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AZ Green Chamber Endorses William Mundell for AZ Corporation Commission

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The Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its endorsement of William “Bill” Mundell for Arizona Corporation Commission in the 2020 General Election. This endorsement is based on Mr. Mundell’s answers to an open-ended survey put together by the Board of Directors for the AZ Green Chamber of Commerce. The quotes below are selections from Mr. Mundell’s response to the survey. The survey included a broad swath of sustainability issues, from water and waste, to renewable energy and sustainable food systems.

When asked what policies, strategies or incentives he would pursue or support to encourage the growth of renewable energy jobs, Mr. Mundell commented: *“There needs to be a multi-governmental approach. Both the state and federal government should restore and increase credits and deductions in their tax codes. The Corporation Commission can incentivize distributed generation and rooftop solar, with rebates and net metering, like we did when I was a Commissioner (1999-2008) and Chair of the Commission (2001 & 2002). Counties, cities, towns can enact zoning ordinances that encourage distributed generation, such as solar and wind.”*

Responding to a question about the increasing need for heat mitigation in Arizona, Mr. Mundell said, *“The Commission can prohibit utility shutoffs in excessive heat. Most states prohibit shut off based on the time of the year and/or temperatures to prevent unnecessary deaths. I support a combination of the two. I support the Commission’s Emergency Rules that prohibit shutoffs from June 1 to October 15. I also supported Senate Bill 1542 that would have prohibited shutoffs by utilities, not regulated by the Commission, when temperatures are above 90 degrees.”*

Finally, when asked about the fact that many other cities, states and even nations are creating carbon neutrality goals, Mr. Mundell said, *“I support a “carbon neutrality” goal.”* Adding, *“... the Commission needs to dramatically increase the REST (renewable energy requirement) Rules. It also needs to renew and expand the Energy Efficiency Rules, which expire at the year of the year. I would also encourage the greater use of electric vehicles.”*

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