we are poised to bring in thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity. We can also create more rural opportunities by shifting low-wage jobs to higher-paying careers in the rapidly-growing, renewable energy sector. Arizonans deserve clean, safe jobs, marketable skills, greater employment security, and lower-cost electricity bills. Additionally, Arizonans could save up to \$63.4 million in annual health costs, by reducing asthma attacks, ER visits, and premature deaths, which result from current levels of air pollution.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - Arizona is already in a 20-year-long drought, which means protecting our limited natural resources is vital for rural Arizona's success, safety, and security. Conservation is the first step in a more sustainable economy. As a nurse and sustainability scientist, I will always put the health and safety of our families first instead of private mining and fracking companies that have a track record of dirtying our air and water, and leaching radioactive, hazardous materials into our soil, and then dumping the cleanup bills on Arizona taxpayers.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - Yes. To ensure what happened in Flint, Michigan cannot happen in Arizona, ADEQ should be required to test our drinking water, in order to protect our families, especially our children who are the most vulnerable to the toxic effects of lead poisoning, including impaired cognition, behavioral disorders, hearing problems, delayed puberty, and in higher doses, death.

6. Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles. The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

1 - School buses are notorious for their soot and noxious fuel emissions. These emissions exacerbate respiratory diseases such as asthma, especially for children who are in frequent and close proximity to the fumes. By transitioning from dirty, carbon-based fuels to electric-powered vehicles, not only will local, state and federal governments reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, through their fleet purchasing power, they will also help lower electric-vehicle costs for all Arizonans.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

1 - Communities that prioritize streets that are safe for people walking and bicycling, that encourage clean, renewable energy fleets, and provide strong public transportation networks, generate greater economic opportunities by creating a sense of place/community, that can draw more people to downtown and/or business areas, especially where the air is cleaner and healthier to breathe.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

1 - Endangered animals, such as the Mexican gray wolf, jaguar, and the California condor, are keystone species whose population declines have already resulted in alterations to our local, natural ecosystems. Without a well-balanced ecosystem, much of the tourism in Arizona would be lost, dramatically undermining both the

environmental and economic health of our state. Protecting our wildlife and plants at risk of extinction, is not only the environmentally-responsible action to take, it's also economically necessary to protect working families and local, small businesses.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - Stronger safeguards are critical, as uranium mining in northern Arizona has polluted our air and water, and leached radioactive and hazardous materials into our soil poisons that may never go away and cause cancer in nearby communities. In some areas of northern Arizona, including in the Navajo Nation, there are over 500 abandoned mines. The CDC has already found high levels of uranium in babies born in some of these areas. To add insult to injury, uranium mining companies have forced our taxpayers to bear the costs of cleaning up their dangerous waste. Shockingly, the billions of dollars Arizonans have had to pay to clean up their dangerous mess is 50% higher than the value of the uranium that they extracted and sold in the first place.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
As a Fellow with the Army Environmental Policy Institute from 2004-05, my field of study/research was climate change. Before then, while attending the Air War College, present and future global water conflicts, resulting from climate change, were another key study focus for me. The U.S. Department of Defense understands that climate change is human-caused and will only increase as a national security risk, in addition to growing as a threat to our global health and wellness. Now more than ever, we must think globally and act locally by transitioning to renewable energy sources for Arizonans. Steps towards that goal include installing photovoltaic systems on all government facilities, starting with parking lots solar-panel carports, transitioning all city/county and state government fleets to clean electric vehicles, and adopting building standards for new and existing construction to be retrofitted energy- and water-saving devices and materials. Large scale infrastructure efforts, to replace current road, bridge and sidewalk surfaces with heat reflecting and water-permeable materials, are also key for reducing the urban heat island effect, street flooding and CO2 emissions from concrete and asphalt production.

House Candidate

Coral Evans

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Education funding, the environment, small businesses, and local control.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - I was the council member in Flagstaff pushing a conversation about plastic bags that resulted in the ban on banning plastic bags. I care deeply about local control.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - Yes, as long as it doesn't take money from other priorities such as education.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - As mayor we did this in Flagstaff.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - The health and safety of our children should be a top priority.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
2 - Yes, as long as it doesn't put additional strain on our public schools.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - As mayor I championed this in Flagstaff.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - Our natural lands and the biological diversity in them is one of the things that makes LD6 so special.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - In LD6 uranium mining at the Grand Canyon is a threat to our health and our economy. I have testified in Washington DC supporting the ban on mining at the canyon.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
We need a statewide climate action and adaptation plan similar to the one we adopted in Flagstaff.

Legislative District 7

House Candidate

David Peelman

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Sustainable and clean water to all citizens, biomass removal from our forests for energy, fire protection, oriented strand board production, employment and prosperity.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
4 - Developing a patchwork of differing environmental regulations and policies would create a difficult situation for all to comply with, particularly when environmental issues are rarely contained in a city or town. The state legislature is the best and appropriate place to address environmental concerns.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - Rewards for husbanding resources is an admirable methodology to attain long term success.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - Focusing on industries and practices that conserve water, power and other resources, and sustains the citizenry and industry should be a priority. Wasteful and high resource consumption is not the path Arizona should take.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
3 - Should a school or other institution prove upon an initial test for lead or other contaminates, it should be placed on a regimen of testing and mitigation until such time the problem is resolved. To test every school or institution is wasteful annually is wasteful.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
4 - Government owned vehicles are routinely replaced at the 60,000 - 80,000 mile mark. Not enough time or mileage accrued to achieve long term cost effectiveness of electric vehicles.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - Arizona suffers a serious dearth of public transportation for rural to metropolitan areas. Metropolitan areas are adequately addressed. Bike paths should be included in ADOT planning when a need is demonstrated, not just desired.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
4 - Having taught, practiced and enforced ESA as a federal boarding officer with the US Coast Guard, and living in an area of Mexican Grey Wolf introduction program, I say no state should singularly involve itself in ESA.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - While I wholly support the legislature safeguarding our state public lands, that is not to say mining and grazing should be curtailed. It squarely means we should husband our resources, ensuring long term use and sustainability the land affords.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Climate has been changing since it was primordial soup. At which stage of these changes was the best, no one knows. What we should do is encourage practices that better ensures clean air, water and environment. It is folly for man to believe we can change the climate through taxation.

House Candidate

Arlando Teller

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Rural / Tribal Infrastructure; Education; Social Services; Veteran Services; Environmental Stewardship.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
2 - With adequate funding, a healthy community have robust environmental and public health programs that thrive.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - Water is Life. Water is scarce. Tribal Settlements are considerably important to address. Renewables are a key components to this discussion.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
2 - This includes limited water sourcing to golf courses.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
2 - With aging water infrastructure throughout the State - ADEQ should be testing for hazardous material our youth are exposed to.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
4 - This question is an urban-centric question. Rural Arizona relies heavily to gas powered vehicles since there's very limited electrical outlet for this suggestion.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
3 - This requires a strong collaborative effort from FHWA/FTA/BIA, ADOT, COG/MPO and Tribal transportation agencies to develop a capital outlay project that address transportation connectivity throughout AZ, not just urban areas.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
2 - Sacredness of the animals and plants have always been a priority to Indigenous people.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
3 - A collaborative effort with BLM, BIA, Tribal Nations and Az needs to solidify this consideration.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Legislative District 8

House Candidate

Neal Carter

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Transit, Water, Education.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
2 - America was founded on local governance. What works for one community might not work for another.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
3 - I'm all for cutting taxes, and tax credits can do that, but I'm wary of picking winners and losers. Which one should we be putting our thumb on the scale for? Wind? Solar? See, picking one of them benefits the one but also simultaneously drives investment and research away from the other!
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
3 - Similar to question 1: what works for one community might not work for another. There are other concerns to consider: does a small district have the staff or facilities to maintain electric buses? Can rural communities rely on them? The legislature is an inappropriate forum for this.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
2 - We need to be planning now for the transit of tomorrow. This includes all transit options.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
5 - This is an area covered by the Feds, not the legislature.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
5 - I've lived through fire after fire after fire in our rural areas, often caused by federal land mismanagement and build-up of brush that grazing would have eliminated. How much CO(2) does a wildfire emit into the air? Much more than the small amount of O(2) that brush offsets.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
I do not believe that the Arizona Legislature can have any impact on climate change.

