



Friends,

On Monday, I had the pleasure of attending Governor Ducey's State of the State Address. It was one of the best I have heard. I wanted to share with you some of the highlights:

**Education:**

I applaud the Governor's firm commitment to opportunity for all, as Governor Ducey said, "the quality of a child's education should not be determined by what neighborhood their parents can afford to live in."

Secondly, Governor Ducey made a commitment to put more money into classrooms and to cutting administrative costs. This means more money for our children and the teachers who teach them-teachers-the direct link to our children

**Fiscal accountability:**

Governor Ducey made the commitment of not taking more of our hard earned money than what is needed. To summarize and a direct quote: "If the problem is spending more than we have, the solution cannot be even more spending. Instead of demanding more revenue from the people, I suggest we demand more fiscal responsibility from government."

This is the right approach, and one that I will continue to advocate for at the City level as well.

**Cutting Red Tape/ Creating Jobs:**

I was pleased to hear that the Governor will focus on cutting red tape and growing our economy. He has called for a top-to-bottom review of all business regulations to eliminate those which are outdated, irrational, unfair, or destructive to free and honest enterprise. Additionally, he will be working to reduce the timeframes for issuing permits

When I chaired a committee to cut red tape, we created 24 hour permitting and license in Phoenix. Jobs were created today not months from now which benefits everyone.

I am very optimistic about the direction of the state under Governor Ducey's leadership.

My best to you and your family,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sal DiGiovanni". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "S" at the beginning.