

1. A passion and a belief that I can make a difference. My team and I have been blessed to help thousands from our area with issues, problems and some of the great difficulties of life.

2. I have been given the honor to represent the Salt River Community in Congress for 10 years. Previously, I served as the Maricopa County Treasurer, chairman of the Arizona state board of equalization and two terms as a state legislator.

In between the public service, my wife and I have run a real estate investment business.

I grew up in a neighborhood close to the Community, attended Saguaro High School and Arizona State University for both my undergraduate and MBA degrees.

3. My main objectives have been to fight for public policies that promote growth and opportunity. We need to embrace technology to change the cost and availability of healthcare. Protecting the environment using technology breakthroughs is a high priority as well. Finally, I have a particular passion in working on policies that will bring retirement security for every American.

4. I am proud of my personal and professional relationship with the Community's leadership and residents and look forward to building on those relationships in the coming years. Because I am on or near the reservation every day I am in Arizona, my life experiences inform my work as a Member of Congress in ways that are very unique. I have a demonstrated passion for defending sovereignty and being a voice for Indian country. In the most recent difficult months, my team and I have worked tirelessly to make sure the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community has been treated fairly and equitably by Washington, receiving COVID-19 resources just as have state and local governments.

5. I have been recognized as a national leader on the subject of tribal sovereignty because of my demonstrated commitment to uphold Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution, which provides that Congress work on a government-to-government basis when address policies impacting Indian tribes. For years, I have worked closely with Native Communities to address issues involving the BIA, the IHS, and the Bureau of Indian Education, the fair implementation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and working for reforms that would benefit the Community and each of its members.

6. The Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community has become one of the most

powerful economic and cultural engines in Arizona. The Community's charitable giving has had an impact throughout the state and the employment opportunities provided on the Community's land has been important for economic growth and job opportunities for thousands – including my wife who works on the Community.

7. Working on tribal tax issues is one of my specialties. Having the opportunity to serve on the committee charged with federal tax policy, the Ways and Means Committee, has allowed me to advocate for Indian country on a number of tax related issues, including addressing inequities in the law, such as the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) and Social Security fairness. We've had a number of successes, but there's still a long way to go. I have always supported tax equity and will continue to do so in the future.

8. I have advocated for a more tribal-centric focus when providing transportation funding, including allowing communities to have much greater control over how the resources are spent. I am proud to have supported the Community's efforts to secure federal funds to address the needs of Pima Road, a huge win for the entire area.

9. As we suffer through the COVID-19 pandemic we must all come together and focus on health, safety and bringing back economic vitality.

10. There's a long list of priorities and responsibilities that come from the pandemic. Understanding why some communities have been hit much harder than others. Understanding what we did right and what we've done wrong and how do we reach out through federal and local and tribal policy to deal with the economic and health hardships facing all communities.

As we work to keep our community healthy we must recognize the financial and emotional hardships that the virus has brought to so many. Understanding these difficulties and working on them is something we do every day in our congressional office.

If there's anyone from the community that I can be of help to please give me the opportunity – my personal cell number is 602-619-3330.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the questions.

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