

## AZCOPS Candidate Questionnaire, 2010

Please complete the following questionnaire – attaching additional pages if necessary -- and return it by **August 13, 2010**, to AZCOPS, 333 W. Fort Lowell Road, Suite #211, Tucson, AZ 85705. For more information about AZCOPS, go to [www.azcops.org](http://www.azcops.org).

1. Will you support/introduce Meet and Confer or Collective Bargaining legislation to permit all public safety employees to negotiate an agreement or contract with their employers regarding wages, benefits and working conditions? Public safety employees include those employed by cities, counties, the State of Arizona, probation officers and corrections officers, as well as civilian support staff.

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2. Will you support/introduce legislation creating a Public Safety Employees Bill of Rights that would identify an officer's rights during internal administrative investigations?

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3. Will you support/introduce legislation limiting the power of the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) to suspend, revoke or limit a public safety officer's Peace Officer Certification in cases where the employee's local discipline has been reduced, changed or overturned by the local merit board, commission or manager?

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4. Currently, Probation Officers and support staff are required to abide by rules and regulations set by the courts, counties and the State of Arizona. Will you support/introduce legislation providing for one set of rules and regulations for all Probation Officers and support staff?

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5. Will you support/introduce legislation providing for the absolute right of all public safety employees to fully participate in election campaigns, as long as the employee is not on duty or in uniform when offering such support?

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6. Do you support the continuation of the current defined benefit retirement plan for public safety officers?

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7. Would you support the idea of allowing each organization representing city employees to negotiate wages, benefits and working conditions separately instead of being lumped into the “Me, too, Clause”?

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8. What are your views on allocating state funds to help cities hire additional officers?

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9. What would you do to improve the retention rate of public safety staff?

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10. Would you support legislation allowing correctional officers and community corrections officers to carry concealed weapons nationwide?

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11. What is your position on privatization of Arizona prisons?

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12. Would you support legislation requiring any entity operating a private correctional facility to provide full disclosure of their financial and operational records?

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13. Do you support closing the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC)? Would you support privatizing ADJC?

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14. Which funding source would you prefer for ADJC – county or state?

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15. Do you believe more cuts should be made to ADJC? If so, please identify them.

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16. Would you support the transfer of Capitol Police to the Arizona Department of Public Safety as a cost-saving measure?

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17. Do you support the universal election of all judges as opposed to the current system of appointment and retention elections?

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18. If elected, what would be your top three public safety priorities?

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19. If given the opportunity, would you like to meet individually with the AZCOPS Elections Committee?

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