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MY POSITIONS SUPPORTING ALL OF YOU IN THE 2ND DISTRICT

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FULL DISCLOSURE FROM ME- The following is a synopsis of many of my positions on issues in alphabetical order of my position on many topics and issues in the great 2nd District of Arizona. There is no specific order of priority, it is alphabetical. I encourage YOU to look and study them closely and give me questions on any of them that are not clear or YOU disagree with. I want to hear from YOU if YOU agree too. I truly feel that YOU and I will have the exact same concerns and position on each topic or issue. YOU can see a more detailed response on my website at www.jschmidt.us and see my FACEBOOK page at “James Schmidt for Congress” in YOUR search engine. YOU are important to me! **Note- I address more issues on my website.**

1. **America's Economy-**The budget MUST be balanced, a full federal budget MUST be approved, spending MUST be controlled, and Americans national debt MUST be reduced soon. Easy to say and damn hard to do but it MUST be done. I cannot address this alone!
 2. **America's Second Amendment-** **This is a high priority for me.** I 1000% support and will protect the 2nd Amendment! I have held a Federal Firearms License for 39 years and now own and operate a rifle ammunition manufacturing company. You can count on me to fight hard!
 3. **American Prisoners in Foreign Countries-** We must NEVER pay for the return of any American prisoners! If we have to take them by force I support that when all other methods have failed. I support President Trump on his handling of these matters.
 4. **Americas Border Security-** **This is a high priority for me.** I 1,000% support President Trump on ALL his plans. I worked on and off the Border for 10 years with the USDA. I know the issues and I support all types of barriers (Walls), more manpower, and technology on our border.
 5. **Anti-Semitic actions-** **This is a high priority for me.** This concerns me a great deal and more research as to exactly why this occurring at such an alarming rate in America is required on my part. I need to understand to help. The Jewish community can count on me to help.
 6. **Animal Protection-** This issue is very sensitive in America today and needs addressing in a non-emotional yet caring manner. I do not support everything that animal activist's demand that is just completely outside common sense. These activists have their right to their opinion but that opinion being **forced** on all of America cannot happen. A careful balance is required when it comes to animal protection. I will look for that balance. I look forward to working with all the animal protections groups too.
 7. **Budget Deficit-** **This is a high priority for me.** The wild uncontrollable spending MUST stop now! Balancing the budget and approving a budget each year will help. Easy to say and hard to do! I cannot address this alone and need to join others that feel the same way.
 8. **Bureau of Land Management-** This agency oversees some 247.3 million acres for the American Public. The mission of the BLM is "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations." But they can be a real problem for our ranchers in the 2nd District with many restrictions. This includes all responsible mining that I do support.. I intend to hit this head on for our ranchers and other businesses.
 9. **Campaign Finance Reform-** To spend a million dollars to get a \$200,000 per year job is just plain wrong. This MUST be brought under control! Federal and State laws will be required.
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10. **Charities**-I support all legally operating charities of all types and causes. I do believe that charities must not be allowed to defraud donors. False advertising and full disclosure on how their money is spent MUST be required. We need stiffer regulations on how charities can be structured.
11. **China**- I 100% support the manner in which President Trump is handling the situation.
12. **Climate Change**- I believe in climate change issues fully. I believe that we MUST carefully study and understand just what is happening NOW and MAY happen in the future based on FACTS and exactly how our world, not just the United States, is impacting all of this. Over reacting and becoming emotional and even stupid with unprovable solutions is NOT the answer. The sky may fall but it is not today or foreseen to be in the near future.
13. **Closing Government**- I 100% supported President Trump when he closed the government. If we cannot cooperate with each other in getting things done then shut it all down until we do. I feel he did not wait long enough before reopening the government. Stop the salaries of the members of the House and Senate too!
14. **Collection Agencies**- I strongly support changes in the debt collection laws in America. There have been improvements over the years and more are required. Debtor/collectors MUST be required to provide details of what they are claiming you owe not just a number. Most of this is addressed at the State level and I will help them in any way I can be effective.
15. **Consumer Debt**- **I do not believe that government need to interfere with this.** No one forced the consumer to spend the money they did so let them figure a way out of their financial problems.
16. **Crime**- As our population increases and even in a strong economy crime continues. I totally support EVERY effort to stop or prevent crime of any type in America. This is easy to say and difficult to do I know but we MUST try. Restricting firearms is NOT the answer!
17. **Credit Card Interest Rate**- **Government has no business being involved in the free trade** between consumers and businesses. While I do not like the high interest rates either it is a financial system that can manage itself. Consumers can manage their own debt issues too. I will not agree to restricting free trade!
18. **Disability**- I support more streamline and clearer regulations, policies, and laws supporting our disabled. I have dealt directly with the disabled in public transportation for 19 years. I understand their concerns. The expansion of current financial support for the disabled of all types must be reviewed on a regular basis at the state and federal level. This is NOT hard!
19. **Drones**- This is a growing problem in America and more and more drones are developed and sold. So the skies could be full of drones doing many tasks or just snooping around. Most communities do not have regulations on drones and the federal government through the FFA are just beginning to look at it all. Action is required. America's privacy must be maintained from these drones too.
20. **Education for the 2nd District**- I have great concern about our education system in the 2nd District. I am aware of many complaints about this too. Concerns about what we teach, what our teachers say to our children, how our schools are administrated, how our school safety is managed and much more. Teachers buying their own supplies! I need more information to help in this area.
21. **Elderly Care**- A growing and concerning problem in how this is performed and how it is paid for. Most of this is addressed by State government and should remain there.
22. **Equality**- **This is a high priority for me.** EVERYONE MUST be treated fairly at all times on everything. Each American MUST be afforded the same opportunities. That does not mean that if a person is NOT as qualified as another that they should advance before being fully qualified. Fairness and common sense must go along with equality.
23. **Federal Debt Issues**- **This is a high priority for me.** Also addressed with the section on Budgets and Spending. We MUST get a balanced budget soon and we MUST control spending TODAY! Not tomorrow. It will require ALL of Congress and the Senate to solve this serious issue.
24. **Federal Judges Appointment**- **This is a high priority for me.** This process is very slow and careful consideration is required for each appointment. But this process can be streamlined too. We must remove some of the regulations that have slowed this process to take two years instead of just a few months. That must occur now. I plan to look into this closely.

25. **Federal Workman's Compensation Program-** This is a required Federal Program for all Federal employers. Yet it is one of the worst insurance programs that exist today. A full review of its policies, procedures, and programs MUST occur soon. We must look closely at privatizing this entire section of our government. It is an excellent candidate.
26. **Federal funding-** I agree with President Trump that federal funds should only go to government entities that comply with all current federal policies and laws. Not to sanctuary Cities, Counties, or States.
27. **Fiscal Responsibility-** The definition of fiscal responsibility varies as per the situation. It is used mainly in politics, and in certain scenarios, in the subject of pure finance as well. In the simplest terms, it means using your money wisely, without overspending or otherwise. With reference to the broader spectrum, this spending could involve the firm/country's economy and its effects on people. I support this 1000%.
28. **Health Care Protection- This is a high priority for me.** This is a growing tragedy in America BUT the facts are badly skewed too by the liberal left and the media. If it were possible America should provide low cost of totally free healthcare to all its legal citizens but presently it cannot. It is far too costly to all the legal Americans because providing it free is not really free. Someone is paying the bill. We must continue to try and get solutions to this critical problem in America.
29. **Hillary Clinton-** She has broken the law in many ways and yet remains investigation and conviction proof for some unknown reason. I will help any action that will properly prosecute this woman (if found guilty) for all she has done to the fullest extent of the law.
30. **Honoring our Great Veterans- This is a high priority for me.** The great men and women who have served our country proudly MUST receive ALL that the military promised them when they enlisted and all along their career. They MUST receive quality and fast healthcare, receive all their benefits promised, all of their support promised, and all the respect they deserve.
