

## **Attorney General**

## Please record a video to answer the following questions:

- 1. Why are you running for Attorney General and what are your qualifications?
- 2. Name an Arizona leader, either current or past, whose approach to public policy you align with. From a policy perspective, please explain why you chose this leader.
- 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 elected to represent Arizona as Attorney General, what are your top three priorities?
- My top three priorities as Attorney General are:
  - Consumer Protection especially from fraud and scams aimed at elderly Arizonans
    - Arizonans filed more than 15,000 fraud complaints with the Attorney General's office last year alone. This is an area where the public needs protection, and unfortunately, our current AG has diverted funds earmarked for consumer protection to pay for legal battles that have nothing to do with consumer fraud.
  - Water security and clean air protecting Arizonans from climate change and pollution
    - With Lake Mead and Lake Powell at lower levels than ever, and extreme heat continuing to bake our desert, special efforts need to be taken to conserve water in Arizona and to fight climate change. As Attorney General, I will aggressively stand up for Arizona's water rights.
  - Voting Rights and Secure Elections protecting every Arizonan's right to vote and have that vote counted.
    - One legislator said last session that "everybody shouldn't be voting" and that the legislature had to consider "the quality" of someone's vote. Our legislature is trying to make it hard for brown and black people to vote, and harder for poor people to vote. As Attorney General I will legally intervene against corrupt efforts such as the partisan audit of Maricopa County's 2020 election that was done last year. Wherever possible, I will seek to oppose these attacks on voting rights in federal court, including the US Supreme Court.

2. Arizona faces a workforce shortage, and criminal convictions create barriers for people who are trying to find jobs or housing. What policies will you promote to help reduce these barriers?

I believe that low level drug possession crimes should be expunged from people's records after they have served their time, or if the crime itself is no longer illegal (in the case of marijuana legalization, for instance). People who have been incarcerated can only move forward with their lives if they are able to get jobs. As Attorney General, I will ask for a review of policies that create barriers for formerly incarcerated people, with an eye toward working with the legislature to achieve justice in this area.

3. Pertaining to immigration, how would you improve the system of border control and ports of entry into the US?

Border Security is a federal responsibility, and as Attorney General, I will not allow the federal government to neglect that responsibility. The federal government clearly needs to improve its response to increased numbers of asylum seekers with more personnel, immigration judges and resources to humanely manage the situation.

I will coordinate with state, local and national law enforcement to go after the cartels who engage in drug trafficking, weapons trafficking and human trafficking. We have a Fentanyl crisis that is out of control: destroying families and killing people. These are very serious problems that demand serious action — not an endless succession of press conferences at the border with all bark and no bite. Our border can only be secured through a combined team effort with county sheriffs, local police departments, state agencies like the Department of Public Safety, and federal agencies like the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice.