

Governor

Please record a video to answer the following questions (Keep responses brief, 2-minute max per question):

- 1. Why are you running for governor and what are your qualifications?
- I was born and raised right here in Arizona. I love this state.
- Growing up, my parents and my church taught me the value of service to your community. Early on I knew I wanted to help other people.
- So I became a social worker and helped run a domestic violence shelter. I was working day in and day out with the most vulnerable people in Arizona.
- I loved making a difference in the lives of people I was working with, but I wanted to fix the problems that were causing people to end up in these situations in the first place.
- I didn't see our elected officials doing anything about it, so I ran for office.
- In the legislature, I worked with two Republican governors to expand healthcare access to over 500,000 Arizonans, tackle the opioid epidemic, and hold criminals accountable by working to clear the rape kit backlog.
- And as Secretary of State, I took a wasteful and mismanaged office, streamlined operations, fixed broken systems, and made it accountable to the people of Arizona.
- And just in time, because in 2020 despite ongoing attacks on the integrity of our election systems – I oversaw the most secure election in our state's history with historic participation.
- Today, I'm running for governor to continue doing what has been my life's work for this state: deliver accountability, transparency, and results for the people of Arizona.
- 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.
- The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors 4 of whom are Republicans have shown courage and determination in the face of continued attacks on our democracy. They have stood up to the election deniers and conspiracy theorists who are still trying to overturn the will of the voters and sow distrust in our democratic systems. I'm grateful to them for doing what's right for the people of Arizona. Putting country above party is something I deeply admire and respect.
- 3. What is most important to Arizona's economic future and what steps would you take to meet those needs?
- As Governor, I want to make Arizona the best place to live, work, and raise a family.
- To make that happen, my top priorities to secure Arizona's economic future will:
 - Make it easier to start a small business by cutting red tape and expanding access to capital;
 - Promote the creation of good-paying jobs with comprehensive benefits; and
 - Address the rapid increase in the cost of living.
- My Affordable Arizona economic relief plan will help lower costs for Arizonans by breaking down the barriers to work. We can do more to train our workforce for the

- sustainable jobs that we know are growing Arizona's economy, which is why I will create a refundable tax credit for career and technical education opportunities.
- And my plan establishes a state-level child tax credit, which will help ensure Arizonans
 can afford quality child care so that they can fully participate in the workforce. This will
 help strengthen our businesses, while reducing poverty, and will help families put money
 towards other essential needs such as school supplies, diapers, and education.
- Finally–just as I did in the legislature and as Secretary of State–I'll break through the partisan gridlock to work with Democrats and Republicans to streamline operations, fix broken systems, and make the government more accountable to the people.

Please answer the following questions in writing (Answer in no more than 100 words):

- 1. What are the most pressing challenges facing Arizona businesses today? What are your solutions to this problem?
- Access to a well-educated and skilled workforce, lack of affordable housing, and Arizona's water crisis. Here's what I will do:
 - Take bold action to cut red tape for businesses and support capital investment, while preserving a stable tax environment that's contributing to our robust economy;
 - Create well paying, sustainable jobs that can't be outsourced;
 - Ensure schools provide every student, no matter where they live, a high-quality education so we're educating the next generation of leaders and innovators here in Arizona:
 - o Develop more affordable housing options; and
 - o Take serious action now to address our water crisis and secure our water future.

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

- As governor, I will work with all stakeholders to develop initiatives under my administration, including expanding access to capital and cutting red tape to start a business. Arizona's small businesses have not had a clear line of communication with government to ensure they are getting the support they need. They will have a direct line to my administration through the formation of a Small Business Council, which will bring together small business owners, advocacy groups, and government officials to ensure the best ideas to help small businesses thrive are implemented. I'm committed to engaging with the Chandler Chamber of Commerce as governor because of the valuable perspectives the Chamber brings.
- 3. The education and skills gap in Arizona has caused a large number of individuals in the workforce who lack the job skills to meet the needs of Arizona businesses. How will you increase investment in youth and adult education, training, and employment services to meet these needs?
- Arizona can be a national leader in the innovation economy by creating jobs in goodpaying industries such as healthcare and advanced manufacturing. To meet that goal, we need to empower all Arizonans to pursue the education that best suits their needs and provide the assistance they need to up-skill into jobs that provide robust benefits.

That's why I will expand on the promise scholarship to make community college and universities more affordable, provide tax credits for vocational education, and improve primary education by putting more dollars in the classroom, raising teacher pay, and expanding access to preschool and kindergarten.