House Candidate
Sharon Girard

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Fully funding education and expanding healthcare for all, especially during these times in a pandemic. We must work on bringing back Arizona's economy while caring for the health and welfare of everyone, making sure our children have the education they need and no one is denied healthcare.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - If the state doesn't take the lead than the cities should be able to protect the health and welfare of their citizens.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - We need to encourage the use of solar, water conservation and renewable energy.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - It is important to educate the public about these issues. We must be better prepared for the future.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - Lead in water is a serious issue for the development of children and should not be left to random regulations. Stringent follow up and reporting is very important for the health and safety of our children. If lead is found than the amount and what is being done must be fully advised. Full transparency and accountability is the only thing that will be tolerated when it comes to something as important as lead in drinking water in schools.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - I agree that we must move whenever we can to alternative fuel vehicles. As an electric car owner I appreciate how important this is and have made the personal commitment to own an alternative fuel car. I believe we should all be moving forward towards this end as quickly as possible for the good of the planet.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - The future will be filled with more alternative transportation options such as fast trains, monorails and walkable communities. We must be proactive and move more readily towards this goal.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
2 - There is a place in the legislature to work on this issue along with other groups such as the Sierra Club.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
3 - The legislature needs to weight the pros and cons on protecting public lands and the interests of responsible business.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Work on air quality issues. Ban single use plastic bags. Sign onto the Paris Climate Accord agreement. Add more monetary rebate incentives to buying electric cars. Ban chemicals that are unsafe for water and air and work to hold businesses accountable. Outlaw fracking.

Legislative District 9

Senate Candidate

Victoria Steele

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Addressing Climate Change by reducing carbon, building a green infrastructure and protecting Arizona's groundwater.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - Preemption laws must be repealed.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - The oil and gas industry has been getting them for years - they need to be shut off.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - But lead is deadly so why wouldn't we want to protect kids from lead? We have lead paint laws in the real estate industry.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - This year I introduced 4 bills related to EV infrastructure and non were given a hearing.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
At first - electrify everything, quickly wean off our dependency on oil, give more solar and EV rebates/incentives and disincentivize the use of gas in homes.

Legislative District 10

Senate Candidate

Kirsten Engel

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
My top priorities will be Covid-19 relief and economic transition support, fully-funding public education, environmental protection, including addressing climate change, and criminal justice reform. Additionally, we have much work to do with respect to water policy. The 2007 guidelines are up for renegotiation and we must adopt policies that will result in sustainable water use going forward in view of the fact the Colorado River has always been over-allocated and now faces a 20 percent drop in streamflow by 2020 due to climate change. At the same time, we cannot simply switch back to reliance upon groundwater, as we continue to fail in our efforts to attain safe yield in Arizona's Active Management Areas and the groundwater table in areas outside the AMAs are dropping

due to over-pumping. The Trump Administration's repeal of the Obama era Waters of the United States rule has resulted in over 90 percent of Arizona's waters lacking any sort of protection from dumping or filling. It is vital we fill this regulatory gap with state regulations.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Much like the environmental federalism that allows states to set stronger standards than federal environmental protections on air and water quality, localities should have the right to protect their citizens even better when resources allow.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - While I generally oppose tax credits that harm Arizona's ability to perform the functions and services we need, the short- and long-term economic and environmental benefits make water conservation, water and energy efficiency, and renewable energy tax credits a boon to Arizonans and our economy, and I do support them strongly.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - I have introduced and fought for bills addressing high-efficiency flow in plumbing fixtures such as faucets and toilets. We need to do as much as we can to increase water efficiency. I also support public awareness campaigns and examining pricing strategies to disincentivize large, inefficient consumption and incentivize conservation and reuse. All sectors of Arizona's economy will need to be part of this effort, including urban water users and agriculture. We must incentivize drip irrigation, covered agriculture, and other strategies that can help reduce the 70 percent of Arizona's water use by agriculture.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - This is an obvious policy we must implement to protect Arizona's future -- our youth. Lead is known to interfere with children's mental and physical development. It is a top priority to protect them from lead exposure. While ADEQ has done lead testing in district schools, I introduced bills to fund the testing of water fixtures for lead in charter schools and co-sponsored legislation to test such facilities in early childhood education centers. The potential for environmental harms at our schools is further exacerbated by the millions in deferred maintenance our schools have because of our systematic defunding of public education since the recession.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - I am a proud EV driver and strongly support doing more to make EVs affordable and accessible, which includes policies to support EV infrastructure and the purchase of EV cars in state-owned vehicle fleets. Driving around Tucson and especially between Tucson and Phoenix, I have come to realize Arizona still has far to go in upgrading EV charging infrastructure so as to support higher EV market penetration. I would support purchasing EVs for school buses and other state vehicle fleets.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - We need better management of the manner in which our state government spends infrastructure money. Right now, so much of the taxpayer dollars collected for road maintenance and other infrastructure needs are swept to other parts of the budget to cover shortfalls made inevitable by two decades of tax carve outs and cuts. Our cities and counties need more support for maintaining sidewalks and especially to invest in walkable/bikeable communities.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - With the federal government having abdicated its responsibility to protect endangered species (among other environmental, public health, and ecological responsibilities), Arizona must step up to protect endangered species. We also benefit from better connections to local communities and our tribal nations who, if strong collaborative governance structures can be formed, can significantly help care for and preserve endangered species using traditional and local knowledge.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - While mining was a stalwart of Arizona's economy for many years, it has now been surpassed by the economic benefits we receive from tourism, recreation and the long term benefits of protecting our water and other natural resources. Rather than depleting natural areas and permitting the massive water use demanded by new mining operations, we should invest in precious metal recycling and other programs that simultaneously keep our mineral/ore supply chains functional while addressing landfill concerns. With respect to overgrazing, Arizona is already largely a desert and overgrazing pushes us further into desertification. We can properly manage grazing land but it will require limits on grazing and better management practices.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

The Legislature could do so much to both mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. We can increase our energy efficiency requirements through appliance-specific standards and reduce water use (which consumes energy) through plumbing efficiency standards and other strategies to conserve and reuse water. We can promote the use of renewable energy through tax incentives and other policies, such as the financing mechanism known as Property Assessed Clean Energy programs. We can work with the Arizona Corporation Commission to increase the efficiency component of the Renewable Energy Standard & Tariff as well as the percentage of energy that utilities must source from renewable generation, also under the REST. We can promote insulation and other retrofitting strategies that reduce energy demand in our homes and commercial facilities that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and facilitate the transition to a cleaner energy economy. As has been mentioned before, the legislature can also support electric vehicles, walkable/bikeable communities, precious metal recycling instead of mining, and so much more to make Arizona a model for a climate change-mitigating state as well as ensuring life in Arizona is viable for the long-term through mitigation measures. Finally, adopting both climate mitigation and adaptation plans will enable us to simultaneously plan for the future and engage and educate the community in the benefits of responding to climate change.

House Candidate

Domingo DeGrazia

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

Upon reelection my priorities will be to address the needs of Arizonans that have suffered due to Covid-19, work to fully fund public education, ensure Arizonans have access to affordable health care, work to add protections to our water and increase access to residential solar.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Cities and towns are closer to their constituents and have a better idea what is needed for their locality. The State should set a minimum environmental standard and allow towns to govern themselves and set stronger regulations as appropriate.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - Arizona absolutely needs tax credits for environmental preservation. Having added residential solar to my home I know there are unnecessary regulatory burdens that act to prevent many people from adopting renewable energy. Tax credits would go a long way to not only preserving our environment but changing our statewide approach to managing resources.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - Yes, the state should educate Arizonans on the scarcity of water and the abundance of solar energy while adopting policy and regulations in furtherance of those ideas.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - Clean drinking water should be a basic human right. The duty to ensure clean drinking water in schools is a follow-through of the State's Constitutional mandate to establish and maintain a public education system.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Adoption of electric vehicles is paramount to reduction of carbon emissions. As an EV owner I know the value these vehicles offer. I supported Representative Engel's bills on electric vehicles and continue to do so.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - Yes, public transportation is severely lacking in Arizona as compared to other states. Providing ready access to means of travel other than single-person cars should be a priority. In the wake of Covid-19 and more people working from home, I am hopeful for opportunities to pursue a community-based approach to working/living.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - Yes. As federal policy moves away from protecting the environment the State must do more. As our population grows and we have more overlap of residential areas with natural habitat of wildlife, the task falls to the state to set law and policy to protect our endangered species.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - Yes, our public lands are a precious resource that were originally designated such that future generations could enjoy them the same way we do and previous generations have. Mining is an important part of Arizona's economy but it should not be prioritized over preserving our public lands, especially not when we can invest in precious metal recycling as an alternative. Overgrazing is also something we must keep an eye on or we risk pushing Arizona further into desertification.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
The Legislature has to take a holistic and comprehensive approach to climate change that includes mitigation and adaptation measures. We've had to fight just to acknowledge the climate is changing when we should be electrifying as much as possible and decarbonizing the grid through incentives and calling on the Corporation Commission to take proactive steps to a fully decarbonized grid. The state can contribute to electrification with fleets, getting all state-owned buildings on clean energy, and investing in efficiency retrofitting.

