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LETTER FROM THE COMMISSION

Dear Arizona Voter:

Your household is receiving this Voter Education Guide for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election because you or another resident is registered to vote. Our democracy relies on your participation. Thank you for registering to vote. This Guide is designed to help you take the next step and learn about the voting process and the candidates so you can cast an informed ballot on Election Day.

In this guide, you will find information on:

- Candidates running for the Arizona Corporation Commission (Page 11)
- Candidates running for the State Legislature from your district (Page 14)
- How to vote (Page 3)
- How to obtain an early ballot (Page 4)
- How to contact your county officials (Page 9)

This Voter Education Guide is published by the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission in order to provide non-partisan information about state elections. The Commission is an independent state agency made up of individuals who have sworn to faithfully administer the Clean Elections Act. The Act was passed by voters in 1998 and provides for a voter education program and campaign finance laws that promote participation and fight corruption in politics.

Voting is one way we can all participate in the political process and ultimately strengthen our democracy. Important decisions are made on every ballot and every vote counts. We hope the 2016 Primary Election Voter Education Guide, as well as other voter education tools provided by the Commission, help you vote informed on Election Day. Thank you for your participation in Arizona’s political process.

Respectfully yours,

Mitchell C. Laird, Chairman
Steve M. Titla
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Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Prior to the start of early voting in the Primary Election, one Voter Education Guide has been delivered to each household in Arizona that contains a registered voter.

The Guide contains statements, photos and contact information for the candidates that have their name printed on the primary ballot for the offices in the state legislature (State Senate and State House of Representatives) and the Corporation Commission. The legislative candidates in your Guide are specific to your legislative district.

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission encourages candidates to submit statements that reflect their campaign issues. Statements have been reprinted as submitted by the candidates and the Commission does not take responsibility for candidates that may have used their statement as an attack on their opponent(s). Candidate statements may have been edited for word count and layout only.

Congressional, Independent*, write-in and local candidates are not included in this Guide. Voters seeking information on these candidates may visit www.azcleanelections.gov to find their local election office.

*Independent candidates will be included in the 2016 General Election Voter Education Guide.

PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING INFORMATION

The Primary Election is Tuesday, **August 30, 2016**. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Key Dates:**

- Voter Registration Deadline - Monday, August 1, 2016
- Early Voting Begins - Wednesday, August 3, 2016
- Last Day to Request an Early Ballot - Friday, August 19, 2016
- Mail in Your Early Ballot - By Wednesday, August 24, 2016

**Who gets which ballot in the Primary Election?**

- Democratic Voter → Democratic Party Ballot
- Green Voter → Green Party Ballot
- Libertarian Voter → Libertarian Party Ballot
- Republican Voter → Republican Party Ballot
- Independent Voter → Democratic OR Green OR Republican Party Ballot (may only choose one – see page 4)

The Libertarian Party has a closed primary. Local, non-partisan ballots may be available. Please check with your County Recorder.
Voter Registration:

The deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election is **August 1, 2016**. If you need to register to vote or update your registration, please visit [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com). You may also obtain a paper form by contacting the Citizens Clean Elections Commission toll free at 877-631-8891 or your County Recorder.

Early Voting:

*Sign it, seal it, and send it!*

Early voting is available to any voter who prefers to vote by mail or in-person before Election Day. If you vote an early ballot, you DO NOT need to go to the polls on Election Day.

Vote by Mail:

- If you are a member of a political party and on the Permanent Early Voting List, your ballot will automatically be mailed to you.
- If you are an independent voter and on the Permanent Early Voting List, you must notify your County Recorder which partisan primary ballot you would like to receive.
- If you are not on the Permanent Early Voting List, you can request a one-time early ballot by contacting your County Recorder no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2016.

To track the status of your early ballot, including if it was mailed, received and counted, please visit: [https://voter.azsos.gov/](https://voter.azsos.gov/).

Early Voting in Person:

- To find an onsite early voting location, please contact your County Recorder/Elections Office.

Independent Voters:

*Independent voters can vote in the Primary Election.*

The Arizona Constitution allows independent voters to participate in the Primary Election. If you are an independent voter, you simply need to tell your County Recorder which partisan primary ballot you want to vote. You do not need to change your voter registration status.

- If you vote by mail, call or visit your County Recorder’s website to request your partisan primary ballot.
• If you vote at the polls on Election Day, tell the poll worker which partisan primary ballot you wish to vote.

Military & Overseas Voters:

Military and Overseas voters have special voting rights under federal and state law (Uniformed & Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)). These rights include the use of a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote and request an early ballot as well as the use of a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB), which serves as an emergency back-up ballot.

This Guide has been mailed to every Military and Overseas Arizona Voter; however, if you know someone who is covered under UOCAVA, please help us reach them and inform them of this Guide and the upcoming election.

For more information, UOCAVA voters should visit: www.azsos.gov/election/military.htm and https://www.fvap.gov/info/laws/uocava.

Voters with Disabilities:

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires every polling place to be accessible and have available (and set up for use) accessible voting equipment that may be used by any voter. Additional assistance may be available, such as curb side voting and braille and large print ballots. Voters should contact their County Elections Office for additional information.

Provisional Ballots:

If a voter’s eligibility cannot be determined at the polling place on Election Day, a provisional ballot will be issued to ensure the voter has the opportunity to vote. All provisional ballots are reviewed by the County Recorder and if the voter is deemed eligible, the provisional ballot will be counted.

To confirm your provisional ballot was received and counted, please visit: https://voter.azsos.gov/.

ARIZONA’S CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS ACT

The Citizens Clean Elections Act (Act) is a voter–approved initiative which established a Clean Elections System, including Clean Funding for participating candidates, voter education programs (including the sponsorship of candidate debates), requirements for timely election spending reports, and increased penalties for those who break the rules.

Candidates for legislative and statewide offices may participate in Clean Funding, which provides public financing of campaigns subject to strict rules. To qualify, a candidate must raise a number of $5 qualifying contributions from registered voters in their district
or the state during a defined qualifying period. These candidates have chosen not to take money from political action committees. Participating candidates may use a limited amount of personal monies and private individual contributions.

The following shows the minimum number of qualifying contributions along with the amount each office may receive in both the primary and general elections as well as early contributions.

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Independent candidates are also eligible to participate in the Clean Elections system and upon qualifying for funding, receive 70% of the total sum of the primary election funding amount and the general election funding amount.

For more information regarding participating candidates and funding amounts, please visit [www.azcleanelections.gov](http://www.azcleanelections.gov).

**THE CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission was established by the enactment of the Citizens Clean Elections Act, A.R.S., Title 16, Chapter 6, Article 2. In addition to enforcing the provisions of Article 2, the Commission provides public and voter education to the state of Arizona and holds regular, public meetings.

The Commission consists of 5 members:

- No more than 2 shall be members of the same political party.
- No more than 2 shall be residents of the same county.
- No one shall be appointed who does not have a party registration that has been continuously recorded for at least 5 years immediately preceding appointment, with the same political party or as an independent.
- Each candidate shall be a qualified elector who has not, in the previous 5 years in this state, been appointed to, elected to or run for any public office, including precinct committeeman, or served as an officer of a political party.
- A member of the Commission shall serve no more than one term and is not eligible for reappointment.
- No Commissioner, during his or her tenure or for 3 years thereafter, shall seek or hold any other public office, serve as an officer of any political committee or employ or be employed as a lobbyist.

The Governor and the highest-ranking official holding a statewide office who is not a member of the same political party as the Governor alternate in appointing Commissioners.
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS FUND

The Citizens Clean Elections Fund receives its revenues from the following sources:

- 10% surcharge imposed on all civil and criminal fines and penalties collected pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-116.01.
- Qualifying contributions received from participating candidates.
- Civil penalties assessed against violators of the Citizens Clean Elections Act.

CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS

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WHY IS THE PAMPHLET PRINTED IN SPANISH?

President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law on August 6, 1965. The Act applied a nationwide prohibition against the denial or abridgment of the right to vote based on literacy tests and poll taxes.

In 1975, Congress amended the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by adding Section 203, the language minority provisions. The amendment requires that “when a covered state of political subdivision provides registration or voting notices, forms, instructions, assistance, or other materials of information relating to the electoral process, including ballots, it shall provide them in the language of the applicable minority group as well as in the English language.” For Arizona, the language of the applicable minority group is Spanish.

For more information, please contact the United State Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Voting Section at 800-253-3931 or voting.section@usdoj.gov
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

This Guide is available in alternative formats and large print. For information about receiving the Guide in an alternative format, contact the Citizens Clean Elections Commission at (602) 364-3477 or ccec@azcleanelections.gov.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 established the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain federal elections laws and programs. It also established minimum election administration standards for states and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of federal elections.

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CANDIDATES FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

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Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.BobBurns.gop

A key responsibility of the Corporation Commission is to provide oversight and regulation of power and utility providers for Arizona residents. In the 2014 elections, it is believed that a certain utility spent over $3 million to support their favored candidates for Corporation Commission. This campaign activity was hidden behind political non-profits so ratepayers like you would have no idea that utilities were actively trying to choose their own regulators! If regulated public service companies are going to financially support or oppose candidates campaigning for the Corporation Commission, it must be with full disclosure and transparency. It’s not fair to the ratepayers to allow utilities to have undue influence on the commissioners who set their rates. As your Commissioner, I have fought to require all utilities to disclose their political campaign spending with regard to the elections for Corporation Commission. With your vote, I will continue this fight until we restore integrity and public confidence to the Commission. I am committed to representing you, the ratepayer, not special interests. To learn more about my battle for transparency and how it affects you and to learn more about my stances on other important energy issues facing Arizona, please visit www.BobBurns.gop

Tom Chabin
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.tomchabin.com

Bill Mundell and I are running as a team for the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). The ACC sets your electric bill. Arizona Public Service (APS) and other utilities are now asking the ACC to make you pay more for your electricity with expensive rate plans and complicated a new fee, called a demand charge. APS and other utilities—through dark money campaigns—have spent millions of dollars to elect current Corporation Commissioners who care more about utility corporations and their profits than about protecting you from unjustified bill increases. When you pay your bill, whether you like it or not, you are contributing to these dark money campaigns which are corrupting our political system. This is why we are asking for your vote. We’re running Clean Elections campaigns against the dark money campaigns funded by utility companies. We have refused contributions from regulated utilities. Whether you are an Independent, Republican or Democrat, we all pay for our electricity. Our first priority will be protecting consumers. It’s time to restore power to the people of Arizona. Vote for Bill Mundell and Tom Chabin.

Boyd Dunn
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.boyddunn.com

Dear Arizona Voters: My name is Boyd Dunn. I am a retired Superior Court Judge, former Assistant Attorney General and former Chandler Mayor and I am asking for your vote for the Arizona Corporation Commission. The function of the Corporation Commission is critically important to Arizona’s success. The role of a commissioner is very similar to that of a judge, to be the impartial decision-maker based on facts presented to you on each individual case, regardless of personal feelings or outside influences. That is how I ran my court, and that is how I will serve as a Corporation Commissioner. Under my leadership, Chandler grew from 90,000 people to more than 240,000, added $5 billion in private investment, and created over 16,000 new jobs. I oversaw the city water and wastewater department and presided over public rate case hearings. During this time, Chandler maintained some of the lowest rates in the Valley. I pledge to always work in the public interest, as required by law, and I will take the lessons learned during my time in the public and private sectors and put them to work for you. Should you have questions, please call me at 602-812-2667.
CANDIDATES FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

Rick Gray
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.voterickgray.com/

When you flip your light switch or turn on your water you expect it to work. And you want it at an affordable price. We all want that. I am running for the Corporation Commission to make sure that is exactly what you have; reliable, affordable utilities. I will work for a sensible and affordable energy policy that promotes traditional energy sources and new technologies. And I will fight to keep our utility rates as low as possible for Arizona families and businesses. It is also critical that our utility providers are secure from outside disruptions and steps are taken now to secure reliable service in the future. I am a former business owner, I have been in the legislature for six years, and now I am asking you to allow me to serve you at the Commission. During my tenure at the Arizona legislature, I championed policies that promoted free enterprise and public safety, and I have received many awards including Champion of the Taxpayer. As your Commissioner, I will continue to champion these principles through sensible energy and business regulation. Please contact me at Rick@VoteRickGray.com if you have any questions. I would be honored to have your vote.

Al Melvin
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: 

As a State Senator, I earned my reputation as a rock-solid conservative. I won awards from pro-family and pro-taxpayer groups, had 100% pro-life and pro-2nd Amendment voting records, and voted for efforts to stop illegal immigration. I fought for taxpayers and against over-regulation and liberal schemes. More importantly for the Corporation Commission, I served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Energy, where I spent much of my time advocating for long-term solutions to Arizona’s growing water and power needs, and a diverse mix of energy sources, including natural gas, solar, wind, and nuclear. Why? Because our water and power supply is key to Arizona’s future economic growth. The Commission’s work is not glamorous or high-profile, but it is critically important. The Commissioners’ job is to protect the interests of the consumers, ensure the stability of our water and energy providers, and protect the long-term economic health of our state. When you turn on a switch or a faucet, you expect things to work, and it will be my job to see that it does for you and millions of Arizonans. Learn more about my professional background at my website and I ask for your vote. Thank you!

