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I am the best candidate to represent because my top priorities advance those of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. • Securing the border will help significantly reduce the volume of increasingly dangerous drugs — fentanyl and opioids in particular. • As a former small business owner myself, I am dedicated to growing our economy, protecting taxpayers, and supporting small businesses, which are the engine to our economy and the lifeblood in our communities. • I believe in and support the constitution, in particular the Second Amendment, which guarantees law-abiding citizens the right to own and bear arms for self-defense and protection of our children and families, and the First Amendment because without free, uncensored speech we can't have an open and honest dialogue based on facts to draw our own conclusions. • I support the rights of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children, and empowering them to determine the kind of education they believe is best for their children. • I support our police, veterans, and military. As a former police officer, I understand how critical law and order are to society. We must support our men and women in blue and give them the tools and resources they need to keep our neighborhoods safe. We must also protect the earned rights and benefits of our Veterans and Military.

Q: If elected, what priorities will you have in the legislature?

1. Securing the border; 2. Restoring and growing our economy by protecting taxpayers and supporting small businesses; 3. Supporting and defending the Constitution and fundamental rights, especially the rights of free speech and self-defense; 4. Parental rights to direct the education and upbringing of their children; and 5. Supporting and protecting our police, veterans, and military.

Q: What is your view of relationship between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (and all tribes) and Arizona Legislature?

My view is that we are all integral parts of the fabric of Legislative District 8. The SRPMIC, along with neighboring cities of Mesa, Scottsdale, and Tempe, are growing rapidly. We should work collaboratively toward local policy solutions while respecting the self-governance of each community.

Q: What do you believe are the most important issues facing tribal communities such as the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community?

Ensuring safe neighborhoods; fostering a vibrant and diverse economy to promote the economic well-being of all community members; strengthening fundamental rights of free speech, self-defense, and self-governance through transparent and accountable government; parent-driven educational options customized to the needs of their children; bolstering local law enforcement to help keep communities safe; ensuring veterans, military members, and their families receive the health, housing, education, and other benefits they have earned. Although many of our Legislative District 8 communities face similar challenges, the community impacts of these challenges are unique. Collaboration among our Legislative District 8 communities benefits all of our communities by helping identify effective policies, while strengthening local governance helps ensure those policies are customized to meet the particular needs of the SRPMIC.

Q: What is your position on expansion of off reservation gaming, including sports betting and mobile sports betting?

Reaching new markets, broadening the customer base, and diversifying revenue streams are just some of the potential advantages of expanding off-reservation gaming. Such expansion can be an important component of a broader strategy for fostering a diverse and vibrant local economy.