House Candidate

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
My top three priorities are healthcare, education, and the environment.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
The Arizona Legislature should end open pit mining, re-allocate and re-use water when possible, and create incentives for corporations and businesses to go clean. Arizona must look at the farming industry and work with them to create a cleaner farming state.

Legislative District 11

Senate Candidate

Joanna Mendoza

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
The COVID-19 pandemic has changed life as we know it and it's going to be a long recovery process. We're still struggling to control its spread in our communities and we're facing major shortfalls in our state budget. Because of this, we have to look at all of the issues in light of the changes that COVID-19 has forced upon us. Overall, we need to invest in people-oriented policies to support working families and strengthen our social safety nets. My priorities are funding public education, increasing access to affordable healthcare, and preserving our environment and natural resources. When it comes to education, every child should have the opportunity for a quality public education, regardless of zip code, skin color, socioeconomic status, or any other factor. From early childhood education to K-12 to community colleges, trade schools, and

universities - each of these are essential for setting our future generations up for success and strengthening our economy. Funding for these programs can be found by modernizing our tax code and eliminating the loopholes for corporations and special interest groups that currently exist and cause our state to lose millions every year in potential revenue. With regard to healthcare, access and affordability remains a major challenge in Arizona. Especially in rural areas, people are often forced to travel over 50 miles to receive the care they need and tend to have poorer health because of this lack of preventative medicine and healthcare services. Healthcare is a human right and we need to address the shortage of physicians and medical care professionals, maintain funding for KidsCare, and improve access to medical facilities in rural areas. We also need to address climate change and protect our natural resources for future generations. We are facing a major water shortage in Arizona and time is running out. We need innovative solutions to preserve our natural resources and environmental justice policies that will protect our communities of color and lower-income communities from harm.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Local government and local elected officials are the closest to the people and understand the needs of their communities. Especially in the absence of leadership and data-driven policies from the federal and/or state level, our cities and towns should be able to put in place stronger environmental and public health policies. Unfortunately, laws like SB 1487 allow State Legislators to file a complaint with the State Attorney General claiming that a town, city, or county has passed a law that violates state law or the constitution of Arizona, with the threat of withdrawing state-shared revenue. Oftentimes, these complaints are made purely on the basis of political ideology and disregard the needs and will of the local community. We have seen this law be used effectively against plastic bag regulations in Bisbee, gun buyback programs in Tucson, and most recently efforts by our Mayors to implement public health measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. Cities and towns should have the ability to set stronger policies for the good of their communities without the threat of retribution from the state.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

2 - Given the current economic crisis and budget deficits that we're facing with the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to be very careful about implementing new tax credits. In general, I support incentives that would encourage the growth of water-saving, energy efficient and/or renewable energy. This type of growth could also be a significant component for helping to restart our economy, both in terms of additional tax revenue from economic growth and generating more high-quality jobs. However, we need to be

strategic about how these are implemented and monitored to ensure that they provide a return on investment and don't result in additional loopholes in our tax code that can be misused.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - Public awareness is a major component for helping Arizonans to reduce their water consumption and save energy. This can be done at both the statewide level and on the local level by municipalities. The State Legislature can certainly do more to promote these public awareness campaigns and support policies related to this. Individual legislators can also do their part and use their platforms to increase awareness and encourage these practices in the general public.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - Absolutely! Lead in drinking water is a major public health concern and can have severe health consequences in both the short and long term. Children should never be exposed to lead in our schools. Annual testing and reports are not too much to ask to protect the health and future growth, development, and success of our children.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

1 - Yes, we need to do more to incentivize and push for the transition away from gas-powered vehicles to electric vehicles. This will require investment up front, but will have long-term gains for our society and our environment. Electric vehicles are one of the most promising options for reducing greenhouse gas emission and slowing the current rate of climate change. Unfortunately, there are still many barriers that limit electric vehicle use in Arizona and in our country, including the limited number and location of charging stations in our state. Policies that encourage utilities to build this infrastructure are absolutely essential for expanding electric vehicle use in Arizona and making it more convenient for people to switch from conventional cars to electric vehicles. We can also make major progress by purchasing more electric vehicles for state-funded use, including school buses and fleet vehicles. This sets a good example and helps to move us down the path of integrating more energy-efficient technologies into our society and daily life. Not only is this good for the environment, it provides an opportunity to promote innovation and growth of the sustainable energy sector.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

1 - Alternative transportation options are a major challenge in many areas, especially in rural areas of our state and Legislative District 11. I agree that more support is needed for public transit and building more walkable/bikeable communities, whether this comes from the State Legislature or local municipalities. Our streets are not just for cars and vehicles. We need to improve accessibility and safety for individuals who are bicycling, walking, or using other mobility devices. This is particularly true for individuals who are mobility challenged and need additional safeguards to navigate our streets. The lack of public transportation in more rural areas of this district is also a major challenge for folks who may not have reliable personal transportation.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

1 - Maintaining the biodiversity of our ecosystems is essential for the health of our environment and our planet. We need to do more at the federal, state, and local level to protect endangered species.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

1 - Our public lands are an incredible natural resource that should be preserved and protected, not exploited for the benefit of development and profit of fossil fuel companies. We need to safeguard our public lands so that we can all enjoy the beauty and wonder of our natural environment. As a Veteran, I also know that many of our returning servicemembers rely on the ability to visit our public lands and parks and find a haven in nature in order to help manage PTSD. It is crucial that we protect these resources and prevent them from being forever damaged and destroyed.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Yes, the State Legislature has a responsibility to play an active role in managing Arizona's contribution to climate change. Climate change is real and is happening now. We need to do everything possible to mitigate the effects that we are already seeing and prevent things from getting worse. In the absence of leadership at the federal level, it's even more important for our state to take action and implement climate laws that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, support the switch from fossil fuels to clean energy, and other concrete steps to promote climate resiliency and reduce the rate of climate change.

Senate Candidate

Linda Patterson

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

1. *COVID-19 Economic and Healthcare Relief*
2. *Climate Change Legislation, similar to the Green New Deal*
3. *Setting Environmental Standards for Water, Air and Land*
4. *Legislation to Study and Solve the Water Crisis In Arizona*
5. *Public Education*
6. *Healthcare*
7. *Infrastructure*
8. *Stewardship of Public Land Initiatives*
9. *Human Rights*

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Ideally and since all in life is interconnected, the state of Arizona needs to enact strong environmental and healthcare standards statewide. However, and although the majority of Arizonans polled are extremely concerned these issues, there are significant laws, practices and policies that must be undone after decades and decades of abuse. Accordingly, if cities and towns are ready to set stronger environmental and public health policies they must be allowed to do so. In turn, this could benefit the establishment of a "state culture" that emphasizes the development of higher standards based on relevant data, valid research and best practices so our state can move forward to be a shining example of progressive policies and sound practices.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - Our state must eliminate our carbon footprint as our world cannot survive with its continued use. We are one of the few nations in the world that does not visualize and commit to this as a standard and Arizona is extremely behind the pace and commitment other states have made in addressing climate change. Water saving practices laced with energy efficient and renewable energy must be established with tax credits for wind, solar and electric energy. The water crisis in our state is critical, with sound research indicating we must change our way of life. Unbridled development, ineffective farming practices, water overuse by golf courses and other amenities have placed her in a situation in which research indicated we needed to save 18% of our water usage in 2020 over the previous year. However, instead of addressing this research, our state legislature has ignored the reality and resorted to their previous practice of "kicking the can down the road" for future generation to

solve. Arizona cannot withstand this lack of direction and commitment anymore. We must demand that we initiate standards, policies and laws that address the science of our times which indicates that time is precious and that everyday that passes by without addressing these issues is shameful.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - This statement in one I support wholly and without exception as indicated in some of my comments from the previous questions.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - Lead in water is unacceptable. We learned from the Flint, Michigan water crisis in which lead in pipes and water has led to brain damage, skin lesions, disease and even death. Human beings and lead are incompatible and we must ensure that we intervene quickly and without exception when we discover that lead is present in schools or anywhere else in our communities.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

1 - This could be a first step in creating better opportunities for our residents to join the electric powered vehicle bandwagon! Prioritization of electric vehicles in government owned vehicles will create the conditions by which more and more charging stations will become commonplace. In turn, more consumers will see these vehicles as a viable option. A movement will be created that establishes a new culture of car usage in Arizona.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