Bill Mundell
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.billmundell.org

Tom Chabin and I are running to clean up the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). The ACC is responsible for setting your electric bill, and it is plagued by corruption. Arizona Public Service (APS) and other utilities are asking the ACC to make you pay significantly more for your electricity with expensive rate plans and a complicated new fee, called a demand charge. Given that APS and other utilities spent millions on secret dark money campaigns to elect their hand-picked commissioners, we cannot trust the current commission. They are more concerned about corporate utility monopolies making hundreds of millions of dollars from your electric bill than they are about protecting you from unjustified increases. It’s a classic case of the fox guarding the hen house and it must be put to an end. This is why we are asking for your vote. We have refused contributions from regulated utilities. Whether you are an Independent, Republican or Democrat one thing is true: we all have to pay our electric bills. Our highest priority will be protecting the interests of the consumer. It’s time to restore power to where it belongs: the people of Arizona. Vote for Bill Mundell and Tom Chabin.

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CANDIDATES FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

Andy Tobin
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.andytobin.com

ANDY TOBIN FOR CORPORATION COMMISSION The job of elected leaders is not to protect government. It’s to protect the taxpayer. This mission has guided my entire career in public service and will continue to do so at the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

I led the ACC to adopt Governor Doug Ducey’s “Lean Government” initiative, which will save taxpayers and the ACC time and money. I’ve also established the Water Emergency Team, comprised of state agencies and private organizations, which will coordinate the best response to water outages and contamination issues. I’m running to be a voice for all Arizonans, including those who live in our rural areas. Governor Ducey appointed me to the ACC in February because of my rural background and stubborn independence to do what is right for taxpayers. As a newly appointed Commissioner, I’ve traveled across this state, holding town halls and hosting ACC Open Meetings. Arizonans want a reliable electric grid, safe drinking water, and sufficient natural gas service at affordable prices. To solve many of our state’s energy and water challenges, the ACC should create an environment that brings our citizens, utilities, and other stakeholders together instead of pitting them against each other.
Karen Fann  
**Party:** Republican  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:**

It has been my honor to serve the citizens of Legislative District 1 for the past 6 years in the House of Representatives, serving as Chairman of Insurance Committee, Transportation Committee, County and Municipal Affairs and the Agriculture, Water & Land Committee. I have been a resident of the Prescott area for most of my life and served on the Prescott City Council as mayor pro-temp and Mayor of Chino Valley for 3 terms. As owner of a highway construction company, I have a working knowledge of the challenges facing today's small businesses which is why my top priorities for these past 6 years has been growing our economy, eliminating burdensome regulations and reducing workman's compensation and unemployment fraud. I have been honored to be the recipient of over 20 legislative awards, including Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry Legislator of the Year; Az. Capitol Times Leader of the Year and Best Elected Republican; Champion for Arizona League of Cities and Towns; and Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Issues Award. I truly appreciate all the trust and confidence you have placed in me and ask for your continued support and vote as your next LD1 Senator.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 1

Noel Campbell

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

I’ve been honored to serve you these past two years as your State Representative. As a helicopter pilot, Vietnam veteran, and former member of the U.S. Customs Service specializing in drug interdiction, I’ve spent much of my life defending our nation. It is that love of country and of Arizona that motivates me to serve. I’m a proud conservative who has voted for real balanced budgets, to restore our Constitutional rights, defend our state sovereignty, increase school funding and school choice, and protect the family. I take seriously the oath to preserve and defend our Constitution and the God-given rights it describes. And I’ve been a strong advocate for the best interests of our rural district, including my efforts to properly regulate the drug rehab centers that have sprung up all over Prescott. I am 100% pro-life and pro-2nd Amendment, and I have won awards from pro-taxpayer and pro-family groups. I will continue to defend our water, advocate for common sense forest health measures, and continue to push for secure borders. I’m not a career politician, I’m just a concerned citizen who is willing to continue serving if you will have me. I ask for your vote. Thank you!

Chip Davis

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.electchipdavis.com

There are three primary issues that are driving my campaign for the Arizona Legislature. I believe that these three are the top challenges facing Arizona: First is that I want to establish a steady, reliable funding plan for all K-12 and post-secondary education. Additional funding for education is vitally important for the future success of our students, and I intend to work with legislators to ensure that teachers receive the funds that they need to do the jobs they were entrusted to do. Second is that I want to address the issues surrounding investments into Arizona infrastructure. If we want a bright economic future – especially for rural Arizona – we must invest in our infrastructure and ensure that our roads are safe to travel and ready for economic progress. Third, I wish to use my position as an Arizona Representative to make sure that rural Arizona is part of the conversation – and positively affected - in all proposed legislation. Too often, bills are drafted and passed to address metropolitan issues resulting in negative effects for rural Arizona. I want to see to rural Arizona having a voice and a seat at the table to advocate for our needs and views.

Haryaksha Gregor Knauer

Party: Green  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

The responsibility of our state legislature is to come up with a revenue and spending plan. We must focus on public education, which comprises half of the budget, to enhance every aspect of living and working in Arizona. "Business-friendly" means educated employees and employers, and their children. Amending Arizona's 5C's starts with CONSERVATION. "Ditat Deus," and it's up to us to use resources wisely: this means CLEAN air, water and soil. Solar is a sensible alternative to nuclear and fossil fuels. As state rep I will stress a range of C's, including CONSTITUENT SERVICES. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM starts here and now with my frugal "No-Gift" campaign. COMPASSION and COMMON SENSE make up a fair share of CONSCIOUSNESS. And our CONSTITUTION is a handy reference. COOPERATION starts with a dose of COMITY, which may be the toughest row to hoe. I am the CONSERVATIVE in this race. I will work diligently to uphold Green Party values of ecological wisdom and social justice. Arizona can abolish the death penalty. We can uphold voting rights, resist gigantic corporate control, support entrepreneurialism, and enhance freedom.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 1

Peter Pierson
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

Arizona is at a crossroads. We, us, can continue the recent trend in blindly slashing budgets for public education, workforce development, and other public concerns that create and sustain dynamic, thriving communities. We can, on the other hand, recommit to supporting the very things that are shown, in so many recent case studies and research, to draw and keep talent, energy, entrepreneurship, and creativity, the very things that make for a strong workforce...that attract and keep top-shelf employers...that build and maintain local and state revenues. I hope to offer a voice for a more inclusive, transparent policy discussion in state governance, rather than what the Arizona Republic has recently called a “cram-down” budget and policy-making system under current state leadership. As a long-time Independent, now running on the Democratic ticket for an Arizona House District 1 seat, I pledge to put the very real concerns of our communities above knee-jerk party ideology. I would be honored to represent the residents of my district; the families, youth, retirees, everyone, in setting a future for Arizona, and our communities, that is worthy of the vision and dreams we share.

David Stringer
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

As a small businessman, I’ve spent my life in the private sector, creating jobs and economic growth. As a civic activist, I’ve been a taxpayer advocate, standing up to liberal politicians who wanted to raise taxes and grow the government. When our second State House seat opened up, friends encouraged me to run to give our other Representative, Noel Campbell, a strong, conservative partner. The third candidate, Arlo “Chip” Davis, is a decent man. But his decades-long career in elective office has earned him the reputation as a big spending liberal. We can’t afford another liberal politician in the Legislature. We are a nation overwhelmed by too much government. More government is not the answer. I founded the Yavapai County Tax Committee to defeat higher taxes. I’ll do the same in the Legislature. I’ll fight to restore our Constitutional rights, defend the 2nd Amendment, secure our border, defend state sovereignty, stop common core, cut government regulations, and encourage rural job creation. I’ll work with Representative Noel Campbell on water and forest health issues, and I will give our whole district—from Anthem to the Verde Valley—a strong, conservative voice. I ask for your vote.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 2

Andrea Dalessandro

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.DalessandroForAZ.com

Senator Andrea Dalessandro was born in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty, the symbol of freedom and opportunity. As the granddaughter of immigrants she has been able to live the American Dream. With the opportunity of affordable higher education, she was able to become a high school math teacher and later, after she received her M.B.A. from Rutgers University, a C.P.A., small business owner and college professor. Economic development and the growth of good paying, sustainable jobs with the public educational system to supply a well trained workforce are her priorities. She is concerned about a sufficient water supply and clean air. Senator Dalessandro strongly believes that we must keep our promises to our veterans. This year Andrea • was named a State Director for Women in Government, • she received an A grade from the Sierra Club for her votes on environmental sustainability, and • she is most proud of 100% perfect rating on Who’s for Kids and Who’s Just Kidding. She currently serves on • Judiciary, • Water/Energy, and • Financial Institutions Committees. Senator Andrea Dalessandro asks for your vote for her reelection to Legislative District 2 Senate in order to keep her strong voice championing the issues of her LD 2 constituents.

Shelley Kais

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.kais4az.com

Too many politicians treat their office like a piece in a political game. For those of us who are looking for jobs, those fearful for their safety, and those concerned for the future of our country and of Arizona, it isn’t a game. So I answered the calls to run because I know that our district and Southern Arizona need an effective advocate to overcome the advantage that Maricopa County has in the Legislature. I’m a businesswoman, educator, and owner of a consulting and training company in Tucson, Arizona. I’m also a public speaker and trainer in the field of analytics. The skills I have developed will serve our district well when it comes to analyzing the challenges we face and finding the best way to tackle them. I’m a listener, I care about what you think, and I’m a hard worker. In addition to your vote, I’d like to ask you to get involved in my campaign by visiting my website (www.Kais4AZ.com) or by calling me at 520-401-0168. Together, we can improve our economy, our schools, and our infrastructure. We can support our first responders. Working together, we can make Arizona the best it can be.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 2

John Christopher Ackerley

**Party:** Republican  **Campaign Funding:** Participating  **Website:** chrisackerley.com/

Being your Representative has been my honor. I have worked hard to live up to the trust you placed in me. As a career physics and math teacher, one of my top priorities is strengthening our education system. In the last session, I helped spearhead the effort in the House to restore funding for career and technical education, stood firm to protect education in the budget, and fought to give students and parents the right to say no to excessive standardized testing. Together we must continue to address flaws in our education funding systems and ensure our accountability systems are meaningful and effective. As a native Tucsonan and one of the few legislators from Southern Arizona serving in the majority with the ability to move and affect legislation, I take representing the people and communities of our region seriously. This past session, I advocated for investing in our transportation infrastructure, stood up to protect our children in need, and worked to resolve issues for our community colleges. The legislation I sponsored and passed was focused on solving problems for our communities. Please give me your vote as I continue to work for you and Southern Arizona as your Representative.

Aaron Baumann

**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:** www.BaumannForAZ.com

Aaron is a law student who has fought for progressive change at the the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, the Tucson Immigrant Workers' Project, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. He believes that corporate greed and political corruption are endangering our way of life, and that we must make our communities safer and stronger through education and criminal justice reform. If elected, Aaron will seek to restore long-term funding to our public schools, invest in infrastructure and sustainable energy development, and oppose the Rosemont Mine. Aaron's family are Arizona pioneers who have owned businesses in Nogales, Arizona for 100 years. Aaron is a first-time candidate who believes that we need new blood in politics, and new candidates willing to step up and serve the public interest.

Rosanna Gabaldón

**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Participating  **Website:** www.votegabaldon.com

Leadership, Experience and Common Sense; it is an honor to take ideas from Southern Arizona to the State House of Representatives, because that is what Arizona needs; a little common sense and straight from the heart. One person can make a difference. Together we have been successful in bringing together the collective energy and leadership necessary to shape the future of our State. It takes local leadership to address the challenges to public education, developing employment opportunities and working for water sustainability. We won’t get anywhere if we don’t start listening to each other. I vote my conscience; speak my mind and I consider how my decisions affect us in Southern Arizona. Join me and let’s build a better future for Arizona. I ask for your vote.

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Daniel Hernandez

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

My name is Daniel Hernandez and I was born here in Southern Arizona. I was fortunate to attend Sunnyside Unified School District where I had quality teachers who empowered me. My parents were immigrants, a working class family who often worried about how to make ends meet. My desire to help people drove me to train as a nursing assistant with the goal of one day becoming a doctor. But as I got older, I learned that there are many ways to help your neighbors and community. I’m running in for State Representative in LD 2 because I know I can bring our perspective from Southern Arizona to the capitol. I was elected to the Sunnyside Unified School District Governing board in November 2011 where I’ve been at the forefront of producing results. I was successful in creating a 5-year strategic plan, opened a new k-8 fine arts magnet school, hired a new superintendent, accomplished comprehensive sex education and secured grant funding to implement it. I’m asking for you to join me in ensuring we focus on the needs of Arizona. Together, we can make sure the next generation of Arizonans have all the tools to succeed.
Olivia Cajero Bedford

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.senatoroliviacajerobedford.com/

It’s been an honor to serve my constituents for 14 years, earning respect as a responsible and thoughtful legislator. Having followed the lead of my parents, Rep. Bernardo "Nayo" Cajero and Rep. Carmen Cajero who served in the legislature for 29 years, I am proud of the 43 years Cajeros have been in public service. We’ve understood and appreciated our constituents. As ranking Democratic member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, I’ve challenged budget cuts made to education, cities and counties for needs such as transportation funding and I fought against the financial harm done by the Republican majority. I serve on the Commerce and Workforce Development; Joint Legislative Budget Committee, Joint Committee on Capitol Review and Rules. My qualifications as a hard-working advocate for issues of importance to my constituents are demonstrated by the many endorsements, awards and high-ratings I have earned from groups over the years: Sierra Club, Arizona Education Association, Arizona List, Fraternal Order of Police, Combined Law Enforcement Association of Arizona, Unions and others. Experience is vital to navigating the legislative process. It is a privilege to serve and I’m glad to be a part of the fight for what is right!
Edward J. "Trey" Cizek III  
**Party:** Green  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:** trcizek.wix.com/cizekforazhouse

Greetings. I am Edward Cizek, and I am running for the Arizona State Legislature in District 3. I am running for office because I believe that Arizonans deserve a real choice when voting - not just a choice between Democrats and Republicans, but a broader choice between candidates from many different parties and politics. While I am an unapologetic progressive, I believe that political discourse is enhanced when a wide variety of viewpoints are represented in government. To this end, I am running to reform our elections to make it easier for third-party candidates to run for office, expand voter access through automatic registration, and implement approval voting so that people can vote for their preferred candidates without fear of vote splitting. We must re-form our campaign finance system to prevent powerful and entrenched special interests from corrupting government. I will fight through hell and high water to be a voice for those not often heard by politicians, and to take problems such as climate change, education, health care, criminal justice reform, racial justice, income and wealth inequality, and jobs and the economy head on. I ask for your vote, because we are stronger when we stand together.

