



For Arizona State Senate

## 2020 Capitol Times Candidate Questionnaire

*Note: most questions required responses of 100 words or less. Responses here are complete but may have been edited or truncated on the Capitol Times website.*

### Candidate Information

Bob Karp

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Born: Los Angeles, California

Moved to Arizona: 2005

Marital Status: Single

Graduated: B.A. Political Science UCLA 1971

Current Occupation & work history: Broker/Owner Karp Properties LLC 2011 – Present

### What legislative experience do you have?

None

### What political experience do you have?

2018 Ran for Arizona State Representative LD14

Eugene McCarthy for President 1968, District Campaign Coordinator (West Los Angeles)

Wilson Riles for California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Assembly District

Coordinator (West Los Angeles) George Brown for U.S. Senate, Campaign Manager, Lillian

Melgrano for Los Angeles City Council.

### List current past civic profession membership & dates of service

Board of Directors 2013 – 15 Southeast Arizona Association of REALTORS®, Inc. & Southeast Arizona Multiple Listing Service, Inc. 2015 President Southeast Arizona Association of REALTORS®, Inc. and Southeast Arizona Multiple Listing Service. City of Sierra Vista Planning & Zoning Commission 2018 – 2019

### Interests & Hobbies

Collecting first edition American Detective Fiction, Poker, Cycling, cooking.

### What do you consider the two biggest issues facing Arizona, and if elected, what will you do to address them?

As of 4/21/2020: The impact of the pandemic on Arizona economy and citizens. It is too early to know exactly how the economic dislocation will affect state revenues as well as the burden state government has in supporting health care, education, other social services, and city & county governments. That will be the focus of the 2020-2021 period.

Before the beginning of the pandemic: The other issues which would have been at the top are briefly described below:

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Water adequacy, under investment in education and infrastructure (roads, bridges, electric grid, high speed internet)

Water adequacy for areas in southeastern Arizona is now at crisis levels. The state needs to give ADWR the power to get the science right by finding out exactly how industrial agriculture wells are impacting aquifers and private residential wells.

Funding for both education and infrastructure needs to be done on a multi-year basis rather than as single one-time budget items. We cannot efficiently allocate resources when schools, and governments cannot plan for a sustained funding source over even short-term to midterm in years. One year funding only allows for short term solutions that don't solve systemic problems.

### How would you describe your fiscal philosophy and what are your budget priorities?

My fiscal philosophy is responsible, non-ideological, decision making of the use of taxpayer revenues. Investment in transparent, effective government programs that have potential for increasing Arizona economic activity and standard of living for Arizona residents. This includes reforming the budget process for more input from all stakeholders (majority & minority parties) as well as local levels of government. I believe in aggressive bipartisan oversight of spending by state government. Funding for public school education remains a priority, even in these difficult times.

### Name on person from a party other than yours who has earned your admiration and respect and why.

At the local level, Sierra Vista Mayor Rick Mueller who continues to be pragmatic, hard-working, reasonable, fair, and incredibly knowledgeable about municipal issues. At the federal level former UN Ambassador Colin Powell and former Secretary of Defense William Cohen both of whom served their country in multiple ways with honor and who represent the best of the GOP.

### For whom do you turn for advice on public policy issues?

I read four newspapers almost every day. I follow the editorial and opinion sections as well as read about elected officials whose ideas I respect. I talk to other candidates for public office as well as friends locally and in other states. For insights on being in the legislature and dealing with policy, former Arizona state representative Pat Fleming