31. **Homeless-** This is a growing problem that includes a large number of our veterans. I strongly believe this MUST be addressed immediately at ALL levels. AT the federal level it is our responsibility to help get our veterans off the street as soon as possible. All the rest of the homeless need our help too so they can return to be a meaningful part of society. That does not mean giving them money or a free house either. There are other ways to help them.
32. **Immigration Reform- This is a high priority for me.** America is in danger and all of the illegal immigrants are in danger because of our current outdated immigration policies. Congress MUST act to protect all involved in this horrible situation. They must be held accountable for not acting on this problem.
33. **Infrastructure- This is a high priority for me.** I agree with President Trump that this must be addressed NOW! Private and public physical improvements such as roads, bridges, tunnels, water supply, sewers, electrical grids, and telecommunications (including Internet connectivity and broadband speeds) are required. This does not mean that government pays for all of it though.
34. **Israel-** I support President Trump on his position on Israel and ALL our Jewish friends and legal citizens. They can all count on me for anything they need my help on.
35. **Iran Nuclear Deal -** I 100% support President Trump's position on this. That 1.973 billion dollars could have paid for a lot of badly needed services and items in America!
36. **Jobs for the 2nd District- This is a high priority for me.** At last report the jobless rate in the great 2nd District was around 7% when the rest of America is 3.5%. Not good! Frankly I must carefully look at ALL aspects of the employers currently in the 2nd District to determine who and just what we will need to do to make it better. Sadly there is never a quick solution but I totally support President Trump in ALL his plans to improve the nation's economy.
37. **Labor Unions-** I have absolutely no issue with professionally managed and reasonable labor unions. In certain industries there will always be labor unions. Blue collar or professional.
38. **Legislative Relationship-** This is important to me. I want to greatly increase the working relationship between our State legislator and other political leaders at all levels who make the laws and spend the money in our 2nd District. I want to help them get all the federal funds available and I will make sure they are spending as they should.

39. **Marijuana**- I have a difficult time with this issue. Reports from Colorado about its legislation are not very good at this time. There are more and more healthcare related reports showing that marijuana may not be all that effective for medically related issues. BUT I am keeping an open mind on this all as more information is gathered. Your input is very helpful in this matter.
40. **Marriage**- I totally support marriage. This is sadly a big issue in America. We average about 3 million marriages per year. The issue of mixed marriages has dropped considerably but the issue of same sex marriages remains very high. I remain open on this issue and more research on my part. Your input to me is very helpful.
41. **Medicare Protection**- This is a High Priority for me. While Medicare is an excellent healthcare program for our retiree's it is not perfect and needs some reform to better serve those it is intended for. I do not support Medicare for all in anyway.
42. **Military Families Support**- It is every single American citizen's responsibility to support our military and their families. You do not have to believe in war to support them either. Our government under our supervision should provide continued programs that better support the needs of our military families. They sure have my strong support.
43. **Minimum Wage**- All Americans should earn a fair wage for a fair days' work. American business requires workers at a wage rate they can afford too. It is foolish to think that raising the minimum wage will solve all financial problems of that class of worker. Companies faced with higher costs MUST respond by raising prices, laying off workers, or just plain going out of business. Raising the minimum wage will have many repercussions that MUST be considered. Some are very negative.
44. **NAFTA**- I support President Trumps new *USMCA*. There MUST be a balance of trade between all countries and especially between border countries that works for all involved. Without it our American companies and business men and women will not get fair treatment in the market place.
45. **Natural Resources**- America has vast Natural Resources that must be carefully managed. These Natural Resources can be harvested with proper oversight and can be enjoyed by the American people with care. These National Resources can be exhausted or polluted too. I support the very careful use of all of Americas Natural Resources by professional management. The citizens that use these National Resources MUST be involved in that professional management. It can NOT BE left to government alone. This includes all responsible mining.