Sally Ann Gonzales  
**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:**

I am Sally Ann Gonzales and I have had the honor and pleasure to serve you as your State Representative in Legislative District 3 since 2010. My principles continue to best reflect the district’s core values of exceptional schools, high paying jobs, safe neighborhoods and quality health care. As a former classroom teacher, I believe that public education is the greatest equalizer therefore, should be protected and strengthen from pre-k through our universities along with career training programs like JTED for our young adults. This will ensure a competitive workforce and will promote a competitive economy. Accessible and quality health care should be safeguarded so it continues to be available to all regardless of their zip code and ability to pay. Hence in 2014 I voted for Medicaid expansion and in 2016 I voted to lift the freeze on Kids Care. I will fight for working families as a consumer advocate by voting against predatory business like auto-title lenders and rent to own furniture stores. In my committees I will continue to work diligently to advocate and protect our most vulnerable our seniors and our children. Finally, I respectfully ask for your continued support and your vote on August 30th.

Macario Saldate  
**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:** www.votesaldate.com

Macario was born in Nogales, Arizona, in 1941. Members of his family have lived in Arizona for several generations. He completed all his undergraduate and graduate (Bachelors, Master’s and PhD) work in Education at the University of Arizona and was a professor and administrator from 1972 to 2009. He was the fourth and longest serving (20 years) director of the UA Guadalajara Summer School and founding director of the UA Bilingual Education Programs, and initiated the UA Mexican American Studies and Research Center in 1981. He served on the Pima Community College District Governing Board from 1973 to 1979 and was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives from Legislative District 27 in 2010. He is a member of Higher Education and Government and the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committees. Macario was reelected to his third term in 2014 to represent Legislative District 3. He is a member of numerous groups/associations and his hobbies include welding, ironwork and small construction projects. He is committed to the search for common ground and respectful dialogue within the political process with a willingness to consider all sides of an issue. Macario lives in the Sunset Villa Neighborhood in Tucson.
Lisa Otando

**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:** www.otondofor4.com

Lisa Otando is a second generation Arizonan. She was born and raised in Yuma and comes from a close-knit farming family. Lisa received her Master’s degree in International Public Administration and Bachelor’s degree in International Policy Studies from Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey California. Having studied and worked in Brazil, China, France and Spain, she speaks four foreign languages. Her main areas of policy studies focused on women’s and children’s issues. Lisa has served in the Arizona House of Representatives since 2013. As Ranking Democratic Member of the House Education Committee and a former public school teacher, Lisa has been a strong advocate for public education and has fought against the devastating cuts. She has also focused her efforts to support career and technical training, economic growth and job creation, children and family issues, and consumer protection. Lisa has also served on the House Agriculture, Water and Land Committee, where she has diligently worked on water conservation and best land management practices legislation.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 4

Charlene Fernandez
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.charleneforarizona.com/
State Representative Charlene Fernandez currently serves Legislative District 4 -- which includes parts of Yuma, Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Counties -- in the Arizona legislature. Charlene is one of the legislature’s strongest advocates for public education, frequently pushing for more school funding from her position on the appropriations committee. Charlene is also the ranking Democrat on the transportation and infrastructure committee. Prior to being elected to the legislature, Charlene worked in a variety of policy and constituent service roles for Congressman Ed Pastor, Governor Janet Napolitano and Congressman Raúl Grijalva. Charlene also served for more than 12 years on the Yuma Union High School Board. Charlene was born and raised in Yuma, Arizona. She graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in elementary education. Charlene and her husband, Sergio live in Yuma and together raised three children Brian, Carlye, and Lisa.

Jesus Rubalcava
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.rubalcavaforhouse.com
Jesus Rubalcava is an Arizona native born in Ajo and raised in Gila Bend. He is a graduate of Gila Bend High School. Jesus has served for seven years on the Gila Bend USD Governing Board; currently President. Prior to that, he served on the Paloma ESD Governing Board at the age of 18 for two years. He is currently serving his first term on the Gila Bend Town Council. Jesus has demonstrated the quality leadership skills through his involvement in many local, state, national and international organizations. Rubalcava currently serves on the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) as the Past President. Jesus is also serving as the Hispanic Vice-Chair of the Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus of ASBA where he voices the concerns and needs of Hispanic and Native American students. He is currently serving as the Secretary of the National Hispanic Council of the National School Boards Association. Most recently, Jesus was elected to represent the Pacific Region on the National School Boards Association Board of Directors. He is currently a Special Education Educator at Palo Verde Elementary and is enrolled in a Doctoral program with an emphasis on Educational Leadership.
Sonny Borrelli

**Party:** Republican  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:** www.sonnyborrelli.com

My opponent and I have won many of the same awards from conservative groups, we’re pro-2nd Amendment, pro-life, etc. The difference is effectiveness. Ron attacks people to demonstrate superiority. I reason with them and convert them to my position. Ron votes with Democrats to kill Republican budgets so he can claim “purity” just to do well on scorecards, while I recognize that Ron voting against tax cuts costs taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. That’s why Ron was so unsuccessful for 8 years in the State Senate. He introduced 100s of bills and hardly any passed. That hurts because our two counties only have one Senator who needs to get the job done -- who puts liberty and our district first, not himself. Ron misses the limelight and wants back in, but that’s no reason to run. I have been one of the most CONSERVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE legislators during my four years in the House because of my dedication. I’ve increased education funding AND balanced the state budget that Ron left in shambles. I’m a U.S. Marine who swore to defend our country and I’m proud to be doing that today in the Legislature. I ask for your vote!

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Ron Gould

**Party:** Republican  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:** www.RonGould.com

Recognized time and again as Arizona’s leading pro-taxpayer legislator, Ron Gould’s record on protecting taxpayers is a good as it gets. Whether it was nearly single-handedly trying to stop a 20% tax increase, or helping push through tax relief for Arizona’s families and small businesses. Ron has taken the lead. Back in the State Senate, Ron will be no different. He will never vote for a tax increase and he will always stand up to reduce the burden that taxes place on you and your family. Ron Gould has been a leader in Arizona, finding real solutions to stop illegal immigration. For his leadership, Ron has been endorsed by America’s toughest Sheriff, Joe Arpaio. Ron will always stand firm against the left’s continuing effort to reward illegal immigration. With an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association and a lifetime Achievement Award from Arizona Citizen’s Defense League, Ron has been one of Arizona’s leaders in protecting the 2nd Amendment. Ron Gould believes that competition brings out the best in people. This is just as true in education as in business. When parents have choice in education, schools will have to compete for students, just like businesses compete for customers.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 5

Leo Biasiucci
Party: Green  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.veteranspartyofamerica.org/#!state-legislature/c1h3h

My name is Leo Biasiucci and I am running for State Representative in District 5. I was born and raised in Lake Havasu City, Arizona and have seen this area grow for the last 30+ years. I graduated from Lake Havasu High School in 2000 and I also attended The University of Arizona. In 2005, I graduated with a degree in Business Administration from one of the top business schools in the United States, The Eller College of Business. Although I have never run for office, I have always had a passion for politics since childhood. My core belief is that all politicians should follow the rule of doing what’s best for the people, not what’s best for the corporations or self interest groups. Although our current system does have its benefits, I feel that it is not working as well as it should. Education, health care, jobs, border safety and our given constitutional rights should come first before anything. Most importantly, I will listen to the wants and needs of all people, regardless of party affiliation. All political parties can provide great knowledge and ideas to make this country great again, and it’s time we all work together.

Regina Cobb
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

I have been practicing as a general dentist in Kingman Az. for the last 23 years. I served as President of the Arizona Dental Association in 2008/2009 and I chaired the Council on Government Affairs until I took office as your State Representative for Az. in 2015. I thoroughly enjoyed my leadership roles within my profession in Az. I continue working for my profession as a health care provider action team leader in Washington DC. Where I will continually strive to repeal the Affordable Care Act and insurance reform. As your State Representative, I have and will continue to work toward a conservative financial budget while maintaining the quality of the programs and needs of the citizens of Az. Reduce undo burdens on the small business owners as well as increasing the economic outlook. I will always be an advocate of reduction of federal control especially when it comes to public lands. I am pro life and pro second amendment. I work hard, especially for my constituents and feel I bring common sense to politics.

Jennifer Jones
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

"I will not attempt to discover whether legislation is "needed" before I have first determined whether it is constitutionally permissible". These wise words by Senator Barry Goldwater will guide me as your Representative. Laws can often have unintended consequences. I hope to bring experience and a common sense perspective to the decision making process. I'm not an inexperienced establishment boot licker with no understanding of the issues like Paul Mosley, a big government business as usual career politician who used a Nevada address for traffic tickets like Sam Medrano, or a former Democrat and professional lobbyist with a continually failing legislative scorecard rating from Arizona Republican Assembly like Regina Cobb. Instead, I'm a fiscally conservative grass roots candidate with integrity who will fight for your rights, hold government accountable, and defend Arizona from federal overreach. I'm also an investigative journalist, former executive director of legislative affairs for a national dog registry, successful pro se litigant and First Vice Chair of the La Paz County Republican Committee. If you want better representation, don't dilute your vote by choosing a second candidate, make it count and cast only one vote in my race, and vote for Ron Gould for Senate. http://tinyurl.com/Jones2016 Jennifer
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 5

Sam Medrano
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:
I am a native-born rural Arizonan, born and raised in the Globe-Miami area. I have lived in Bullhead City for the past 24 years and to put it succinctly—I love Arizona. I am running for the AZ House of Representatives for LD5 because of my experiences during my nearly 12 years on the Bullhead City Council. So many things that effect rural Arizona, especially northwest Arizona, are initiated at the state capitol in Phoenix. Since 2007, the legislature has been mopping up from its budgetary mess caused by a lackadaisical response to the great recession. For the most part, cities, towns, counties and school districts reacted with great timing and made the painful, but necessary budget cuts in response to the recession. The state did not. This is unacceptable. We should never have to return to a budgetary process that requires the state to sweep funds or engage in accounting gimmicks that lets legislators off the hook for what the real problem was—overspending of the state budget. I look forward to working as a team to ensure the problems of the past aren’t repeated in the future and ensure businesses flourish all over the great state of Arizona.

Paul Mosley
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:
I am a pro-life Republican whose top priority is to provide for my family and protect all Arizona families. I am a constitutional conservative who will ensure that we have a balanced budget while promoting economic development, achieving reasonable deregulation and protecting our liberties. My goals are for Arizona to have strong economic growth and to be an example of fiscal responsibility. I care deeply about the education of our youth and a parents right to educate their children in public schools, charter schools, private schools, home schools, etc. I want to protect our inalienable rights given to us from God, rights to own private property and our right to keep and bear arms. I believe that the Constitution of the United States was inspired by God and that our Founding Fathers were willing to give up their lives and their fortunes for our freedom. I believe that all Americans have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and that the family is the central most important unit of our society. I was raised in Arizona. I am a small business owner and a Certified Financial Planner. I look forward to serving the people of Arizona.

Beth Weisser
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:
Protecting public education is why I decided to run for office. It is the foundation of our AZ communities. A thriving public education system is required for our economy to grow and to sustain quality jobs. We need to stop throwing taxpayer dollars into private prison profits and invest it back in our children. We need to end the Cannabis Prohibition; eliminating the street market where kids can get it, dramatically reducing taxpayers’ prison costs, slow the drug cartels’ hold on our border, increase state revenue, and allow people to use it medically in peace. A vote for me will protect our families, our future opportunities and move Arizona forward.
Nikki Check Bagley
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.nikkiforazsenate.com/

Nikki Bagley is a second generation Arizonan with a long standing history of public service. She served as mayor and councilwoman in Jerome, and is currently the director of the wine growing program at Yavapai College’s Southwest Wine Center. Nikki is running for State Senate for her young son Ryan and for every child in Arizona, all of whom deserve a better and more prosperous state. Arizona cannot simply be a place for children to grow up, but must be a place where Arizonans want to work, live, and raise families of their own. As a teacher, Nikki knows that restoring funding for education will ultimately help grow our economy. She also has a track record of being responsible with taxpayer dollars. As mayor, she balanced the budget every year without raising taxes or cutting services. Nikki knows how impactful both good and bad legislation can be and worked to influence meaningful bills to help expand the burgeoning wine industry, while fighting against damaging legislation that would have negatively impacted rural Arizona. As a native Arizonan, mayor, mother, teacher, and farmer, Nikki will see that our state government works for all Arizonans.

