

Arizona Republic Questionnaire
From the Desk of State Senator David Braswell

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Occupation/main sources(s) of income: CEO and Co-founder of UpSlope Solutions LLC. UpSlope develops software and provides training in Legal Issues & Employee Discipline Risk Management in Education software and leadership staff development to public, charter and private schools throughout the nation.

Previous Occupation: Vice President, Plato Learning, President, Teachmaster Technologies LLC, Administrative Liaison, Karsten Manufacturing, Agency Administrator/Superintendent, High School Principal, Middle School Principal, Elementary School Principal, Teacher/Reading Specialist K-6, Middle School Teacher.

Education: BSED, Reading Specialist K-12, Middle School, Western Carolina University, MAED, Education Administration, Western Carolina.

Date of Birth: May 24th, 1956

Family: Wife, Rhonda Queen Braswell, married twenty-five years; Daughter, Chelsea Braswell Kipper, RN Nurse, 23; Son-In-Law, Tyler Kipper, Phoenix Police Detective, 27, Daughter, Kelly Braswell, Senior, NAU-Elementary Education, 21; Daughter, Courtney Braswell, Junior, Grand Canyon University, Business Major, 20.

How long have you lived in Arizona: We have lived in the same house in Moon Valley since arriving in Phoenix in January of 1993. 17 years.

Party Registration and length: Republican since registering at the age of 18.

Previous Public Offices Sought/Held: Elected Governing Board Member-Washington Elementary School District 1999-2002. Elected Governing Board Member-Glendale Union High School District 2003 through 2006 and President of the Board final year of term. Appointed-Washington Elementary School District Governing Board, 2008-2009. Elected Chairman, Legislative District 6 Republican Committee, January 2007 through February 10, 2010. Appointed, State Senate, Legislative District 6, February 8th, 2010 to present.

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Civic Organizations: Support Our Schools, (SOS) member; Joint Legislative Commission for All Day Kindergarten, member; Former Member of the State of Arizona Leadership Initiative serving the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

Public Funds: NO

Criminal Record or Outstanding Civil Judgments: NO

1. What is the best piece of political advice you ever received? A life long friend, Tom Leckey, Deputy Secretary of State in South Dakota, once told me that, “the key to being a successful politician was to stay true to your principles and remain focused on constituent services and their needs first and foremost. Never forget who elected you!”
2. What is your favorite book: “Team of Rivals”, by Doris Kearns Goodwin and “What Happened”, by Scott McClellan
3. What favorite movie has meaning for you? “Gods and Generals” a recount of the generals who lead the battles during the civil war and why the north won.
4. What is your favorite place in Arizona? My favorite place is a little trout stream on the Apache Indian Reservation. The scenery is breathtaking and wild. This area represents the best of Arizona and the roots from which she came.
5. Which AZ political figure past or present do you most admire and why? I admire Congressman John Shadegg and Congressman Trent Franks. Both of these men have stayed true to their core conservative principles and symbolize all that is good in a principled conservative public servant.
6. If you could choose any great American, past or present, as your closest adviser, who would it be? I would choose Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln proved time and again that there was hope when it appeared none could be found. He was steadfast and resolute and stayed focused on the big picture even when those serving him felt he was wrong. Lincoln saw the greatness of our country and the democratic principles it was founded on.