46. **National Forest Management**-The U.S. Forest Service is due to have some investigation into what the problems are in managing our Nations Forests. There are too many reports of issues by Ranchers and others that use the nation's forests. Policies must be reviewed and come into line with today's needs.
47. **National Sales Tax**- I have always supported a National Sale Tax idea. It could work very well but it would be greatly opposed by many and the federal government would screw it up in its design I fear. The current income tax would have to stop as the National Sales Tax came in. Easy to say and very hard to do.
48. **NEPA**-The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is a United States environmental law that promotes the enhancement of the environment and established the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). This process is well intending but can be a nightmare and heavy restrictor for those that work on and with the land in America. Very careful oversight is required to insure that this process is properly and fairly administered.
49. **Ninth Circuit Court**- I 100% support President Trumps thinking about splitting up the huge Ninth Circuit Court. It is far too large to correctly and properly cover the area assigned so long ago.
50. **North Korea**- I 100% support how President Trump is addressing this hostile government.
51. **OBAMA Care**- This is a high priority for me. (Affordable Healthcare Act) I 100% support President Trump's position to totally eliminate this very bad health care program.
52. **Opioids Crisis**- I 100% support President Trump's position and effort to fight this serious issue. Opioids are responsible for the worst drug epidemic ever to hit the United States.
53. **Paris Climate Agreement**- I 100% agree with how President Trumps is handling this situation. I totally agree that we must be concerned about the planet and all aspects of pollution but we must be involved in realistic and achievable goals that do not take us back to the Stone Age.

54. **Political Term Limits-** I 100% support reasonable term limits for ALL political positions at every level of government in the United States. I do not know what the limits should be and may vary for each position class. I promise that my terms will not exceed two (2). When President Trump is gone so am I!
55. **Prison Reform-** This is an ever changing and required process. America incarcerates more people than any other country in the world. That is not a bad thing either but as societies priorities change, their focus, so should our prison policies. I do not support forgiving murderers, rapist, traitors to our country, child abusers, and similar. Each case has its merits and its negative aspects and all must be carefully considered. I strongly feel that the victim and their relatives MUST have a say in all prison reform too. Incorrect convictions and incorrect sentencing MUST be carefully looked at. Easy to say and hard to do but we must try!
56. **Public Transportation Issues-** America is behind in the continued up grading of all levels of mass transportation. Once 100% private it is now mostly public as we are a nation of automobiles. Ways to make more of our current public transportation private once again must be explored at all times. UMTA, the current funding source, must be examined annually on how its money use allocated.
57. **Ranching and Farming Issues-** These are complex issues about businesses that have a huge impact on America and ALL individual Americans. America no longer “feeds the world” as it once did. The Midwest is no longer the ”bread basket of the world” either. Developing countries around the world are becoming strong agriculturally based and aggressively and successfully competing. America must protect our farmers and ranchers and insure they can continue to produce products and compete on the open market. I know from a firsthand experience that farmers and ranchers do not want a hand out and they sure do not want government in their business either but they need protection.
58. **Regulation Reduction-** I 100% support President Trump’s efforts to wipe away unnecessary, costly, and burdensome government regulations. Of course great care, review, and research is required to proper action. Fewer regulations and government involvement is a very good thing for America.
59. **Right to Life- This is a high priority to me-** I 100% support President Trump’s position on this. I am 100% right to life supporter. YOU can count on me on this one!
60. **Right to Work-** I 100% support the right to work and never forced to join any group for any reason just to have a job. This may seem to conflict with my position on unions but it does not to me.
61. **Religion-** The continued separation of church and state is required. The current policies concerning our right to worship our own chosen religion must be maintained. However America cannot support any hostile religions that are dangerous to our citizens in general cannot exist in America.
62. **Russia Probe-** I totally support the findings of the Mueller Report that President Trump did NOT collude with the Russians ever! I am reading the Mueller Report now. Case Closed.