Sylvia Tenney Allen
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

Thank you for your continued support. I’ve kept very busy these last two years, as those of you who receive my district updates know. We’ve balanced the budget without any gimmicks, increased K-12 education funding by 100’s of millions of dollars, cut taxes and passed meaningful reforms to boost our economy. And it’s working! Arizona is now top ranked in the nation for job growth and a high paying tech jobs. As businesses continue to flee high-tax states like California, Arizona will continue to be open for business. But for those of us in rural Arizona know, the gains made in Maricopa County take much longer to reach our communities, so we have much left to do. That’s why I continue to fight for jobs, education funding, transportation dollars and support for our police and fire. I also continue to fight against federal overreach and to reduce the burden that our federal government places on farmers, ranchers and so many others who are struggling to make ends meet. I continue to work to stop Common Core and restore control over our school curriculum back to Arizona parents and teachers, where it belongs. I ask for your vote. Thank you.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 6

Brenda Barton
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:
The Rim Country needs a strong advocate at the legislature where our concerns as rural Arizonans are easily lost in the shuffle. I’m proud to serve you in the Arizona State House, and I hope that my hard work has earned me your continued support. I love being able to effect positive change for our district and our state. Today our budget is balanced, we are paying off our debt, we have boosted education funding significantly (without raising taxes), and we continue to reform state government to make Arizona more business-friendly. Our work is paying off as more and more companies choose Arizona as the place to relocate. I have enjoyed working with Rep. Bob Thorpe and Sen. Sylvia Allen on securing additional funding for NAU; taking care of our veterans; helping our first responders; funding our transportation/infrastructure needs; and helping our local community colleges. I serve as Chairman of the House Agriculture, Water and Lands Committee; and I am a member of the Rural and Economic Development and the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committees as well. I will continue to defend our constitutional rights, our state sovereignty, and traditional family values. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Alex Martinez
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:
I am an Arizona native and fifth generation Southwest native. I am a proud product of the Arizona Public School System, and have taught in classrooms ranging from Kindergarten through high school and into college, as well as Academic and Leadership training in the Military. I also worked as a principal for an elementary school for 10 years, as well as Superintendent for 8 years. I am very passionate about supporting our Arizona public education and getting it the funding our children deserve because nothing is more important than teaching our children well. I also was an enlisted serviceman for the U.S. Navy Reserve, a U.S. Navy Reserve Commissioned Officer, and retired as a Captain. I served 32 years of honorable service, and 36 years of military service in all. I am committed to getting our Veterans the help that they deserve. Too often those who have served us get swept aside when they return home from their service. They were there for us, now let’s be there for them. I’m looking forward to a positive, issues based campaign. I believe that participating in the democratic process is our solemn duty as citizens of this great country.

Bob Thorpe
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.thorpe4az.com
Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the Arizona State Legislature. I would be honored to receive your vote and to continue representing you at our Capitol. I serve as the Chairman of the House Government and Higher Education Committees, on the Education Committee, co-Chair the State Mining Caucus, and I take my commitment to you and to our state very seriously. I have supported job creators and businesses, low taxes and balanced budgets, free choice in accountable quality education, secured borders, law enforcement and safe neighborhoods, low cost reliable water and power, our military and veterans, agriculture, outdoor recreation and 2nd Amendment-Constitutional rights, state’s rights and small limited government, pro-life and traditional family values. Without raising your taxes, your Republican Legislators and I balanced the state budget one year early, paid-off $235 million in debt and greatly increased K-12 and higher education funding. We protected your rights while eliminating unnecessary costly government regulations. I also worked closely with my constituents and local government to address issues that are important to you and to our state, such as restored funding for local city and county roads, and I would gratefully continue doing so if you re-elect me.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 7

Steven Begay

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

Steven C. Begay, a Navajo grew up in Coalmine Mesa, Arizona. He attended boarding school in Tuba City, high school in California and private school in Massachusetts. He attended college in California, and earned a BS in Accountancy from Arizona State University. Steve speaks Navajo, English and some Spanish, and has two daughters and one son. He has worked in the Navajo government in auditing, taxation, land administration, governmental budgeting, contracts and grants, business and community development, energy development, and head start. His experiences include, Agent for the Navajo Voters Coalition, a nonprofit organization, a Senior Accountant with the Navajo Head Start Program, and General Manager of the Diné Power Authority where he worked on the Navajo Transmission Project and the Desert Rock Energy Project. Mr. Begay served as the Executive Director of the Office of Navajo Tax Commission, and as the Executive Director of the Division of Economic Development. He was an Accounting Manager for the Fort McDowell Gaming Center. Steve has attended various training and seminars to enhance his skills. He is a dedicated person and wants to help bring jobs, investments, revenues, and quality of life improvements to the people.

Jamescita Peshlakai

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.peshforsenate.com

Jamescita Peshlakai is an Arizona native, lifelong Democrat and mother of two. Jamescita is a combat veteran of the Persian Gulf War and served in the US Army for eight years. She holds BA and MA degrees from Northern Arizona University. Peshlakai served in the Fifty-First Arizona State Legislature (2013-2014). Historic bipartisan accomplishments include passage of the Affordable Healthcare Act and paving the way for airports on tribal reservations to compete for grants from the Arizona Aviation Fund. Legislative District 7 is the largest district in the USA; it includes eight tribal nations, seven counties and some of the most treasured natural wonders of the world; Grand Canyon, Colorado River, Monument Valley, and the San Francisco Peaks. Peshlakai will work to restore and increase public education funding, advocate for affordable healthcare, improve public safety and protect Arizona’s most vulnerable populations. Investing in our children’s future should not include taxpayer dollars going to for-profit prisons. Jobs, transportation, infrastructure, and responsible planning are vital to Arizona’s future. Environmental stewardship, water justice, tribal sovereignty, social and economic justice for women and LGBTQI are issues Peshlakai knows Arizona must start doing better.
Wenona Benally

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

For over a decade, Wenona has worked as an attorney and a public interest advocate. She has dedicated her career to supporting and advancing the interests of Indian tribal governments and underrepresented communities. She holds a Juris Doctorate (JD) degree from Harvard Law School and a Master in Public Policy (MPP) degree from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. Wenona believes job creation and economic growth are among the two biggest issues facing Arizonans and the constituents of Legislative District 7 (LD7). She supports strengthening our economy through greater investment in public education, infrastructure, transportation, and clean energy technologies. Wenona’s top priorities for LD7 include: (1) restoring full funding for our public schools and higher education; (2) increasing funding for infrastructure and transportation improvements that will create environmentally and socially responsible jobs; and (3) expanding education, health care, housing, and other essential human services. Wenona is a member of the Navajo Nation. She is married to Salomón F. Baldenegro, a native of Tucson.

Eric Descheenie

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

Amid an unprecedented and in some ways alarming presidential election year, it is imperative for Arizonans to reflect on a variety of possibilities for better or worse. We must confront the future of our state and more importantly the fabric of human community or lack thereof. The path of reflection calls into question our history, just reconciliation of that history, and the ways we hold ourselves accountable so as to address our fears and insecurities and begin to make way for respective and collective healing. With this, we will realize the values and principles that underpin loving communities, safe neighborhoods, and quality schools, which are natural precursors to vibrant economies and efficient government. My purpose in running for the Arizona House of Representatives speaks to this reality and the need to redress long standing injustice sustained by our people, state, and larger human community of the Southwest. The diversity of our state is one of our greatest strengths, it is unlike anywhere else in the world. It is that diversity, and the truth of history within that diversity, where our strength rests. This is the future of Arizona and it will be a lived example for the country to replicate.
Barbara McGuire

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.SenatorMcGuire.com

You deserve a Senator who cares about you, not big shot power brokers from outside the district. I have a record of fighting for YOU. As a life-long district resident and YOUR voice, I don’t care what the power brokers in either party say. I fought for YOU to pass legislation for K-12 and JTED education funding, Kids Care health insurance for low-income kids, university extension funds, Veterans’ rights, public safety, CPR in schools, smart water policies, women’s rights and the creation of good jobs. Born in Ray-Sonora, AZ. 3rd generation Arizonan. Daughter of WWII Veteran. Married 45 years. Mother and Grandmother. Ray High graduate. Community College LD 8. Salvation Army. State Representative. Ray Unified School District #3. Honorary Major Civil Air Patrol. Member: NRA, Farm Bureau, WNRCD, Sheriff Posse and Elks. Served on Interagency Council on Long-Term Care. Multiple LD8 Chambers of Commerce. Former Vice President Copper Basin Chamber, Citizen of the Year. Senate Rural Liaison. Co-Founder State Mining Caucus. Latino Caucus. Outstanding Legislator of the Year. With your vote, I’ll continue working to create good jobs, equal pay for equal work, improve our kids’ education, protect seniors and water rights, and keep government off our backs.

Frank Pratt

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.RealLeadershipAZ.com

Promises made – Promises kept. It’s hard to find elected officials that you can trust. I am not your typical politician. I let you know my positions and what I am going to do in the legislature. When you elected me eight years ago, I promised to work for more and better jobs, to improve educational opportunities, to provide more funding for schools, to support law enforcement efforts and provide necessary funding to keep our neighborhoods safe, to keep hospitals and healthcare facilities operating in rural communities, to fight healthcare fraud and unethical practices that artificially increase drug costs to consumers. I understand what is important to you and I am committed to representing you in a fair and honest manner. Special interest groups and lobbyist know that I will not buckle to their strong-arm tactics and attempts to get special favors and treatment. I have spent most of my life in the district and have a great love for rural Arizona. I will fight to protect you. If you want a representative that cares about you and the issues that affect you the most – vote for Frank Pratt. For more information please go to www.RealLeadershipAZ.com.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 8

Carmen Casillas
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

My name is Carmen Casillas. I am the proud daughter of the late Hortensia B. and Alfred S. Escobedo. I am a former City Councilmember and Vice Mayor of Globe. I was also the founder and CEO of the D.V.V.A. (Domestic Violence Victim’s Advocate) Response Team, which helped victims of domestic violence when there were no laws in place to do so. I am running for the Arizona House of Representatives in Legislative District 8 to help create a better future for our State. I have fought for the interests of our rural communities throughout my career, and will continue to do the same as your Representative in the State Legislature. My four priorities are: • Ensuring that our children have access to high-quality education • Helping our small businesses to create jobs • Providing our law enforcement agencies with the tools and resources they need to serve our rural communities • Maintaining our Agriculture industry I have the courage to put the interests of my constituents ahead of those of special interests and lobbyists, and will work to move Arizona forward into the future.

David Cook
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

I’m running to be a voice for rural Arizona, and to make sure that the needs of all of Arizona are looked after in the Legislature. I’m glad that Arizona has balanced its budget, increased education funding, and it proactive when it comes to attracting new employers. But there is a lot left to do. My perspective is different from a lot of other candidates and legislators because I’m a rancher, so my day is filled with unwelcome interactions with state and federal government issues, personnel, and regulations, each seemingly designed to prevent me from working, from providing you with food, or from providing for my family. That’s an important viewpoint to have in the Legislature. As it turns out, I’m apparently the only rancher running for the Legislature anywhere in the state this year. Arizona has had a rancher in the Legislature every year since statehood, so I ask you for your support so that the ranching, agriculture, and farming communities might have a seat at the table. I’m pro-Constitution, pro-family values, pro-quality education, and pro-taxpayer. I’m a life-long Arizonan who is blessed with a beautiful wife and two great kids. Thank you for your consideration and vote!

Thomas "T.J." Shope
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: realleadershipaz.com

This election is a critical for the people of rural Arizona. Each voter must ask themselves: “Who will best represent me in the state legislature?” T.J. Shope has a distinguished record of standing up for the people he represents. T.J. Shope fought lobbyist and special interest groups time after time, and voted to keep hospitals and healthcare facilities open and operating in our district. T.J. Shope strongly believes that rural communities must have healthcare that is affordable and he will fight against prescription drug companies that engage in price gouging or any other unethical practices. T.J. Shope is a committed watchdog for consumers. T.J. Shope also fought for policies that helped bring desperately needed jobs to our area and he has been in the forefront of making certain that our schools have more funding for education. For many years T.J. Shope has been a leading advocate for safe neighborhoods and has worked to provide law enforcement with the tools and the funding they need to get the job done. Your vote to reelect T.J. Shope will ensure that we keep an honest leader who is a real friend of the people. For more information go to www.RealLeadershipAZ.com.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 9

Steve Farley
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: FriendsOFarley.com

This November, you have a chance to exercise your Constitutional right to create real change, and Arizona needs you. Now. Up and down the ballot, look for candidates who will stop the partisan bickering and the pandering to special interests, and do what is right for ALL of us, not just the extremists who voted for them in their primaries. It's time to throw out those who are ruled by politics instead of common sense. Every two years, you have the opportunity to change the folks running the place. It's time. Shake things up. We can't afford any more national embarrassments. We can't afford shortchanging our kids' schools. We can't afford an economy that works only for the wealthy few instead of hard-working families and small business owners. We can't afford a decaying transportation system. We can't afford putting hate ahead of trade and tourism. It's time to elect legislators committed to working together for everyone and doing the right thing, regardless of party. That's the Arizona we need, and the Arizona that I am working toward on your behalf. I deeply appreciate your support and ask for your vote once again.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 9

Randall "Randy" Friese  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Campaign Funding:** Traditional  
**Website:** www.DrFrieseForHouse.com

I was elected a State Representative in 2014 and served my first term in the Arizona House of Representatives in 2015-2016. I am also a physician, surgeon, and professor of surgery at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. As a legislator I believe that it is the state's responsibility to ensure that the core values of equality, opportunity (including equality of opportunity), and safety are reflected in its actions. During my first term I worked to support appropriate funding for Arizona public schools. I will continue to make appropriate funding for public schools a priority if re-elected. I also stand for a women’s right to make her own healthcare decisions, responsible gun safety legislation, expanded access to healthcare for all, the ability of cities and towns to self-govern without undue preemption from the state, the protection of our environment and natural resources, ensuring that exercising the right to vote is not restricted, and supporting infrastructure in Arizona (roads/highways/railways, technology growth, water conservation, as well as K-12 public education and our Universities). I believe that by supporting and growing Arizona infrastructure small businesses will prosper and corporations will expand in Arizona creating job growth and a robust economy.