1 - It is a strongly established fact that these options are supported by the majority of Arizonans. In addition, many in our state are demanding transportation corridors to be created to connect regions of our state by train travel to reduce the harmful effects of carbon pollution from our roads and highways. I support all initiatives like these and will work in nth legislature to see these ideas come to fruition. Arizona must step into the 21st century with progressive values, commitment to change and bringing about the reality of improved transportation options.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

1 - I have dedicated my adult life to protecting endangered species. As a volunteer research SCUBA participant, I have studies coral reefs and spent considerable time

protecting sea turtle hatchlings. I financially support the ORCA Project and Pacific Whale Foundation. I have been an avid supporter of the Jane Goodall Foundation, The Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary (where I will volunteer in 2022) and The Jane DeWar Gorilla Foundation. I have worked in Alaskan and Pacific NW communities and estuaries in researching salmon runs and how to intervene in their predicted destruction. I volunteer in the hummingbird banding project in southern Arizona and am extremely concerned about the destruction of habitats due to overpopulation and overuse of public lands to off road vehicles. The dedication and passion I possess for all species will enable me to be a better legislator and one that will protect what is precious about living in our state.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
- 1 - Grazing and mining in our state is destructive to habitat and public lands. Legislation must be enacted that protects our protects our environment from the hazards of tailings and hazardous materials that result from unbridled mining practices. Our public lands have grown weary of overgrazing and are adversely affecting the environment and its diversity. The days of wild west expansion and degradation of our public lands must be stopped now. We must be known as a state that protects our resources in order to serve the greater good as opposed to profiteering at all costs.*

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
- 1. Pass the Green New Deal.*
 - 2. Provide Tax Credits to individuals and corporations that utilize clean, environmentally positive practices.*
 - 3. Establish public funded transportation corridors.*
 - 4. Enact serious law and policy that encourage the use of wind, solar and electric power.*
 - 5. Enact laws that create the reality of "Stewardship of Public Lands" to the point of active protection.*
 - 6. Address all issues that create endangered species.*
 - 7. Protect the health and welfare of all people, animals and species that inhabit our state.*
 - 8. Work for common-sense environmental standards that reinforce the health and safety of all residents.*

Legislative District 13

House Candidate

Timothy Dunn

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Balanced budget. Border security funding, land use management.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
4 - We need consistency in the state but allow some flexibility when region and surrounding differ.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - We have some existing solar energy policy that can be strengthened I had a bill for battery storage for solar. Water Saving tax credit is something I would push for.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - I believe the consumer learned from the DCP discussion on how the level of lake mead could effect their water rates. While there has been water saving policy in place the plan has been to take the water from Ag and we now know that is limited. We need to double down on education.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
3 - I think we do adequate testing now.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
3 - I believe we need a balanced approach and as the technology increases and the cost per mile is within a range that allows for us to do that than we should.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
3 - Water saving and environment friendly community can have some additional tax breaks but they should attract the residents on their own merits.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
3 - We need to enforce the federal law and provide funding to game and fish for species studies to have accurate information for az.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
4 - There is a debate on the definition of "over". Grazing is an important tool to wildlife and land management and should be used without over grazing. Wildlife management is key to that as well. Mining is important to the state and should remain a visible industry with some regulations.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Reduced regulation on business that allow for business to be able to invest in the new technologies that can be used to help reduce impacts.

House Candidate

Mariana Sandoval

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Education, healthcare, and the economy go hand in hand as the largest issues facing Arizona today. In the current environment people are losing their jobs and with that their access to healthcare. We must ensure that we invest in education to attract better paying jobs. This includes valuing our educators and increasing their pay. Furthermore, many of our rural schools have been severely impacted by the lack of funding over the last decade and are in desperate need of infrastructure and transportation investments. For far too long we have put this burden on local residents and parents to ensure proper funding through taxation and fees. As a state legislator I will focus on solving this problem by ensuring funds are allocated to these programs.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - While I do believe that it is each legislative representatives job to be the voice of its constituents. I also think it is important for our state legislators to follow our nation and

states leading experts in health and wildlife to preserve all of Arizona while coming up with comprehensive public health policies to properly fund the programs necessary to preserve the well being of our communities.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - We must invest in clean, renewable energy to protect our health and preserve clean air and water for future generations and our agricultural industry. Investing in clean energy will not only help the environment but because of our advancements in these areas we can help the economy due to the efficiencies in our technology. It will also help create jobs within our legislative district and provide monetary incentives via tax credits for everyone.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - Water is like gold in the desert and we must amplify public awareness to ensure that we protect water rights for farmers and ensure the prosperity of Arizona's agricultural industry. Furthermore, we must shift our energy needs to a renewable source that can allow us to be the solar capital of the United States. The state's over reliance on fossil fuels is polluting our environment and has created a public health crisis that impacts all of our communities and has a negative impact on our economy.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - The health of Arizonans should be the highest responsibility as elected officials and every parent should feel safe knowing that their child is going to a place with safe water to drink. Exposure to lead is a significant health concern and the growing bodies of children absorb more lead than the average adult. Recent studies have shown a significant amount of lead in our public schools already exists and it is something that we cannot ignore any longer considering the fact that water is a necessity for human survival.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
Although I agree with investing in electrical vehicles and the steps taken by cities like Goodyear and Wickenburg we must make sure that we have the infrastructure to support this investment. Particularly, in rural areas where often times these and many other services are not easily accessible.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

1 - I fully support legislation that develops infrastructure that connects our communities, especially at local levels. Public transportation is a key factor into a communities economy and the health benefits of being able to exercise (Walk/Biking) outdoors safely is also important. All Arizonans need great accessibility within their communities to increase employment and provide transportation to local businesses within the area to further thrive our economy. This also includes public transportation for our senior communities to have access to healthcare providers. We as the legislature should do right by the people and our community and invest in transportation regardless of income-level or geography, especially in rural areas.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

1 - Arizona is home to very unique wildlife and this has been apart of its history. We need to reassess current legislation to ensure that it provides a more comprehensive protection plan for Arizona's endangered species.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

1 - Mining and overgrazing go hand in hand when it comes to harming Arizona's environment and local farming businesses. While mining has always been a key contributor in Arizona's economy (3C's) the fact remains that we as legislature should provide proper protection plans to not only eliminate the negative environmental impacts of mining but to ensure that Arizona's environment is safeguarded for the future.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Arizona is a place of extreme climates and austere resources. As such it is in a prime position to become a world leader in building a new-century economy that is based on and incentivizes sustainable technologies and business practices that can form the template for the nation on a basis of renewable energy. We must hold polluters accountable for the damage that they do to our environment. It is often out of state large corporations whose companies or products contribute the most to air or water pollution. Damaging not just our environment but our economy for our local family owned farms. Arizonans have a right to breathe clean air and drink clean water. The state's over reliance on fossil fuels is polluting our environment and contributing to the acceleration of climate change.

Legislative District 14

House Candidate

Ronnie Maestas-Condos

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

Advocating and sponsoring legislation for gun safety measures including red flag laws, closing gun show loopholes, aligning and strengthening state gun safety laws with federal laws. My second priority would be advocating and advancing stronger water usage monitoring and restrictions in all localities across the state particularly in my district. With this I would advocate for a stronger role of the Arizona Water Resource Board giving more enforcement power and increased funding. I have more priorities but these are my top two.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - I am unsure about this question. It's my view that the state should also have a major role in setting environmental and public health policies but they should act as partners with cities and towns in advancing and achieving relevant goals.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - Absolutely, the primary role of the legislature is to be of service to those who put us in office, to enact laws that further the interests and well being of our constituents. It is my belief that the global climate crisis is immediate and we need to do all in our power to help mitigate its effects where possible. The above mentioned measures will do just this and it is up to the legislatures of each state to support and expand these.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - Totally agree, and also rewarding and encouraging utility companies to support and institute these sorts public awareness campaigns. These campaigns should also be encouraged in our educational institutions.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - In schools and for the whole population. I would expand the testing and reporting to any toxin found in our water supplies, and then a public campaign to educate these results.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Electric and or hybrid vehicles are the future for a cleaner and sustainable world. Governments have the resources and should take the lead in instituting policies and actions that reinforce and encourage these sorts of helpful measures.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - It has been our reliance on fossil fueled transportation that is causing the greenhouse emissions so we need to take all measures that will reduce this environmental impact. Creating more public transportation with alternative types of fuels and supporting the creation of alternative modes of transportation like walkable and bikeable communities.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - We need to counteract the trend of the current administration to gut our environmental protections that extend to the protection of endangered species. We need to elect leaders that see the interconnectedness of all life on our planet and will work to safeguard this for all generations to come.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - Yes we need to continue to fund the agencies that oversee public lands, ensure there is proper oversight within these agencies for reasons of accountability and transparency and continue to create and enforce laws that protect our public lands from abuse.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
We need to transition to alternative and sustainable transportation modes. Encourage lifestyle changes, like home energy consumption that reduces the reliance on fossil fuels. Offer tax credits and low interest loans for the purchase of high efficiency appliances. Encourage water conservation measures in industry and home use.

