



State Legislature

Please record a video to answer the following questions:

1. Share with us the qualifications that make you a leading candidate for this office? Why are you running?
2. If endorsed by the Chandler Chamber, what does your engagement plan look like with the Chamber and Arizona businesses following the election?
3. What is most important to Arizona's economic future and what steps would you take to meet those needs?

Please answer the following questions in writing:

1. If endorsed by the Chandler Chamber, what does your engagement plan look like with the Chamber and Arizona businesses following the election?

In my time in office, I have remained connected to the business community in a variety of ways, including through the work of the Chandler Chamber and other chambers in the state. I maintain an open door and open lines of communication, and regularly seek out input from the business community regarding legislation, especially what I sponsor. I have attended and spoken at numerous chamber events and will continue to do so. My engagement with the business community and my role supporting legislation that helps create jobs has earned me numerous awards and recognitions over the years, including, just this year, the Guardian of Small Business Award from NFIB and the Issue Champion Award from the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

2. Individual states compete globally for business development, attraction, and expansion. What are your plans to ensure Arizona continues to remain competitive not only in retaining its current businesses but in attracting new ones?

Over the last several years I have authored laws that help maintain and improve Arizona's competitiveness for attracting businesses, encouraging their growth and fostering job creation. The key ingredients include reducing the tax and regulatory burden and ensuring we have a qualified workforce. To that end, I wrote the law reforming our tax code in a way that reduces income taxes on small businesses, and authored the law reducing commercial property taxes, which are disproportionately high. And as the Commerce Committee chairman I pushed numerous measures that cut red tape. I have also sponsored or supported measures that invest more resources in our K-12 and Higher Education systems, particularly in the classroom. For instance, I ran the bill to increase teacher pay by 20%, which was the largest education investment in our classrooms in state history.

3. What measures do you support to improve and secure elections and voting access in Arizona?

I have prime sponsored several measures aimed at improving the integrity and security of our elections, as well as access by voters. This year's measures include: improving election recounts and auditing (SB 1259), removing duplicate registrations (SB 1260), allowing voters to have their early ballots machine-counted at the polls on election day (SB 1362), ensuring early ballots can be tracked when returned (SB 1411). All of these became law except SB 1259, which passed both chambers but came up one vote short in a final roll call

vote on the last day of session. In addition, and perhaps most significantly, I authored SCR 1012, the voter ID legislation, which is on this November's ballot as Prop 309.