Ana Henderson  
**Party:** Republican  
**Campaign Funding:** Participating  
**Website:** electhenderson.com

I believe the best way to achieve an efficient and simplified government is to elect Representatives who actually know the needs of you, your family, and your business. I’m a native Tucsonan who has been speaking with many of you for years. In fact, that’s one of my favorite parts of campaigning. One thing I hear again and again is frustration that for far too long, we have paid for representation and been ignored by politicians who are too busy meeting with lobbyists and protecting special interests. I’m running to be a different kind of Representative. I respect you and know you spend your hard-earned dollars as carefully as you can to raise your family, invest, and build towards your future. That’s how I’ll handle the state budget. I support a simplified bureaucracy and an improved communication system so that I can get facts and information to you quickly. I believe we need transparency and accountability, and I promise that I will protect and maintain your individual right to choose what’s best for you, your family and your business. A better economy, schools, and job market, all start with better government. Let’s do this together. I ask for your vote!

Matt Kopec  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Campaign Funding:** Traditional  
**Website:** kopecforarizona.com

My name is Matt Kopec and I’m running for a full term as your State Representative for Legislative District 9. I believe that Tucson and Pima County represent the best of Arizona and its people. I was born and raised here in Tucson, attended TUSD schools, and graduated from the University of Arizona. I understand and share your values, and want to continue to represent you in the Legislature. Education is my top priority because our economy, crime rates, property values, and more are all tied to the education our students receive. I will continue the fight to fully fund our public schools so they have the necessary resources to give Arizona the skilled workforce and engaged society it needs. I also believe we must make smart investments to achieve job growth. While our economy is rebounding, we need to ensure that this growth is sustainable. This means fostering an economic environment that attracts and rewards innovation. We must also invest in improvements in our infrastructure in order to stay competitive in the 21st century. It has been an honor to represent my hometown in the State Legislature. I humbly ask for your vote in the August and November Elections.
Pamela Powers Hannley

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: PowersForThePeople.net

As a mom, a grandma and a wife, Pamela Powers Hannley’s goal is to be a voice for workers and families in the Arizona Legislature. As a progressive Democrat, everything in Powers Hannley’s platform raises money or saves money to pay for the things Arizonans want—like quality education, solid infrastructure, and good-paying jobs. She is a strong supporter of public education, women’s rights, workers’ rights, affordable healthcare, the living wage, and sustainable economic development. She is running on a platform of economic reform and public banking; equality and paycheck fairness; and refocusing anti-drug efforts to target opiates. She has a background in medical research, public health, communications and management. A former small business owner, she believes that economic development efforts should focus on helping local small businesses and entrepreneurs develop their ideas and grow their businesses—in order to diversify our economy and provide good-paying jobs. An Ohio native, she has lived in Tucson for 35 years. Powers Hannley holds a BA in Journalism from Ohio State University and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Arizona. She and her husband Jim live in Midtown Tucson. Together they have four grown children and two grandchildren.
**David Bradley**

**Party:** Democratic  
**Campaign Funding:** Traditional  
**Website:** www.bradleyforarizona.com

It is a great honor and privilege to be running for reelection to the State Senate in District 10 having served for 12 years in the Arizona State Legislature. My focus through these many years has been and will continue to be on the well being of children in our state and access to affordable and quality healthcare for all Arizonans. Those goals can only be achieved through a strong and robust economic development that is predicated on a well funded educational system from pre-K through the university level. Arizona will continue to grow and the primary responsibility of the state legislature is to ensure that the future is secured for those who will follow by protecting our beautiful state's natural resources through thoughtful and deliberate planning, ensuring that we have a multifaceted transportation system and developing and sustaining a state government that is flexible, efficient and effective in responding to the ever changing needs of our communities. There is much to be done in the coming session from sentencing and tax reforms to alleviating the teacher shortage and continuing to guide DCS through its difficult times. Thank you for consideration and support these many years.

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**Randall Phelps**

**Party:** Republican  
**Campaign Funding:** Participating  
**Website:**

I Moved to Arizona in 1989 from Marietta, Georgia and I have over forty (40) years in the aviation training business. I am a previous aviation small business owner and retired Army Major serving as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and Logistics Officer during Desert Storm. I am presently an Aviation Consultant and serving as Legislative Liaison for the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA). I am also a member of Concerned Veterans of America (CVA), Reserve Officer Association (ROA) and Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA) I am committed to supporting our military, improving public education and maintaining our infrastructure. I believe government’s obligation to it’s constituents is to provide infrastructure, and to educate and legislate unnecessary regulations. One person may not be able to make a difference but one person with a passion can! My management philosophy has always been, “Listen, Learn and Help and they will let you lead.” I am committed not only to legislate the four months a year but to work in southern Arizona the other eight months to create jobs and improve the public schools. Southern Arizona needs a Senator that will work 365 days a year to fix the problems.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 10

Todd Clodfelter

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.tc4az.com

I’m running for State Representative because I can make a difference. I will bring balance, good sense, and a servant style leadership to the Arizona Legislature; leadership that is innovative with the vision to give every Arizonan a bright and prosperous future. I have always had a strong desire to serve and help people, all people. I will continue that service as your representative. I am the leader who can and will work with others to assure that Arizona has a sound, inviting business environment, attracting good jobs and clean industry. I will fight to provide the very best in educational opportunities that our children need and deserve. I will demand a balanced budget with no sweeps or accounting gimmicks. I am a successful, small business owner and Tucson resident for over 44 years. My longevity in Tucson and Arizona, my life experience, business background and community involvement make me the best choice to represent the people of LD 10. I know the community and the community knows me. Southern Arizona needs a strong voice that will be heard in Phoenix; I will be that voice. I will bring the representation to the capitol that southern Arizona ought to have.

Kirsten Engel

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.engelforarizona.com/

I am a law professor at the University of Arizona, having devoted my career to fighting for a clean and healthy environment. I am also the mother of an 11-year old in the Tucson Unified School District and sit on the Site Council of my daughter's school. I moved here from Boston where I served in the Massachusetts' Attorney General's Office, first as Chief of the Environmental Protection Division and later as Senior Counsel to the Public Protection Bureau. From my position at the University of Arizona and on my daughter's site council, I have witnessed firsthand the effects on our students of the state legislature's budget cuts. I am running for the Arizona State House from Legislative District 10 to obtain adequate funding for public education at all levels -- K-12, community colleges and universities — to protect our environment, especially our precious water resources, and to invest in our economy. During my career I've fought to ensure clean water, I've battled perennial polluters, and I've worked hard to protect the most vulnerable citizens in our communities. All of these experiences have prepared me to fight for Arizona's future.

Courtney Frogge

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.froggeforhouse.com/

I am Courtney Frogge, a fifth generation Arizonan, running for State Representative to continue my work ensuring that current and future generations have the same opportunities that were available to me growing up in Arizona. After attending public schools in Arizona I earned a BA from the University of San Francisco including a year at Oxford University and a Masters in Violence, Conflict and Development from the University of London. Most recently, I have been working in Southern Arizona bringing together diverse groups of people to improve the well-being of all Arizonans. This included working on the Steering Committee of the Healthy Families Healthy Workplaces Coalition which built a broad based team to promote the Earned Sick and Safe Days proposal. Other community involvement includes membership on the Pima County-Tucson Women’s Commission, the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona, and Arizona Women’s Political Caucus Boards. My educational background, work experiences and familiarity with the concerns of small business owners and working families have prepared me to hit the ground running in the state legislature. I have the energy and ability to work for all of the people of legislative District 10 and ask for your consideration and support.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 10

Stefanie Mach
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: mach.nationbuilder.com/

Raised in a military family, my parents instilled in me the value of service and hard work. A traumatic injury at age 17 changed my life, but only strengthened those values. The first in my family to earn a college degree, followed by a master’s in public policy, I started my own small business to be of service to non-profits. Elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2012, my votes are rooted in Tucson family values. I proudly voted to fund education instead of private prisons, to restore Kidscare for working families instead of an ill-conceived broader task force and invest in state parks and fix our roads.

Maintaining a perfect voting record and establishing relationships with legislators regardless of party, I have sought to serve District 10 by providing a voice that is respected by legislators across the state. With their help, a bill I authored updating state language for people with disabilities passed unanimously. In my legislative committees, I focus on energizing small business growth for Southern Arizona and ensuring that your tax dollars are spent wisely. I am asking for your vote to continue to fight for you and your family.
Ralph Atchue
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.atchueforsenate.com
My name is Ralph Atchue. As a first time candidate - not a career politician, my pledge is to run for no more than two terms and not run for any other elected office. I’m a 4 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. I enjoyed a 33 year career with the U.S. Postal Service - starting as a Letter Carrier I worked my way up to Postmaster. During that time I negotiated labor agreements representing both union and management. Arizona needs legislators with a balanced perspective. Today’s one party controlled legislature has lost touch with the everyday needs of the citizens of our state. I stand for commonsense solutions to our pressing problems, bringing Arizona to a place of national leadership making us all proud. AZ needs to prioritize education, infrastructure and citizen participation. AZ needs innovative ways to reduce the surge of violence in today’s society. AZ needs our election and political process to be clean, open, transparent and accountable. AZ needs legislators who make people their special interest rather than donors. AZ needs more commonsense and less controversy. Please join me in meeting those needs and moving Arizona to the top!

Steve Smith
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:
GOD, FAMILY, COUNTRY is what I have always stood for and will continue to stand for if you once again give me the honor of representing you in the Senate. This year I’m happy to report that we added hundreds of millions of dollars in new education funding for both K-12 and universities without raising taxes, I stood strong to help pass a budget that is truly balanced without any accounting tricks previous legislators relied on, and I was able to transfer nearly $250,000 to our Sheriff on the border to help keep us safe, money that I privately raised from concerned Americans all over the country in response to inaction by the federal government. I’ve been named Champion of the Taxpayer, Friend of the Family, Legislator of the Year by the Arizona Police Association, and ranked the overall #1 Legislator on the top scorecards. I’ve enjoyed working as a productive and effective team with Vince Leach and Mark Finchem who serve in the State House and I hope you will vote for the three of us so we can continue to work on real solutions to the challenges Arizona faces. Thank you and may God always bless Arizona!
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 11

Mark Finchem
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.VoteFinchem.com

Over the last 2 years I have been very clear that I seek to First serve God and then the rights of men and women. My colleagues in the 52nd Legislature have made significant gains on protecting personal freedom, economic freedom and moving the State of Arizona to a debt-free future. Our policy decisions have followed a plan dedicated to improving the jobs creation climate, increased education spending, reduced debt from prior administrations and reducing the regulatory burden for small business and entrepreneurs. If returned to office for a 2nd term I plan to do everything in my power to hold the line on government spending, to hold public school systems accountable for results, improve teacher compensation, continue to pay down State debt from past administrations and explore even more ways to inject greater accountability into government operations. We can no longer tolerate failing schools, we must adopt the objective that every kid gets a quality education, every day, no excuses. We must set our children up for success and not perpetuate a cycle of enslavement brought on by ignorance at graduation. I remain committed to serving God, Family and Country.

Corin Hammond
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: hammond4house.com/

FREEDOM•OPPORTUNITY•JUSTICE are the American principles I vow to honor as your elected representative. Recent unpopular Arizona legislation has put our state reputation at stake. Our elected leaders advertise support for economic growth, yet fail to understand the link between high-performing public education programs and business development. They claim to be tough on crime, yet thousands of violent rape cases have gone uninvestigated. They boast fiscally conservative records, yet they pillage our state tax revenue to file lawsuits against voter-enacted laws. This partisan affront to our civil rights must end. Arizona's unsustainable revenue structure is carried on the backs of the middle class and we are suffering. Arizona ranks 41st for "tax fairness" due to disproportionate over-taxation of lower earners. I am a middle-class mother and chemist looking for real solutions for hardworking Arizonans. I will fight for public education, voter rights protection, fair proportional taxation, and state cooperation with local law enforcement. As a Clean Elections Candidate I reject the notion that the wealthy elite may purchase a stronger voice in our political system. I humbly ask for your vote so that we can make the Arizona Legislature work for all of us and not just the wealthy.