House Candidate

Kimberly Moschetti

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Education funding and Water use.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - In schools and everywhere else.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
2
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - Biking and walking routes should be available throughout the whole community, not just newly developed upscale suburbia.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Utilize solar energy more in this sunny state, reduce carbon emissions on transportation vehicles, eliminate cattle raising, plant more water/environmentally friendly crops such as grapes.

Legislative District 16

House Candidate

John Fillmore

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

House Candidate

Helen Hunter

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

- *health care, especially in relation to the Covid19 pandemic*
- *the economy & jobs*
- *education (teacher salaries and increased IT resources)*
- *criminal and social justice, incarceration rates*
- *water rights,*
- *energy and the environment*

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

2 - Cities and towns should have the ability to specify and require more stringent environmental and public health policies and practices; However, there is a concern about the ability and availability of funding and other resources needed to administer and enforce such policies and practices.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - Contingent upon fair and equitable pricing of renewable energy resources.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - I would support HB289, a locally driven basin-by-basin approach, re groundwater water pumping and some type of RMA, which has already been introduced. A public awareness campaign should be implemented to generate greater public pressure and supporting policies.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - Based on the Flint Michigan, more frequent testing of lead on all drinking water supplies should be performed across the board.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Yes. However, the state should also address provisions for charging stations and make sure they are readily available and accessible for state vehicles fleets and for state funding of vehicle fleets. In addition, the state should not rule out the option of deploying CNG (compressed natural gas) -powered vehicles. The migration to an all-electric fleet of state vehicles will come with a higher capital budget for purchase and acquisition and for providing necessary charging facilities. However, the environmental benefits and cost and fuel savings may have an overall effect of offsetting the higher capital outlay. Capital costs may increase but operating costs are expected to decrease.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
2 - The state should invest in public transportation options. However, walking and biking facilities within communities is a local government function.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
2 - The legislature should have a role in protecting endangered species, but the overall program must take into consideration the economics and impact on businesses and on the environment.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - The preservation of land and natural resources is critical and must be balanced against the potential environmental impacts and economic development needs.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

The legislature should incentivize renewable resources, manage the cost of renewable resources to customers, and promote scientific applications that mitigate climate change.

Legislative District 17

Senate Candidate

Ajlan Kurdoglu

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

With the covid-19 caused recession protecting education funding, assisting families to access to healthcare, and helping small businesses to protect jobs.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Invest renewable energy companies, support research on renewable energy so prices can go down which will make it attractive for the population.

Legislative District 18

Senate Candidate
Sean Bowie

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Restoring education funding, protecting voting rights, protecting the environment.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

House Candidate

Mitzi Epstein

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Great schools and clean air have always been my top priorities. However, this year Arizona has many situations in crisis that must be addressed. My current focus is on the three R's, COVID relief, racial justice, and a responsible budget. We have an opportunity right now, unlike ever before, to imagine a world that operates differently. We can be a world that chooses to meet with video conferencing far more often, bringing us closer to our families and spending less time in cars and airplanes. Arizona can become a place with infrastructure to support walking to neighborhood businesses, with green transportation and building practices. I welcome working with Environment Arizona to help our bicameral Sustainability Work Group to develop economic recovery plans that recognize the value of green jobs. Because there are so many highly important projects to pursue, I organized our House Democratic Caucus into 6 teams to develop a comprehensive package of bills for COVID Relief - Healthy People, Thriving Economy, Strong Schools, Strong Foundation, Indigenous People, and Racial Justice. We are reaching out to stakeholders and our Republican colleagues to develop solutions that will benefit all Arizonans.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Some opponents of local control argue that it would be cumbersome for businesses to operate with one set of rules in one city and another set in another city. When that is the case, businesses can work with the state and the Arizona League of Cities and Towns to streamline interactions with cities. The communications sector did exactly that to establish efficient procedures for cell phone infrastructure, and I supported that work. Our cities and towns should be allowed to be innovators, finding new solutions and new technologies to improve life for their residents. The state should not put false barriers around the big ideas of the people who live in cities and towns. I support local control.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

Please talk with me about tax policy. I firmly support programs to create effective incentives for new technologies, green jobs, and environmental improvements to provide clean air and water. They can take the form of grants, education, partnerships and more. However tax credits tend to help only the largest businesses and individuals with the most income, but not anybody else. For the past 30 years the AZ Legislature has added more and more tax cuts every year, and almost never goes back to see if the cuts are helping or hurting. I do not favor tax cuts that simply benefit the very few with the most income. Further, tax credits are almost impossible to modify because reducing a tax credit requires a 2/3 vote in the legislature. Tax cuts have been the only solution that the Republican Majority has considered for too many years. It's time to bring in a new majority party to bring in more tools in the economic tool box, and to evaluate them based on evidence and data, not dogma. As your website states, let's "transform the power of our imaginations and our ideas into change that makes our world a greener, healthier place for all."

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 – Yes!

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

Annually testing water quality in schools should be done. It might be done most efficiently and effectively by school districts, or ADWR rather than ADEQ. The important aspect is that one agency needs to be backed up by another.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

1 - Actually, as we looked into this issue, we are finding that the optimal first priority may be to incentivize cities to invest in electric garbage trucks and fire trucks. We have identified at least one vendor for electric fire trucks. Garbage trucks run all day long nearly every day. School buses run less time each day. Therefore, we may want to put the investment into garbage trucks to get more clean air per dollar invested. On the other hand, we want our children to breathe cleaner air, and that is a good reason to start with school buses. As the Chair of the bicameral Sustainability Work Group, we landed on, "Start with fire trucks or start with buses, but Start now!" We, the taxpayers, will save money in the long run and we need to improve air quality now.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

In the bicameral Sustainability Work Group, we worked with the Arizona Science Policy Network and defined 5 problem areas in need of solutions. Wildlife and their habitats is an important area. As you probably know, balloon litter is the number one killer of all the kinds of litter that kills birds. I sponsored a bill to make balloon litter be a state violation of law, enforceable locally, but only with community service picking up litter as a consequence. I knew that Rep. Petersen had already denigrated the idea from the past year, so some local girl scouts and I came up with the bill in the 2020 session that had very light enforcement. Once again, Rep. Petersen criticized the bill and Speaker Bowers would not even assign it to a committee, even though he has made statements about caring about birds. I am not daunted. People who care about wildlife took up the issue and together used the attacks on the "Balloon Litter Bill" to help inform thousands and thousands more people about the importance of keeping balloons indoors, and not releasing them outdoors. We must continue to inform people that healthy habitats for wildlife are vital for human health.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing. *You seem to know about this issue. Call me for an appointment to share information with me.*

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

In the bicameral Sustainability Work Group, we worked with the Arizona Science Policy Network and defined 5 problem areas in need of solutions, Water, Wildlife, Waste, Air

Quality, and Extreme Heat. Together, solutions to these problems can impact climate change. Cleaner transportation methods can improve Air Quality, and also reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Our set of solutions range from those complex solutions to simple projects like planting trees on school campuses, which would directly address extreme heat. That project is defined so that it also provides an element of environmental justice, by targeting the plantings to neighborhoods most in need of shade. Planting billions of trees across the world is one of the biggest and cheapest ways of taking CO2 out of the atmosphere to tackle the climate crisis. We can start in Arizona on school playgrounds.

House Candidate

Jennifer Jermaine

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Restoring education funding, protecting civil rights, victim services reforms, intersection of issues including environmental justice.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - The situation throughout the state is not uniform and our response should be tailored to conditions in local areas.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - The Legislature should incentivize these programs at the individual taxpayer level.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - PSAs and partnering with nonprofit groups who specialize in these areas have a high return on investment and sway public behavior.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - Lead in drinking water causes cancer and brain development injuries. Arizona needs to ensure children have access to safe drinking water.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - I voted for this in the Government Committee for all State fleet vehicles.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
2 - This is largely a function of County and City governments. The Legislature should allocate more funding to those agencies to expand options on the local level.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - Over the last few years we've seen legislation that disregards the safeguards within the Endangered Species Act and allowed construction in the natural habitat of the Mexican Grey Wolf and destruction of watersheds with endangered native fish and plants. These need to stop.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - Public lands such as Oak Flats and the Grand Canyon should never be open to mining. The government is charged with protecting and preserving these lands in perpetuity so that future generations can experience their beauty.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Incentivize renewable energy usage, replace government fleet vehicles with electric vehicles, ensure safe clean drinking water throughout the state, support urban tree programs, invest in green job training programs.