63. **Russia in General-** I agree with President Trump in trying to have good relations with Russia. We should have a policy to try into have open communications with every country in the world so that when issues come up we can talk to solve them without war.
64. **Sanctuary Cities, Counties, or States-** That is their right to determine if they wish to go against federal laws, regulations or policies. If they chose that route then they should surrender ALL federal funding and support. No exceptions in my opinion.
65. **Sanctions-** I 100% support President in his use of Sanctions. I understand why they are used.
66. **School Safety- This is a high priority for me.** I strongly believe that school safety must be managed at the State and Federal level. Our students and educators MUST be protected at all times at the highest level. This MUST be addressed immediately at all levels.
67. **Social Security Protection- This is a high priority for me.** This is working program that does have its flaws but it is working. Without this program many seniors would be in poverty and likely on the street with others. We must protect what we currently have and find ways to improve it for the future. This will be a tough job but I am committed to stand up for it and improve it. Congress must STOP taking money from Social Security and pay back what they have taken!
68. **Social Media-** Claiming to be ‘publishers’ does have some slight merit but under private ownership these companies are doing a poor job of managing themselves without prejudice. This must stop!

- 69. State's Rights-** I totally support each States rights to manage itself. There are some areas where the State should not or cannot manage certain areas and can only be handled at the Federal level. We can only address this on a case by case basis.
- 70. Student Loan Debt-** This is a growing problem BUT I do not support student debt forgiveness at the present time. This would unfairly make their college education free where others had to pay their own way. I would like the debt on my home forgiven too.
- 71. Syria-** I 100% support President Trump handling of Syria. We do need to leave when appropriate.
- 72. Tariffs-** I 100% support the use of tariffs to protect business in our country. Properly used tariffs help level the playing field so our businesses can compete on the world market.
- 73. Taxes-**Our current tax system has many problems and flaws but it is working. While I feel there are better ways to fund our federal government, this one works and must be under constant revision to continue to work to fund all levels of government.
- 74. U.S. Military-** I 100% support President Trump's support for the military and all its needs.
- 75. Venezuela-** I agree with President Trump in the manner he is addressing the current situation there.
- 76. Voter Fraud-** **This is a high priority for me.** There is no actual hard proof that extensive voter fraud exists in America there is a great feeling that things are just not correct. This has long been left to the individual States to manage and they are doing a very poor job of it. Perhaps it is time for the Federal government to step in and address it. I would totally support that action if proven to be helpful and have strong chances of success.
- 77. War-** I 100% support President Trump's position on not being in "endless wars". For example, 17 years in Afghanistan seems far too long. We are the most powerful force on the planet and yet we cannot defeat a small under financed opposition? This is wrong. Political interference is often the reason we do not make our wars fast and finished and this must end. If we commit to war then get in and get it over. Let's reduce the loss of American lives too. I agree that only Congress can declare war but our current Congress cannot collective decide where to go to lunch. The President must remain the "commander and chief" and be able to defend our country with his single decision.
- 78. Water-** This is more than a serious issue in both too much and not enough. Careful management is required at all times. The continued construction of water managing reservoir, dikes, and levies is required in flooding areas. The management and protection of our water resources in the desert areas is critical. It is a tough balance of water management and continued expansion.
- 79. Wildfire Management-** This is a priority to me. It is my experience that the leadership, not the boots on the ground, are in need of upgrading and perhaps replacement. There is far too much politics, indecision, and poor leadership involved today in wildfire management. This MUST STOP immediately. I will address this quickly.
- 80. Wild Horses-** This is a very sad and sensitive but important issue for America. I do not wish to see a single animal to suffer in anyway and the wild horse issue certainly is one that lends itself to that problem. No longer in America can any population of wild or domestic animals be allowed to just run free and grow in population uncontrollably as they did long ago. We do not allow this in livestock grazing and we do not allow that with deer, elk, or antelope for example either (hunting seasons). I will address this in my time in Congress.

[I have more issues addressed on my website at www.jschmidt.us](http://www.jschmidt.us)