Venden "Vince" Leach
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: vinceleach.com

It has been an honor to represent you at the State Legislature. In just my first term I already serve as the Vice-Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee where I get to look after your tax dollars. I also serve on the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Rural and Economic Development Committee where I work to ensure that our state's economy continues to grow. My core values are: Belief in Constitutionally Limited Government, Limited Taxation, Free Markets, Pro Life, Personal Responsibility and the Rule of Law. I'm looking forward to campaigning for re-election because I know it keeps me in touch with so many of you along the way. That said, never hesitate to email me or call my office with advice, questions, or requests. I work for you!
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 12

Elizabeth Brown
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: 
After 35 years as a resident of Arizona, 12 of which have been spent as an activist and volunteer in State politics, I have decided to run for the Arizona State Senate. I’m running for the Arizona State Senate, because I truly love this state and believe in its residents. I want to make Arizona a better place for everyone. I have worked in state government under both Governors Janet Napolitano and Jan Brewer. This experience, and my years of working as an Administrative Assistant in the State Senate, has given me the insight and experience to be a leader our state truly needs! I believe it is vital that we have clean air and water, restore funding in public education, have equal pay for equal work, have effective immigration policies, and to continue to expand our public transit system. As your State Senator I want to be your voice by listening to the issues that concern you and taking them to the State Capitol. Through community engagement I will seek real, practical solutions for hard working Arizonans and tirelessly support and create policy that will ensure the well-being of everyone.

Jimmy Lindblom
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.jimmyforaz.com
I am a conservative republican. I have lived in Gilbert for 25 years, and I love Arizona and am deeply connected to my community. My wife Rachelle is a 5th generation native of Arizona, and we have four children, biological and adopted. I graduated from Gilbert High then earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from ASU, followed by a J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. I am an attorney and businessman. I currently serve as CEO of Adolphus Co., my multi-state construction company, and hold an executive position with JNS Management, which manages a group of private Arizona companies. I really know what businesses need to be successful. I am running for State Senate because I think we should improve in some areas and feel I could help. For example, in several nationwide comparisons, we are nearly last in education. This is an unacceptable failure of leadership, and we should make changes. I believe I can utilize my education, business, and personal experiences to create common sense legislation that will ensure a brighter future for all of Arizona’s families.

Warren Petersen
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.votewarrenpetersen.com
Thank you for your trust, support, and the opportunity to serve you. I ran for office as a business owner, husband, father, and concerned citizen, promising to limit government and protect our Constitutional rights. I have kept my promises. I’m a top-ranked conservative in the Legislature and have been awarded Small Business Legislator of the Year, Hero of the Taxpayer, Free Market Champion, Top Regulatory Reformer, Guardian of Small Business, and Friend of the Family. I worked hard with Representative Eddie Farnsworth to pass a structurally balanced budget, improve our credit rating and dramatically boost K-12 funding. I sponsored and passed legislation to eliminate politicians’ pensions and to close an entire state department. Limiting government and protecting taxpayers means saying “No” to special interests who want their hands in your pockets. My conservative votes and positions have earned me a primary challenger who disagrees with me. I’ve been endorsed by conservatives like County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Supervisor Denny Barney, Senator Andy Biggs, and many more (please visit www.votewarrenpetersen.com for a full list). Feel free to contact me at home at 480-497-2224 with any questions.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 12

Eddie Farnsworth

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.eddiefarnsworth.com

Our individual liberties come from God, not from government. Government was instituted to protect those God-given freedoms. This is my firmly held belief. During my tenure in the legislature I have measured my support of legislation, first and foremost, through that lens and ask myself, "is this the proper role of government?" My deeply held conservative values have made me a leading advocate for limited government, individual liberties, sound fiscal policy, private property rights, Second Amendment rights, quality education, and protecting the unborn. I'm consistently ranked a top champion of the taxpayer and defender of the Constitution. I have successfully sponsored legislation to fight human trafficking, strengthen victim’s rights, and prohibit state agencies from law making. I am humbled to have successfully sponsored "Jacob’s Law" which empowers foster families to heal abused children. I have the endorsement of such statesmen as Governor Doug Ducey, Congressman Matt Salmon, Senate President Andy Biggs, and Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, to name a few. I am honored to be running as a team with Warren Petersen for the Senate and Travis Grantham for the House. On August 30th, I humbly ask that you vote for the conservative team of Farnsworth, Petersen and Grantham.

Travis Grantham

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.granthamforaz.com

I’m honored to be running with Warren Petersen and Eddie Farnsworth for the Legislature. Both are award-winning Champions of the Taxpayer with proven voting records on important issues like education funding, life, liberty, border security, school choice, taxes, spending, and protecting the family. I share their commitment to these ideals and ask for your second State House vote. I am a 3rd-generation Arizonan who currently holds the rank of Major and is serving as an Aircraft Commander and KC135R Instructor Pilot in the Arizona Air National Guard. I am also a businessman who is a Partner in, and serves as the Chief Operations Officer for International Air Response (IAR). We have been endorsed by Congressman Matt Salmon, Senator Andy Biggs, State Treasurer Jeff DeWit, County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Supervisors Denny Barney and Steve Chucri, and numerous leaders from our legislature, community, and churches. Our opponents campaign as conservatives but object to our conservative positions and records. They favor an expanding state government to pay for their left-leaning policies. They are good and decent people, but we have real policy disagreements. I’d be honored to earn your vote and hope you will support our conservative team. Thank you!

LaCinda Lewis

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

My name is LaCinda Lewis. I am a Conservative Republican running for the LD12 State House. Our family moved to Gilbert in 1985. We have lived and learned, worked and worshiped, served and played and raised our eight children. I am a small business owner, teacher at Mesa Community College, doctoral student at Northern Arizona University, nonprofit director, faith-group volunteer, wife, mother and grandmother. We opened our hearts and home to our foster and adopted sons and two exchange students. Governor Doug Ducey has said, "A great economy requires great public schools." I understand the importance of family as it relates to education and the economy. Economic prosperity is the goal. Businesses require a trained and educated workforce; individuals and parents need good jobs; children deserve loving families and excellent schools. I will use my experience and knowledge to reduce burdens on businesses, protect children and the family and make education a real priority with equitable, adequate and predictable funding within a merit-based system. If I am fortunate enough to win the race and sit in the "open seat," I will have an open door, an open ear and I will leave the "House" better than I found it.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 13

Diane Landis

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.dianelandis.com

Raised on a working cattle ranch along the Mexican border, I have first-hand knowledge of water and border issues. My husband and I have also lived and worked in Yuma and Maricopa County. I’m anti-tax, pro-Second Amendment, pro-life, for individual responsibility, and smaller government. As a former City Councilmember, I campaigned heavily against a property tax when running. I served as White House Liaison for the Department of Veterans Affairs and have been a CPA for over 25 years. I’m a research driven, solutions oriented, conservative, independent thinking Republican. The budget is the legislature’s most important job, yet there are no CPAs in Arizona’s Senate. Another candidate faces trust issues, saying one thing and doing another. Following his questionable use of a state vehicle for personal use this legislator asked to be personally reimbursed by another organization. When his friend was deported back to Mexico after drug related convictions, this candidate, previously outspoken against illegal immigration, recommended a pardon even though his friend had come back and been living here illegally. That’s not the kind of leadership we need for Arizona. I’m Diane Landis, I will work hard for you and I’m asking for your vote.

Steve Montenegro

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.SteveMontenegro.com

I’m proud of Arizona’s progress since I was elected. Our budget is balanced, our economy is growing, we’ve added hundreds of millions of dollars to education, and Arizona is one of the best states in the country to do business in. I voted for the largest tax cuts in Arizona history, the Arizona Jobs Bill, and SB1070. I authored Arizona’s transparency laws and the ban on affirmative action. I have a 100% pro-life, pro-family, pro-2nd Amendment, pro-border security voting record, and won the Hero of the Taxpayer award. Working with Don Shooter and Darin Mitchell, we’re an effective team for our entire district – from Yuma to Wickenburg to the West Valley, protecting everything from our military bases to agricultural interests. My opponent Diane Landis, a self-described moderate who ran and lost in 2014. I opposed Common Core, she supported it. I opposed the ObamaCare Expansion, she supported it. As a Town Councilmember Landis was rated Friend of Big Government and was endorsed by a Democrat Senator because she’s “as close to a Democrat” as they can get in our very Republican district. I’m endorsed by Congressman Franks, Sheriff Arpaio, and many others. I ask for your vote!
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 13

Iisha Graves

**Party:** Democratic  
**Campaign Funding:** Participating  
**Website:** iishagraves.com

Iisha Graves embodies hard work and dedication. Whether it is working with underserviced veterans or volunteering for women and children issues, she is focused on raising the quality of life for others. For over fifteen years she has been committed to serving an at-risk population of youth and adults. She has used her knowledge and experience to bring about positive change in our communities. Like many Americans Iisha is dedicated to working towards our countries return to its core values. She believes it is time to turn away from a failing education system, privatized prisons and a judicial system that is criminalizing Americans struggling with addictions. Concerned with the education system in Arizona Iisha has moved forward with this unwavering dedication. She is determined to do her part in the fight for a balanced education system. Iisha understands the need for our children to be able to compete with others from across the country. This call to action has fueled her 2016 campaign for the House of Representatives in LD-13. Iisha will serve the people in her district with integrity, hard work and dedication.

Ray Kouns

**Party:** Republican  
**Campaign Funding:** Traditional  
**Website:**

My wife Nancy and I moved to Arizona 24 years ago. We have lived in Legislative District 13 at Eagle Roost Airpark in Aquila for 18 years. I came to Arizona from Ohio with 26 years of marketing experience, then entered the data processing field with Avnet in Chandler and retired after 16 years as a Systems Analyst. I believe in the common sense approach to government. The skills and abilities I bring from my previous careers will help to solve problems with a sense of clarity, and bring fresh ideas to the House of Representatives. I also believe in an open door policy. This state needs to bring new industry and create new jobs, but is the state ready with the educated work force to handle the new highly skilled jobs of today. Also, the water issue is another big concern of mine as I live in a rural farming area. We need to figure out how we are going to manage this resource for now and into the future. I look forward to working with the members of the House of Representatives to help solve some of these issues.

Darin Mitchell

**Party:** Republican  
**Campaign Funding:** Traditional  
**Website:**

In just my first year I was named “Champion of the Taxpayer” and given the #1 rank of any House member by Americans for Prosperity. Since then I have continued to work on tax reform, streamlining government agencies and procedures, and cutting regulations to make it easier to work in Arizona. For the first time since the great recession we made a $200 Million payment on our debt and boosted education funding by hundreds of millions of dollars. I supported school choice, fought against Common Core, and maintained a pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment voting record. Our liberal opponent from 2014 is back, and this time Diane Landis is running for the State Senate. Her campaign last time was dishonest and negative, and her liberal positions and tax-and-spend record were rightfully rejected by the voters. If we’re going to keep Arizona on the right track, protect Yuma’s water and our district’s military bases, keep attracting employers to Arizona, and protect taxpayers and our Constitutional rights, then we need to elect proven conservatives. I hope you’ll vote for Mitchell & Montenegro and allow us the honor of continuing to serve you and Arizona’s best interests. Thank you! (Endorsements on my website!)
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 13

Don Shooter
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

I’ve been honored to serve you in the State Legislature these last few years. As Chairman of the Appropriations Committee I’ve balanced our budget, restored education and transportation dollars, fought for the Marine Corp Air Station, Yuma Proving Grounds and Luke AFB, and advocated for our rural agricultural interests, including our critical water rights. I’m a plain-spoken, red white & blue loving, conservative Republican who ran a long-shot race and upset a Democrat incumbent to win this seat. I did so by promising to protect the taxpayers, focus on our economy, restore our liberties, and do what is right for our families. I’ve received multiple Champion of the Taxpayer and Friend of the Family awards and voted against Arizona’s ObamaCare Expansion. We’ve got a good team here in LD13, working together to cut taxes, limit government, and promote strong families. As usual, we face liberal challengers who disagree with our voting records, but that’s the beauty of the system. You get to decide if you want conservative or liberal representation. If you want less government and less regulation, then I ask for your vote so I can continue to do what is right for our district. Thank you!
Jaime Alvarez
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.alvarezforsenate.com/
I’ve lived in Sierra Vista 14 years. As a retired auditor, I have the skills and insight to understand financial statements and budgets. Professional standards obligate us to serve the public interest and honor the public trust. Working for the Army over 30 years I knew my customer was the soldier in the foxhole, and it remained my focus. The Army ethos and the values I learned in the Marine Corps have never failed me. I will bring those values and business acumen to serve the district. I’m running because our Legislature has failed us. Our future is our children and grandchildren (including my 7 in Arizona). Our public school system funding is constantly cut and propositions approved by voters are ignored, it’s time for change. LD14 voters agree that actions taken and values displayed are not theirs. Voters recognize the economic impact. We must restore public school system funding. The stigma of our state as anti-education is an obstacle to attracting companies that offer higher paying jobs. College and medical leaders tell me the stigma adversely affects their ability to recruit professors and doctors, especially, because our district is rural. Let’s bring back trust and values – vote for me.