Legislative District 19

House Candidate

Leezah Sun

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Education, Civil rights, predatory HOA.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
Home rules need to be increase in favor of local communities.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
Definitely safeguard 1.2M K-12 students.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
Public school buses need to get seatbelts and solar run AC in place of traditional AC units. But not all schools have the budget currently and republican rule since 1966, this will be an up hill battle which I am prepare to take on with the fact that awareness must come into the community with various grassroots and elected officials going on blast.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
And also city parks and tap HOA to safeguard community parks.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
Possibly identify keystone species for the southwest ecosystem dynamic and safeguard them.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
Also bring awareness to carbon cowboy agriculture to the AZ ranchers. This will safeguard the topsoil and reduce chemical fertilizer, stripping nutrients from our food and expenses increase for agriculture.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Focus on awareness and initiative that will lower cost and increase productivity and yield higher export. Good for the economy and the state of AZ.

Legislative District 20

Senate Candidate

Doug Ervin

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

Education, restore fiscal responsibility to our state government, so that we properly fund our schools to inspire students, support teachers, respect all educators, create jobs, and grow our economy. This includes pre-K childcare, K-12 public schools, enhanced summer programs, after-the-bell programs, community colleges, universities, and trade schools. The necessary revenue will be generated without putting the burden on working families. Environment / Economic Development, invest in clean renewable energy sources, advanced technologies, and smart infrastructure projects that will create a 21st-century economy that works for all Arizonans and gives everyone an equal opportunity to thrive.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Local jurisdictions should be allowed to implement solutions that best fit the needs of their community.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - As I learned growing up in Arizona, water is critical to our state. I am looking to implement long term plans that set a vision for water policy that will allow Arizona to thrive for generations.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - As a volunteer tutor for second-graders, I know protecting the health of children is important and testing the school water is a simple step we need to take.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - My plans include having more electric vehicles in the state fleet so that we can minimize the impact of fuel costs on agency budgets and we build a statewide recharging infrastructure that incentivizes more people to buy environmentally friendly cars.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
As the survivor of a severe case of Valley Fever, which is being exasperated by climate change, this issue is very important to me. I know that there is no single action that will solve the climate crisis and I will continue to support different approaches that will reduce the impact of climate change. The legislature needs to take the lead in partnering with private industry to address this issue and create policies that will help people transition to new careers when they are impacted by solutions.

House Candidate

Judy Schwiebert

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
 - a) Making smart investments in our schools so that every student gets a quality education and teachers are treated with the respect they deserve.*
 - b) Fostering a strong economy that comes from ensuring that we have a strong, educated workforce, good-paying jobs, and a clean, sustainable environment.*

c) Expanding access to quality, affordable healthcare, protecting people with pre-existing conditions, and reducing costs.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - Cities and towns best know the needs of their own unique communities and should have local control to determine what best protects their environment.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - It is vital to our health, environment and way of life that we create policies that ensure we have the water supply we need and create a more sustainable environment for ourselves and our children. I will rely on science, facts and expert opinion to help create those policies.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - We must do more to educate all of us about the importance of saving water and energy, as well as smart, effective ways of doing that.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - The ADEQ should be lead testing the drinking water in our schools, and we must also provide funding to take immediate steps to fix the problems they find.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Yes, I have been advocating for this in my discussions with voters. Replacing our government fleet with electric vehicles would be a great first step in cleaning up our air. It would also have the effect of increasing the number of charging stations that would also encourage the public to move that direction as well.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - Yes, public transit and walkable and bikeable communities would also support our local economy and create a greater sense of community.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - Endangered species are important to the balance of nature in our state. Threats to these life forms ultimately affect all of us.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
2 - Yes, the legislature needs to listen to stakeholders and come up with a plan that safeguards our public lands from mining and overgrazing. The recent proposal for uranium mining near the Grand Canyon and Colorado River is an example of just the kind of thing we must prevent.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
I appreciate the important work that Environment Arizona and other groups are already doing to push the federal government to enforce key provisions of our current environmental laws. With your partnership, the legislature must also make sure that the people of Arizona have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and clean energy to power our lives. Clean air, water, and sustainable energy are fundamental to all of life. I will work together with you and other groups to make sure that our state enacts policies that protect these vital resources and mitigates the effects of climate change.

Legislative District 21

House Candidate

Kathy Knecht

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
*Ensuring students in Arizona can continue to learn.
Helping Arizonans have access to quality, affordable health care.
Building a 21st century economy.*

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - I am a strong advocate for local control and believe that Arizona should repeal the law that allows the state to prohibit municipalities from creating their own, local policies.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - Absolutely, as long as the credits are strategic and have the desired effect of saving natural resources, improving the environment and/or yielding a positive financial return on investment.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Arizona can and should be a leader in electric vehicles.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - To make communities more walkable and bikeable, AZ needs to address the heat island effect and rising nighttime temperatures.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Address the heat island, incentivize shade projects, incentivize electric vehicles, invest in renewable energy and solar technology.

Legislative District 22

House Candidate

Mary "Kathleen" Honne

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Cleaning up politics, Education Funding and a Sustainable Economy.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - The Legislature should provide funding and get out of the way of local control.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - AZ already has too many credit categories and they groups who are able to take advantage of them are limited. I would like to balance tax credits with sanctions against fossil fuels, so that everyone benefits for the use of renewable energy.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - The "watch your kids around water" campaign started by a local weatherman was one of the most effective media efforts to prevent childhood drownings. We have the power to do the same to ensure a sustainable Arizona.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - And SO MUCH MORE.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
2 - A plan to prioritize electric vehicles over a period of time should definitely be put in place. I don't know enough about this, but I am open to listening and learning about it.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - This is an absolute need in the NWV. Much of the decision making falls to the County, but the legislature must do whatever is in their control.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
2 - I grew up on a ranch in SE AZ. I understand the balance between the communities, so I am open to hearing all sides of this debate and acting accordingly.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
3 - Mining and ranching are two mainstays of AZ. There is a balance that must be maintained. I am currently working with a group of constituents who need a gravel pit near their homes to move. This particular mine has worn out their welcome. I will fight equally hard for the rights of ranchers who have been working the land responsibly for centuries.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Follow data and science, instead of the PAC money that backs them!

Legislative District 23

House Candidate

Eric Kurland

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Education, Health Care, sentencing reform, environment.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - I believe in local control and that if the state is not strong enough then they shouldn't prevent locally elected officials from moving forward.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - Sometimes in a newer industry economies of scale are not available without government help.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
3
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
2

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
We should look at creating charging station incentives. I would also like to see a reduction in costs to the consumer for owning and operating electric vehicles.

Legislative District 24

Senate Candidate

Lela Alston

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
My top priorities will continue to be strengthening public education, making healthcare more accessible and affordable, bringing jobs that provide livable wages to our district and Arizona, and having a secure and sustainable water supply. Despite recent increases to public school funding and pay raises for teachers, our schools remain underfunded. Our students deserve a quality education no matter which school they attend and school

districts need more resources to lower class sizes, retain the best teachers, and provide a safe environment where our children can learn. Healthcare is a major issue right now. The effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will have a lasting impact on our residents. We must offer healthcare and economic assistance to ease the burden it has placed on residents. Access to quality healthcare was already an issue before the pandemic and it is even more important now. I am committed to making healthcare more accessible and affordable for everyone in Arizona. Two of my proudest moments in the legislature were the Medicaid expansion that extended coverage to over 1.5 million residents and restoring funding for KidsCare that provides health insurance for children in low-income families. Our residents also need good jobs that will pay livable wages. Anyone working full-time deserves to earn a livable wage. We can do this by strengthening our public schools, making higher education more affordable, increasing STEM and career and technical education, promoting apprenticeship programs with our labor unions, and more. Our water supply is a critical issue now and for the future of Arizona. We must ensure we have a secure supply of water but that we use that water efficiently and sparingly. We can do this by the smart use of water, promoting water conservation technologies, and education efforts that show residents how to reduce their overall water consumption. Conservation is just one small part to the solution to our water concerns.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Residents should have the right to set stronger standards through local government. Arizona actively stopping them from doing so, such as preventing the City of Tempe from adopting a ban on plastic bags, is an overreach by the state government. We have seen the need for cities and towns to have the ability to adopt stronger policies than the state many times, most recently with the ability to pass mask ordinances when Republican leadership was failing to take public health seriously and led us to Arizona being a global hotspot for COVID-19. If cities had the ability to require masks earlier, we would be seeing fewer cases than we are now.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - The debate over climate change and importance of addressing it should have ended long ago and we must take steps to mitigate our carbon footprint immediately. Encouraging the use of clean and renewable energy is something Arizona can actively do to reduce our impact on the environment and make our state both safer and cleaner. Having a secure and sustainable water supply is a critical issue throughout Arizona. How we use our water has become more efficient year after year but we should promote reducing water use as much as possible. Arizona already offers a tax credit for installing

