

ABOUT US

The Secular Coalition for Arizona is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit advocacy organization that works to ensure a secular state government. We lobby on behalf of all individuals who believe that public policy free of religious preference is the best way to ensure freedom of conscience for Arizonans of all faiths and of none.

We also represent the Arizona nontheistic community – a vibrant and growing community of Arizonans who self-identify as atheists, agnostics, humanists, freethinkers, and other labels of personal choosing – to elected officials and government bodies in and from Arizona. We mediate the relationship between the nontheistic community and elected officials, and work to ensure that the law is never biased to the detriment and interests of Arizona's nontheists.

The Secular Coalition for Arizona is a state-affiliated organization of the [Secular Coalition for America](#) in Washington D.C., and we are the only state to have a full-time Director of Government Affairs working diligently to protect the separation of church and state at the Arizona State Capitol each day during the legislative session.

Secular Coalition for Arizona is operated by a [board of directors and executive staff](#), and receives policy influence and comment from [diverse liaised secular groups](#) throughout Arizona. Collectively, these organizations represent thousands of individuals.

Although we have been asked many times by our supporters to do so, Secular Coalition for Arizona does not endorse candidates. Instead, we offer you the opportunity to provide your position on issues important to our constituency. **We will present your answers on our website exactly as you submit it to us as part of the Secular Coalition for Arizona Candidate Guide.**

Our first Candidate Guide will be published in September 2018. **Please submit this completed document by replying to the request for e-signature. You may also email this completed form as an attachment to our Director of Government Affairs Tory Roberg at tory@secularaz.org.**

THANK YOU.

Instructions: Please indicate how strongly you agree with the following statements. Please make comments if you would like to clarify your statement. Your answers will be published exactly as you return it to us.

Candidate Name & Legislative District: Benjamin Carmitchel

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Benjamin Carmitchel (Sep 10, 2018)

1) Public tax dollars should not be used to fund private religious education, either directly through tax credit scholarships or indirectly through Empowerment Scholarship Accounts.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

2) Government should not endorse or legitimize religious medical practice including faith-based healing, religious vaccination exemptions, or by allowing physical abuse of children for religious reasons.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

3) Terminally ill, mentally capable persons with a prognosis of 6 months or less to live should have the right to obtain a prescription for that brings about a peaceful death.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

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4) Public schools should not teach “creationism” or “intelligent design” as viable alternatives to scientific theories on the origin of life.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

5) Religious institutions should not be exempt from the requirements and restrictions of tax policy that is imposed on all non-profit and charitable organizations.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

6) If a government meeting is opened with a prayer, it should be open and inclusive for representatives of all religious beliefs, including unpopular minority religions and people with no official beliefs or creed.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

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7) A statewide non-discrimination law is needed to protect all Arizonans from employment and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

8) A woman has a right to know if her health provider will refuse certain services, treatments, prescriptions, or withhold scientific information and options based on the provider's sincerely held religious beliefs.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

9) Comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education is a matter of public health and should be offered in public schools with parents having the right to opt-out.		
Please select a response 1-10	3	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

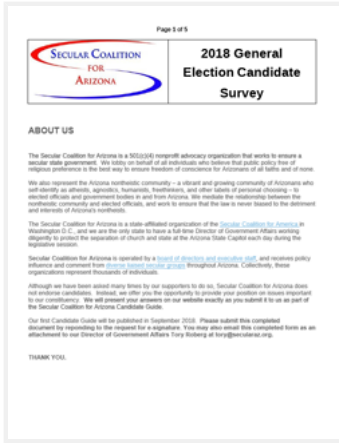
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10) Public employees deserve a workplace free from religious proselytizing and pressure by agency heads or other persons in authority.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

11) No one's right to government services or public accommodations should ever depend on passing the scrutiny of someone else's religious belief.		
Please select a response 1-10	10 - Strongly Agree	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

12) "God Enriches" is neither the accurate historical usage of "Ditat Deus" nor our official state motto.		
Please select a response 1-10	5	1= Strongly Disagree 10= Strongly Agree
Comments:		

Thank you for your responses.







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