Gail Griffin
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.griffinforaz.com
Legislative District 14 needs a strong voice at the capital for rural Arizona. I have the leadership skills and experience to continue to be that voice. JOBS and economic stability of our state and local communities is of high priority. I believe in LIMITED GOVERNMENT, LOWER TAXES, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY and the FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. I believe we have a duty and responsibility to SECURE OUR BORDERS, enforce our laws and protect the citizens of Arizona. Border Security is National Security. Other important issues include the PROTECTION OF PROPERTY and WATER RIGHTS... and EDUCATION EXCELLENCE, ensuring taxpayer dollars make it to the classroom to help students and teachers improve academic achievement. I will continue to fight for Veterans issues. I am PRO-BUSINESS, PRO-TAXPAYER, PRO-FAMILY and PRO-CONSTITUTION. I am a successful businesswomen. I am a member of the Arizona Cattle Growers, Arizona Farm Bureau and a Life Member of the NRA. As a recipient of Legislator of the Year Award from the Rural Health Association and other similar awards from the NFIB (Nation Federation of Independent Business) and the Arizona March of Dimes. I will continue to WORK FOR YOU. Thank you for your support.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 14

Dennis Barger

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

As the parent of two college aged children, and having been the principal who awarded them their diplomas, public education in Arizona is my passion. During the past 24 years I have worked as a teacher, program coordinator, assistant principal and the past ten years as principal to help educate the children of Southern Arizona. Arizona has made defunding public school districts its priority over the past decade and I have chosen to no longer sit on the sidelines, instead I am doing something about it! I am running for office to support the parents, children and community members who believe that a well-educated populous is the most important undertaking of our state government; and one that they have quite honestly not made a priority. I have recently been named the 2016 Arizona High School Principal of the Year. That title and recognition comes with the responsibility to get more involved in education funding and I ask for your support in helping all of Arizona's children. I believe that we can choose to keep electing the same type of folks we always send to the legislature, or we can choose to send people who are proven leaders in Education.

Mike Holmes

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.mikeholmesforsoutheastarizona.org

I have been a soldier, business owner, community activist, public servant and husband for 28 years. I am the father of three amazingly successful young women and I am running for the Arizona State Representative for LD 14 in Southeast Arizona. Arizona has some major problems to solve, including: our schools ranking at 44th in the nation for performance; the Sierra Vista-Douglas corridor’s economic decline of 5%--the 4th worst in the nation; and our drop in ranking as a “Business Friendly” state (34th, down from 13th place). Voters are disenfranchised because we don’t have open elections; the district faces water challenges and aquifers drying up due to drought conditions. Among my top issues are education, open elections and water management, issues that constituents in LD 14 say are of great concern to them. I am running as a Democrat because after a 50-year run the Republicans have failed us. It is time to start thinking with our heads instead of our hearts. If elected, I will work hard towards creating a positive environment in the Arizona State Legislature and working collaboratively to make our home a better place for all of us.

Drew John

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.DrewJohnAZ.com

Rural Arizona needs a powerful voice in the State House of Representatives. Maricopa county and big cities like Phoenix tend to dominate the legislative process. I am Drew John and I was born, raised and have worked my entire life in this rural legislative district. Over my lifetime I have come to know all too well the critical issues we face. We need more and better jobs, reduced regulations, excellent educational opportunities, safe communities, and affordable healthcare that is accessible to our rural areas. Unfortunately, we are often overlooked on these and many other important issues. I have worked as a meat cutter, small business owner, school board member, and county supervisor, to name a few. I am fully committed to representing your interests and fighting for your rights in the state legislature. You have my word that I will represent you in a fair and honest manner. I always welcome your comments and suggestions, and want to know what is most important to you. www.DrewJohnAZ.com for more information and to get my contact information. Your vote for Drew John will ensure a fair and honest representative that cares about you and the issues we face in rural Arizona.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 14

Jason Lindstrom

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

If you are looking for an ordinary candidate, please look elsewhere. I am running for one reason: I am fed up with politicians and "business as usual". My primary purpose is to combat corruption and bring common sense back into our government. I consider myself to be the guy next door. I am 42 years old and my wife, Leta, and I recently celebrated our 20th year wedding anniversary. We have two wonderful children. My family has lived in Cochise County for over 35 years, my wife's family since 1887. I currently work as a Cochise County Prosecutor and the coordinator of the Felony Adult Diversion Program. I've worked as a victim advocate and as criminal defense attorney. People that know me best have described me as socially liberal and fiscally conservative. I won't claim to have accurate definitions of these political labels at this point, as it seems most of them have been trampled and worn thin over the years. I promise that if you elect me, I will not be corrupted by special interests. I will promote the spirit of tolerance while holding our core American principles of liberty and justice close to my heart. Thank you.

Becky Nutt

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.beckynutt.org

I am a rural minded, plain spoken, conservative Republican who would be honored to receive your vote. Arizona may be back on track, but progress takes longer to reach rural Arizona where we do not feel relief as quickly or effectively as in Phoenix. My focus is to see our rural towns and counties healthy, stable, and productive; our education system among the best in the Nation; a vibrant private sector with local entrepreneurs and expanding local businesses; and an environment that encourages industry to move into Southeastern Arizona. I want to preserve a higher quality of life by securing our borders, stopping illegal immigration, and properly utilizing and protecting our natural resources. I want to ensure that we preserve and, in many cases, restore the Constitutional freedoms that made our Country so great. I was raised in an entrepreneur family and grew up in family businesses that include restaurant, resort, retail, real estate, logging, farming, ranching, and the equine industries. This race offers you conservative candidates and liberal candidates. If you prefer a genuinely conservative candidate who is focused on strengthening rural Arizona then I ask for your vote. Thank you!

Anthony Sizer

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: sizerforazhouse.com/

With Speaker Gowan and Rep. Stevens both leaving the House, our district is losing 16 years of experience and a great deal of clout. So it’s important to elect real conservatives who can work well with Senator Gail Griffin, and hit the ground running on important issues. I am a proud conservative Republican, an Eagle Scout, a Christian and an Engineer at a Missile Defense Contractor in Southern Arizona. Prior to this job, I worked projects associated to F-22 and F-35 Fighters. I’m a roll-up the sleeves, dig into the facts, problem-solving kind of guy. I also grew up in an agricultural community, so I understand the battles facing ranchers, farmers and the mining industries. I pledge to serve my district with integrity and to honor my oath of office. I will defend our Constitutional rights, including our 2nd Amendment rights. I am pro-life, pro-family, and pro-traditional values. I believe in secure borders and a real border wall. I also intend to focus on economic issues and jobs, to ensure that the debate over economic policy recognizes the unique needs of rural Arizona. Please visit my webpage and get involved in my campaign! Thank you and God Bless!
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 15

Nancy Barto
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.nancybarto.com

Government always seeks to enlarge its scope. As your Senator I have worked to restrain its growth and the burdensome regulations unaccountable bureaucracies can impose upon Arizona citizens - stifling job creation, throttling state revenues and undermining our basic liberties. Funding the State’s priorities – education, public safety and infrastructure – while achieving a structurally balanced budget is basic good government - but it is imperative that the funding be outcome-driven and accountable to you. That is why I have prioritized expanding patients’ health care options and legislation that empowers parents to choose the health care and education they believe is best for their children - while protecting the lives of the most vulnerable. I remain committed to ensuring the hundreds of millions spent annually on K-12 and higher education, DCS, our AHCCCS, corrections and mental health systems yield outcomes we want to see in Arizona – a better educated workforce, safer families, less recidivism and homelessness and more connection to the communities in which vulnerable individuals can thrive. It is why I have consistently supported border security and your Constitutional right to bear arms. My hope is to continue to serve you and represent District 15 in the Arizona Senate.

Tonya MacBeth
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: electmacbeth.com/

Arizona is ready for change and I am ready help prepare for our future. Our Legislature turned away from its most important responsibilities of properly funding schools, protecting the safety of our communities, and assuring the equal treatment of our citizens. Instead, the majority focused on interfering in women’s healthcare choices, stopping local control and threatening to withhold funding for emergency services. If the legislature does its job, Arizona’s improved quality of life will draw businesses in and provide good jobs. I will work to improve our infrastructure –roads, high speed internet, and water—to create jobs and provide businesses the tools to grow. Properly designed tax cuts will support business development, but they must be more than just favors for big donors. With your support, we can stop our legislature from supporting discrimination in any form, whether in adoptions, housing or employment. I will stand against attacks on voter initiatives and protect the will of the voters. I am proud to be a graduate of Camelback High, UofA and ASU Law-a real Arizonan. As a lawyer, wife, mother, and mental health advocate, I would be honored to represent you in the State Senate. Learn more at ElectMacBeth.com
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 15

John Allen
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

My name is John Allen and I’m running to be your State Representative from LD 15. I’m excited about putting forth an agenda that reflects the conservative values of our district. I am a low-tax, pro-life, private property rights, conservative that believes government should do the things it must, like foster care and policing, and the best we can, with the resources available. I am the Chairman of the House Committee on Children and Family Services and I work hard to craft policy to address many of the pressing issues related to foster care, the elderly and the developmentally disabled. People ask me "why would anyone want to be in the Legislature in this state?" I can confidently say that there is no better place to serve than in Arizona right now. We are at a crossroad in the state and our nation. This election is a crucial one, to turn away from a government that wants to equalize outcomes by removing our freedom. Arizonans want their government to equalize access to education, economic opportunity, and good infrastructure, but not one that redistributes our wealth. To win, you must vote for someone willing to fight.

Heather Carter
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: voteheathercarter.com

As your current state representative, we have accomplished big things. We balanced the state budget, reformed our tax code and put Arizona back on track. As Chair of the Health Committee, I successfully sponsored healthcare reforms to provide a more transparent and cost-effective healthcare system. I worked with patient advocacy groups to make sure that we receive world-class medical care right in our own backyard. As a former PVUSD teacher, Clinical Associate Professor at ASU and chairman of multiple education committees, I have reduced government regulations and unfunded mandates to allow our schools to be more innovative, efficient and effective. As a parent, I strongly support school choice – public, private and homeschooling. I am a proud NRA member and Second Amendment supporter. I am pro-life. I support policies to address border security and keeping our communities safe. Recognized as a top legislator, I am endorsed by, and won awards from many organizations that promote conservative economic principles and strong family values. I received the prestigious Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society’s Copper Shield Award for my commitment to veteran issues. Most importantly, I am a mom, wife and daughter of an Arizona family and I hope to earn your vote!

Brandon Dwyer
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.dwyer4arizona.com

Arizona faces a critical time this election year that will determine our state’s direction for years to come. I share the values of many fellow Arizonans: 1. opportunities for individual success based upon talent and work ethic and 2. a government respectful of the voters. Unfortunately, our State Legislature has abandoned those values in favor of extreme, right wing national interests who do not share our values. I am running for the State House of Representatives, LD 15, so that we may recreate an Arizona based upon our core values. To maximize opportunities for individual success, investment in public education must be held as a top priority. Budgets reflect a state’s value system, and while expenditures for private prisons continues to sky rocket, investment in public education dwindles. We should invest in Arizona’s leaders of tomorrow rather than ensure profits for companies that incarcerate our neighbors. Additionally, our elected officials continue to circumvent the voters’ will by passing legislation that directly contradicts voter initiatives or places unfair obstacles for many to vote, particularly Independents. All voters must be empowered, and their voice should take precedence over political ideologies. Together, we can take back Arizona and prioritize people over politics.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 16

David Farnsworth
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

I believe the Constitution of The United States is an inspired document. I believe we are in trouble in our State and in our Nation. We have strayed far a field from the principles that our founders believed in. We need less government, lower taxes and more individual responsibility. I am pro-life and pro-second amendment. Government on all levels need to be more transparent and more friendly and supportive of entrepreneurs. New business start ups is the life blood of the American economy. I support all business but I am passionate about helping new small businesses get started. The proper role of government is to protect the liberty of the people. I have and will continue to support and sponsor legislation in the Senate that support this proper role of government.

Scott Prior
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.scottprioraz.com

The past two years have been destructive to the State of Arizona. The legislature made for-profit prisons a priority over the education of our children. They worked to overrule and prevent Cities and Towns across Arizona from governing their own territories. They voted to allow new predatory payday loans that the people of Arizona have voted against time and time again. And they have done little to stimulate the economy of our state. The legislature has gambled with the health of 30,000 children in AZ over Kids Care. On top of that, the state’s Presidential Preference Election was a disaster: The Secretary of State’s office made many mistakes at the expense of the voters. It is time to change the status quo. We need people of integrity at the Capitol who will truly answer to the voice of the people. We need regular Arizonans, not career politicians. We need people who will fight to improve the quality of life for every person who lives in Arizona, without reservation. I believe I am the right person to fight for the needs of all the people of Arizona.
Douglas Coleman

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

It has been my honor to serve you in the House of Representatives. I have worked on important issues such as education, jobs, public safety, and healthcare. We must ensure that everyone has access to affordable healthcare, feels safe in their homes and their neighborhoods, has the opportunity to receive a quality education and can find meaningful employment. Arizona is a wonderful place to live. My wife and I have raised our family here, and I can think of no other place we would rather be. During my career as high school teacher (business/law), and during my service as a City Councilmember and Mayor, I realized that Arizona must have the kind of leadership that promises a vision for the future. Our society must have direction. If we apply conservative principles to the problems we face, we will find solutions that will help us continue to move forward in a responsible way. I promise that I will represent you the way you want to be represented, and that I will always listen to what you have to say. As we work together, we can make this area the best place in the country to live, work and play.