a water conservation system to agricultural businesses and we should make similar efforts for other industries and residential use. While I am generally opposed to tax credits, there are times that they should be carefully considered.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - Public awareness campaigns are a powerful tool the state can use to educate residents on the importance of the issue and I would support that effort. Adopting a public awareness campaign to encourage water conservation and implementing policies that reduce water and energy consumption are two steps Arizona can take to help secure our water supply.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - Elevated levels of lead in the drinking water of schools is unacceptable. Our children deserve a quality education in schools that are safe. We've seen higher levels of lead in school drinking water throughout the state and we should be actively monitoring school drinking water and working to reduce the amount of lead and any other harmful substances found in it.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

1 - This is another easy step we can take in making Arizona cleaner. We should encourage all new fleet purchases be electric vehicles whenever possible. Lowering our impact on the environment cannot wait and I am fully supportive of moving the state to electric-powered vehicles. I am proud as a Phoenix Union HSD board member that we have purchased the first electric school bus in the state.

7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

1 - There is always doubt whether Arizonans will use alternative modes of transportation, but time and time again we see that when we do encourage alternative modes of transportation that residents will use them. Expanding public transportation services, such as extending bus routes and rail lines or increasing the number of buses per route, making streets more walkable, and creating new and safer bike lanes and paths will all reduce the use of gas-powered cars and have a positive impact on our environment.

8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

1 - Arizona has several unique ecosystems, from the Grand Canyon and forests of northern Arizona to the Sonoran Desert. We must be responsible stewards of each and do all we can to protect the flora and fauna throughout the state. Not only is this true of any government, but Arizona is home to species that can only be found in one of our ecosystems. Actively protecting any and all endangered species in our state is a must and the legislature should ensure that all necessary protections are in place.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

1 - Both mining and overgrazing can have a devastating impact on the land. The legislature has a responsibility to ensure our public lands are well-maintained, protected, and conserved for the benefit of the public, future generations, and our overall environment.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

We don't have time to wait to address climate change, we see the impact it is having year after year and we must be more proactive in reducing our carbon footprint. Arizona must actively encourage the adoption of clean and renewable energy, energy efficient vehicles and equipment, and require businesses and the state to adopt more environmentally friendly methods. We can do this by considering incentives for putting in solar panels and/or purchasing electric vehicles, offering public electric-vehicle recharging stations, creating stricter energy-efficiency standards for businesses, better insulation for buildings to reduce HVAC use and expanding public transportation options. These are a few ways to begin addressing the impact climate change is having on us.

Senate Candidate

Ryan Starzyk

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

Education, Health Care, Jobs & Economy.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

I have provided multiple versions of what we should do via medium articles. Here are the links:

<https://medium.com/azforward/nofossilfuelpledge-1e599dc9e553>

<https://medium.com/azforward/electricity-politics-the-odd-couple-7516cbcd2570>

<https://medium.com/azforward/pledge-to-achieve-americas-goals-f07dc591174>

<https://medium.com/azforward/candidate-compass-clean-elections-q-a-a729a5c8a23b>

<https://medium.com/azforward/clean-air-water-energy-policy-plan-for-arizona-235fab078688>

Legislative District 25

Senate Candidate

Paul Weigel

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Education Environment Equality.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Everything noted above.

House Candidate

Suzanne Hug

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Public School Funding, Sustainable Economic Growth, and Voter Rights are my top priorities.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
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3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
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4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

1

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

We should work to protect our natural resources and become a leader in renewable energy for the nation.

Legislative District 26

House Candidate

Patrick Morales

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

Making sure our education system is protected and fully funded. Ensuring that healthcare is seen as a human right and that COVID-19 relief is equitably addressed. Making sure our environment especially our natural resource of water is cared for responsibly while we move to clean energies. As well as protecting working families and protecting the rights of everyday workers, from the frontlines, to union members, and minimum wage jobs in our community.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - I completely support this it is up to government to lead, but to this point the AZ state government has failed our state and when cities like Flagstaff, Tempe, and Tucson have responded with things like plastic bag bans etc. state preemption disrupts the progress. We are living in a climate emergency and must act now.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - Yes! This is a proven incentive for our communities and companies to shift to clean energy solutions. It is a shame that for many people installing solar panels is more costly than paying for grid electricity that too often comes from coal mining in which not only is water wasted (in slurry) but native people's are encroached upon.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

The legislature should commit a part of our budget to create a push in Arizona towards renewable and clean energy technologies. I originally studied electrical engineering with a focus on alternative energy-solar but after seeing how the industry was severely limited by the politics in the state I turned to political science. I hope I can improve the conditions that exist so we can have a better tomorrow. In addition, I used to work for Environment Arizona here in Tempe, AZ when we were campaigning to protect the grand canyon from mining, it would be an honor to be supported by you all.

House Candidate

Debbie Nez-Manuel

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

I am Tséníjikiní - a Navajo clan also known as the Cliff Dweller People. I am born for the Tsénahabitnii, Sleepy Rock People. And I am the maternal grandchild of the Tsi'naajinii, Black Streaked Forest People and the paternal granddaughter to the Tábaqahí, Waters Edge People. As a Navajo, identifying our four clan relationships is the proper way we introduce ourselves to new faces. The earth and our environment are interwoven into who we are as a people - Dine. I will prioritize the environment in the upcoming legislative session. Every Arizonan deserves access to clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and a safe community in which to live. The effects of climate change are already being felt in our state and elsewhere, and will have a significant impact on our public health, infrastructure, and quality of life. As a State Representative, I will push to create good-paying jobs, secure our way of life, and preserve the future of Arizona by investing in renewable energy and safeguarding our natural resources. It is in the best interest of all Arizonans today and for generations to come, to work to reduce carbon emissions and increase access to renewable energy sources. Future generations or Arizonans are also one of my main priorities. We know all too well who pays the price when funding for public education is cut: our children, and the teachers who commit themselves to helping our children learn and grow. Those teachers continue to leave the workforce, tuition rates at our colleges and universities continue to rise, and our achievement gaps are still too large. We need to make changes, and we need to make them now. I will advocate in the Legislature to restore education funding and ensure that we have the sustainable revenue sources and the accountability necessary to meet the needs of all students in Arizona.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Yes, I firmly support cities and towns setting stronger environmental and public health policies than the state. The environmental needs of those living in northwest Arizona are different than those of people living in Downtown Phoenix. We have cities where the predominant industry is farming. The needs of the citizens of those cities will vary greatly from cities where the predominant industry is commerce. Environmentally, cities will consume resources to varying degrees and the city leadership can best assess how to maintain a healthy carbon footprint and use of our limited resources. Not only are cities better equipped to address their own environmental needs, they can also create health guidelines to protect citizens, businesses, and visitors. As a Social worker, I am experienced in identifying and addressing the needs of the people in our

communities. We have seen with the recent COVID-19 pandemic that the state may not always make the best choices for our people and we have seen cities stepping in and making the important public health choices necessary to protect their citizens.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - Yes, I firmly support tax credits for those who take steps to save water and for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy. We use an enormous amount of energy to heat, and especially in Arizona, to cool our homes. Tax credits encourage homeowners and businesses to reduce the amount of energy they use which will benefit the environment and save our citizens money in the future.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - Yes, as a social worker I have organized education prevention campaigns in urban, rural and remote Arizona and many are effective when working with stakeholders. I completely agree that the Legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products. We are seeing this in Arizona as cities make recycling and composting a priority. Cities, like Tempe, also have educational programs on exterior water use in the summer and teaching locals about gray water and xeriscapes. As I mentioned before- I support cities having the autonomy to make decisions about the environment, but the Legislature should absolutely step in and show cities how to prioritize the reduction of water and energy consumption. After all, we live in a desert, and we must prepare for a future with a growing population and limited water supply.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - Yes, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools. I mentioned before that two of my top priorities are the environment and our students. This is a perfect example of how important these two topics are. We cannot sacrifice our children's future because we were too lazy or uninformed to ensure that our youth have clean drinking water- especially in a place where they should be safe. Annual testing and reporting will ensure accountability and health for our citizens.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Yes, I firmly support the state prioritizing the purchase of electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding. We have seen some cities set the precedent in this area and the state should make choices that increase clean air.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - We need to do more to reduce our carbon footprints, increase our wellness and work harder to protect the air we breathe.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - Yes, I will protect endangered species like the wolves. These animals are vital for our ecosystem. They bring balance to the land, water and forests.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - I agree with safeguarding against mining and overgrazing. Fracking is dangerous to our earth, water and our homes. Overgrazing or invasive plant species is dangerous and can cause unpredictability and act as fuel for fires.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Increase clean emission testing, ensure we work with stakeholders and experts to update laws.

House Candidate

Athena Salman

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Healthcare for all, investing in education, and policing by consent.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - I voted against legislation that pre-empts cities from being able to do this.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 – I've cosponsored these bills.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 – I've supported legislation for clean buses.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Pass Sen. Mendez's Green Amendment to the state constitution. Proud to be a cosponsor.

Legislative District 27

Senate Candidate

Rebecca Rios

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Education funding, reversing voter suppression legislation, justice reform, so many issues that need to be addressed.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - Local control. Localities know best how to govern their communities.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
3 - Yes as long as we get a return on our investment.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - We know that this is a problem in schools and it is being ignored.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - Once their gone, their gone. It's imperative we act while we still can.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
2 - Yes but depends on the language of the proposed bills. The reality is mining in Az provides thousands of jobs and copper for those electric vehicles.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Discourage individual car use by funding mass transit, create policies around limiting harmful pollutants, encourage renewable energies.

House Candidate

Diego Rodriguez

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Protect public School funding, protect access to affordable healthcare and support the creation of jobs that pay a livable wage.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - Preemption has crippled our cities and towns' ability to create innovative policies and programs that address challenges such as global warming.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
3 - In general I support clean energy incentives of this type but I do not know revenue picture to take a more definite position at this time.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
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6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Promoting the policies in questions 4-9 would make a significant difference in mitigating impacts of climate change.

Legislative District 28

Senate Candidate

Christine Marsh

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

The most important priority is to pass a budget that prioritizes people's needs over corporate tax breaks, cuts, and loopholes. We also need to evaluate most of the tax cuts, breaks, and loopholes that the legislature has passed since about 1993. Arizona has given away roughly 5.5 billion in tax cuts, leaving the state only 12.5 billion to invest in what Arizona's residents need most: well-funded schools and investments in the environment, healthcare, housing, and infrastructure.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Cities, towns, and local entities are better equipped to know what their communities need and what their residents want. The legislature has systematically undermined local governing bodies: I will be an advocate for those entities.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - The legislature has not prioritized water or invested in renewable energy sources, despite the science that indicates the environment should be a high priority. I will rely on science and use protecting our future as a guiding principle.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - Educating the public on the best practices for conservation is a big step to leading on sustainability.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - The fact that this is not already happening is offensive and dangerous. It is logical and ethical to protect children by testing and reporting on lead in the water at their schools.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - Because of the legislature's misguided budgeting decisions, those agencies have been unable or unwilling to pay higher upfront costs of electric vehicles. If a school district has to choose between adding electric buses or repairing broken air conditioners, for example, the chances are it's going to opt for the investment that best serves the needs of the children in schools now, rather than the future. This circles back to what I said for question #1: Because we haven't invested our money wisely, we have forced agencies to prioritize current needs over future health and well-being, because there hasn't been enough investment for both to occur.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - If nothing else, it's simply more practical to do so. We lose residents, like my own son, to other states and cities where public transit is more accessible. Many in younger generations do not want to own cars and recognize the benefits of developing a robust public transport system.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - It is foolish and shortsighted to not protect species that are endangered. The fact that this is not currently happening is another example of the legislature prioritizing current profits over future health and wellbeing.

9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - We need to respect the will of the overwhelming majority of Arizona voters and protect our state's public lands. The operative word here is "public." Our legislature has a history of privatizing everything it can get away with, instead of protecting the public as a whole.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
First, we need to incentivize investing in n renewable energy so that we can reduce carbon emissions. Second, we need to set stronger emissions standards for a variety of industries. In order to take action on these critical environmental issues, we need to elect a new legislative majority. Currently, there are legislators who do not believe in science and who don't believe in climate change.

Legislative District 29

Senate Candidate
Martin Quezada

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
The first priority will be getting the COVID-19 virus under control.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - Ideally, the state should be setting strong environmental and public health policies so there isn't a need for cities/towns to do it. But because that hasn't happened, we should empower cities/towns to enact policies that best serve their constituencies.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
2 - The only element of the question I'm not firmly supportive of is the tax credits. I can be supportive of tax credits if they include a sunset date and if there is proof that they are accomplishing their underlying goal. I do believe that can be accomplished with these.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

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5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - There were major lead problems in the schools in my legislative district during the past 2 years.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.

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7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.

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8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.

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9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.

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Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Strengthen our mass transit system to reduce reliance on individual vehicles; encourage the use of electric vehicles; expand the use of solar; limit the influence of money (spent mostly by AZ's largest utility companies) in campaign elections among many other things.

House Candidate

Richard Andrade

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?
Funding and improving our infrastructure, public education funding, jobs that pay a livable wage, offer quality affordable healthcare and a pension which does not rely on the government.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.
1 - I believe in local control.
3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.
1 - Public Education has to be fully funded as well.
4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.
1 - Yes especially since our water is a precious resource.
5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.
1 - Which is why a priority of mine is our infrastructure, replacing lead pipes is one of those priorities.
6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - I also supported buying electric buses to reduce the carbon imprint, to eliminate the pollution caused by diesel, which impacts poorer communities with the number of students with asthma related health concerns.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - Yes as well as more light rail and commuter rail service.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - So future generations can enjoy them and not in a museum.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - So future generations can enjoy Az's beauty.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?

Our planet is heating up. We need to reduce carbon emissions drastically. We also need to bring many stakeholders together, from Labor to Environmentalists on how we can reduce carbon emissions while providing jobs with livable wages, quality affordable healthcare and other benefits.

House Candidate

Teddy Castro

1. If elected, what will be your top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

Increase funding for education.

Attract Job Growth and prevailing wages.

Support initiatives to increase affordable homeownership.

For the following, please answer on a scale of 1 (firmly support) to 5 (firmly opposed). Please also provide an explanation for your response.

2. Cities and towns should be able to set stronger environmental and public health policies than the state.

1 - Cities have a responsibility to gauge the needs for their community.

3. The legislature should enact water saving, energy efficiency and/or renewable energy, such as solar, tax credits.

1 - We need to instill credits to offset the heavy cost of utilizing renewable energy source to balance our consumption of energy and water across the board.

4. The legislature should do more to help Arizonans save money by saving water and energy, such as amplifying a public awareness campaign and/or supporting policies that reduce water and energy consumption (of which water use can be significant) in products.

1 - We need to increase awareness of water and energy saving techniques to ensure our water tables continue to support 100 year longevity and reduce energy consumption from providers.

5. The Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality should be required to annually test and report on lead in the drinking water of schools.

1 - There is no reason any child should be concerned of lead in every day drinking water.

6. *Although electric vehicles may cost more up front, their lifetime cost is less than gas-powered vehicles.* The legislature should direct the state to prioritize purchasing electric vehicles in its fleet and for use with state funding, e.g. school buses.
1 - As a state we should be the first to show how we are investing in our future by utilizing electric vehicles for any department or company that receives state funding.
7. The legislature should do more to increase transportation options, such as providing support for public transit and/or walkable and bikeable communities.
1 - More communities are wanting more ways to travel using more efficient public methods.
8. The legislature needs to do more to protect endangered species.
1 - Nature protection should always be a priority for Arizona as we a nature driven attraction to our economy.
9. The legislature needs to safeguard our *public* lands from mining and overgrazing.
1 - Our natural resources should be safeguarded for future generations.

Please provide your thoughts:

10. What, if anything, do you think the legislature should do to reduce the impacts of climate change?
Introduce bills that provide incentives for residential and commercial to utilize renewable energy resources to slow down the impacts to climate change in our growing Arizona state.