John Fillmore

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.johnfillmore.com

My theme in life is to “BELIEVE IN THE GREATNESS OF AMERICA” and I have said it for years. As a small businessman (Owner of the WeatherShack Cooler store on Mesa’s Main Street) and veteran who has lived in our district for more than 35 years it was my experiences with government that first prompted me to run for the Legislature where I served two years (2011-2012 making the hard choices on our budget in the recession), winning awards from pro-family and pro-taxpayer groups, and an “A+” from the NRA. Now I feel compelled to run again and offer a real conservative alternative and stop this business–as-usual craziness where it seems our elected officials just keep kicking the can down the road of socialism and political correctness. As a VFW lifetime member, past President of the Superstition Mountain Republican Club, past chairman of the Gilbert leadership program, Board member of the Copper Basin Chamber and more. I’m focused on education and favor district consolidation to cut administrative costs and put more $$ into the classrooms. I’m blunt and not politically correct, but I’m old-school honest and will look after the Arizona families and taxpayers again. Please re-elect John Fillmore.

Cara Prior

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: caraprioraz.com

Some people may believe that the true key to success is to only try things that are within their realm of expertise and comfort level; I am not one of those people. I believe that if you gain knowledge, maintain a positive outlook and try your hardest, you will never fail. You will instead develop a stronger sense of character. This is my third consecutive election cycle running for the House in my district. Our marinara red district can turn a pleasant shade of purple this time around, but it will take all of us to accomplish this long overdue and extremely necessary feat. Many of us are tired and feeling disenfranchised, but if we work together, we can ignite a movement. I am not afraid to admit that I cannot do this alone; I need your help. Let's work together to make sure disenfranchised voters have a voice in LD16.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 16

Adam Stevens
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.adamforaz.com
I am a common sense conservative, small business owner who wants to bring a local voice to the State House. I do not believe that career politicians who created the problems we face today are the people who will solve those problems if given another 2 years. I hope you agree with me that it is time to get people into government who know how to live within our means, and when necessary, know how to do more with less. I grew up in the family manufacturing business started by my grandfather in 1952 and eventually started my own business to pay my way through ASU. I believe that it is still possible for people to achieve the American Dream, but it has become so overly taxed and regulated that it seems impossible. I want to immediately lower those barriers and start getting Arizona back to work. As your State Representative I will focus on lowering taxes, eliminating harmful regulations, building an education system that focuses on the individual needs of our children and parental choice, getting Arizona's infrastructure needs met, and securing our Southern border immediately. Please visit www.adamforaz.com to learn more, get involved, and VOTE FOR ADAM STEVENS!

Sharon Stinard
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.stinardforhouse.com
Policy decisions by candidates elected to the legislature are critical to the future of Arizona. Our economy will grow only when defunding of public education is reversed. Your legislators must re-examine taxation policies to ensure sufficient resources are available for our state's public schools, infrastructure and critical public services. Draining the general fund to benefit special interest groups is contrary to Arizona's constitutional mandate that-university and all other state educational institutions shall be as nearly free as possible and that the legislature shall make appropriations by taxation. Arizona's investment in the success of every child is vital to our state's economy and we must invest in building and maintaining an educated work force ready to step into living wage jobs. As a retired educator and leader in multiple community organizations I have worked to build successful coalitions. I know that cooperative relationships across the political aisle are critical in creating opportunities and common sense solutions to Arizona's challenges. As your legislator I will build coalitions to reorder taxation policies that respond to Arizona's public education constitutional mandate and for critically needed infrastructure and public services. I pledge to be a strong and balanced voice for the citizens of LD16.

Kelly Townsend
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.electkellytownsend.com
I'm very humbled that you have allowed me to represent you and I want you to know that I work hard on your behalf. I’ve voted for balanced budgets and policies to protect and create jobs, strengthen education, and find creative funding streams that bolster our economy WITHOUT raising your taxes. I have protected your 2nd Amendment rights, defended the Constitution, protected the unborn, fought for border security, advocated for veteran's rights, fought Federal overreach, protected family values, cleaned up the Department of Child Safety, and led the effort to save Arizona's cherished Salt River horses. I have won the Friend of the Family Award and the Hero of the Taxpayer Award. I have fought to block ObamaCare and return free market principles to our health care system, and I have opposed Common Core in favor of high education standards that come from Arizona parents and teachers. My goals remain a smaller and more responsive government, greater liberty, a fiscally responsible state, a strong economy, respect for the rule-of-law, and the strengthening of the American family. If you share these ideals, I ask for your vote in the August 30th primary. Thank you!
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 17

Steven Weichert
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.weichertforaz.com

After an exhaustive search for an ideal location to raise a family, Steve Weichert and his wife moved to Arizona in 2003. Looking for a child-friendly community with top-notch schools, a thriving economy, and convenient access to work and play, the Weichert family ultimately chose Chandler as their new home. Almost 13 years later, Steve is proud to say that three generations of his family now reside in Arizona. With an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and an MBA, Steve has utilized his academic and business experience to fulfill his passion to serve others within his community. Steve currently works as a hospital director serving Native Americans residing in the Gila River Indian Community. As the son of a public school teacher of 38 years and as a father of two school-aged daughters, Steve’s top objective is to ensure proper funding of Arizona's public schools. Growing up in Silicon Valley, Steve witnessed firsthand how prudent investment in educators and students can spur innovation, leading to tremendous growth in personal well-being and economic prosperity. Steve is also passionate about addressing issues of child welfare and poverty, as well as advocating for comprehensive ethics reform and transparency in government and campaign finance.

Steve Yarbrough
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.yarbroughsenate.com

Senate Majority Leader Steve Yarbrough is seeking his eighth and final term in the legislature. Steve has lived in Arizona since 1963. He graduated from Phoenix Union H.S. and earned his Bachelor's Degree (Finance with High Distinction) and Juris Doctor (Magna Cum Laude) from ASU. He chaired the House Ways and Means Committee, was House Speaker Pro Tempore, chaired the Senate Finance Committee, and is now Senate Majority Leader. He and his wife of forty-eight years, Linda, a long-time music teacher and leader in the fine arts community, have three sons and eight grandchildren. Two are East Valley police officers (Chandler Lt. and Gilbert officer) and one is a business executive in London, UK. Steve has practiced law in Arizona since 1972, partnering with former Chandler Mayor, Boyd Dunn. Steve was a director and attorney in the ASU Office of Student Affairs, taught business law at MCC, and spent 24 years on a local school board. Presently he is CEO and general counsel for a large scholarship awarding charity in Chandler. Steve has been named “Friend of the Family” and “Champion of the Taxpayer” multiple times and was the Capitol Times choice as “Legislative Leader of the Year.”
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 17

J.D. Mesnard
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.jdmesnard.com/
I ran for office because I was tired of politicians making promises they were unable (or unwilling) to keep, claiming to be "different" only to become part of the system—part of the problem. I didn’t make grandiose promises, but pledged to keep an open door, put my constituents first and use my diverse background that includes husband, small business owner, professor and legislative policy advisor with master's degrees in both business and public administration to accomplish things others could not. I've kept those promises. In my very first term as your Representative I introduced landmark job-creation legislation that was signed into law. Such accomplishments have earned me designations like "Guardian of Small Business" and "Representative of the Year" multiple times. I was even made Chairman of the prestigious House Commerce Committee in my first term and appointed Speaker Pro Tempore of the House in my second. My other bills directed more educational dollars into classrooms, created the Address Confidentiality Program for survivors of domestic violence and sexual offenses, helped employees who are owed wages, and promoted veteran-friendly college campuses. Serving as your Representative has been a distinct honor and I hope you'll vote to extend that honor this election.

Jennifer Pawlik
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.jenniferpawlik.com
Jennifer Pawlik is the Democratic candidate for State Representative, in LD 17. Jennifer is a teacher and a mother who is passionate about properly funding Arizona’s schools. She has worked on CUSD’s successful 2015 bond campaign and would like the opportunity to support all of Arizona’s children and teachers with a voice in the Legislature. Jennifer supports full-day kindergarten, career and technical education (CTE), and making college affordable once again. A strong school system will positively impact the economy because businesses will want to relocate and stay in Arizona. Jennifer is strongly opposed to dark money in politics. It is important that the public knows which companies are influencing elections. Out-of-state monies and major corporations should not be able to buy local elections. In order for students to be successful in school, they need a safe, supportive home, healthcare, and adequate food. Jennifer is supportive of services that support strong families. As a collaborator and an active listener, Jennifer is interested in the concerns of the people in LD 17. She is willing to listen to and work with any organization or individual who wishes to be heard. Vote Jennifer Pawlik for State Representative. She will be your voice.

Jeff Weninger
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 
As a small businessman, I understand the role that government plays in the day-to-day lives of the people of District 17 and the state of Arizona. I own and operate 3 restaurants in the Valley and have seen firsthand how the decisions made at all levels of government affect my own business. One of the reasons I first ran for elected office was to ensure small business owners had a voice in these decisions. I served on the Chandler City Council for eight years and the state legislature for the past two years. I would like to continue to serve my community as a state representative. As a husband and father of three, I also understand that as the elected leaders of today, we have a great responsibility to the generations of tomorrow. We must ensure there is opportunity for those who seek it. I will continue to bring my strong conservative values to the legislature where I intend to focus on several core priorities including fiscal management, public safety, education, economic development and critical infrastructure. I respectfully ask for your vote in the upcoming election.
Sean Bowie

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.seanbowieforaz.com

It is time to clean house at the legislature. We must brush off the dust stifling common sense, clear the cobwebs of stale ideas, and clear the clutter of special interest pandering. Our legislators are out of touch with the needs of our community, focusing on narrow special interest issues while our schools lose funding and our economy performs below the national average. We need change. Sean Bowie will bring a focus on issues affecting everyday life to a legislature that has spent its time on extremist priorities while ignoring the needs of our community. A graduate of our Kyrene Elementary and Tempe Union High School districts, and ASU, Sean Bowie has seen the legislature raid school funding as our schools strive to attain excellence. Through his career at ASU, Sean Bowie works every day to help make higher education affordable for working families. As our State Senator, Sean Bowie will fight to find practical, reasonable, bipartisan solutions to strengthen our economy and all levels of education. Sean Bowie is ready to serve as our State Senator with the honesty and integrity our community deserves.

Jeff Dial

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.jeffdial.org

Jeff Dial, a resident of Chandler, is a State Senator, a businessman, a U.S. Army Reserve veteran and a community leader. Jeff volunteers for numerous civic organizations and is a member of Mountain Park Community Church in Ahwatukee. Over twenty years ago, Jeff started working for his family business and was fortunate to learn early on the importance of hard work and unwavering integrity. Now, as a proven leader Jeff Dial understands how important a strong economic policy is for creating jobs, stimulating growth and ensuring businesses relocate to Arizona. Jeff Dial believes illegal immigration is a large problem in Arizona. Jeff’s solutions: enforce existing immigration laws, secure our borders and crack down on human and drug smuggling. Jeff Dial also believes education is a top priority and advocates allocating more money directly to classrooms, recruiting and retaining quality teachers by paying them what they are worth and investing in math, science and technology earlier. To enhance our education system, Jeff advocates high standards and accountability in our K12 schools, affordable community colleges and topnotch universities. Please join your neighbors in supporting Jeff Dial and his mission to improve education, secure our borders, and strengthen Arizona’s economy with your vote.

Frank Schmuck

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.teamSCHMUCK.com

As a conservative Republican and a Gulf War Veteran I embrace our founding principles of “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Free markets and less regulation produce more growth, more jobs and higher standards of living. Currently, in Arizona the harder you work the more you are taxed, making income tax a punishment for productive behavior. I will work to eliminate it. We also need to secure our border and create an environment that only rewards LEGAL immigration. Our constitutional right to own a firearm is at risk, that’s why I’m a Life Member of the NRA and will fight to protect it. Education is a path to success. I founded two scholarship organizations that have helped hundreds of Arizona students go to college. Funding needs to get to our students and teachers, not more bureaucracy. I am running for Arizona State Senate because I love Arizona, the people who live here, and because we deserve better. When you choose your doctor, your accountant or your real estate agent, don’t you want someone with the best character and credentials to serve you? Check out mine at www.TeamSCHMUCK.com. I humbly ask for your vote as your next State Senator.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 18

Denise "Mitzi" Epstein

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.mitziepstein.com/

Arizona has some hefty challenges. Our schools are hurting. Families and individuals have concerns about safety, getting a better job, and their children’s future. It’s time to focus on what’s most important: our people. We need an economy that works for everybody, not just a select few. An innovation economy creates good, high-paying jobs. Innovative startups and career-ready graduates strengthen our economic competitiveness. The key to prosperity for everybody is a robust education system. We are depending on today’s students for our future health, safety, and economic well-being. For 25 years, I have been advocating for strong public schools. I began with the PTO/PTA when my children were young, and then served on the Kyrene School Board. I have built statewide coalitions of parents, teachers, retirees, school officials, and business leaders to collaborate on continuous improvements for our schools. We must restore education funding. Arizona has challenges, but we have the resources to overcome them. I have been a problem solver throughout my career as a computer systems analyst in multi-national companies, as a small business owner, and as an advocate for education. I have a track record of collaborating to get the work done.

Linda Macias

Party: Green  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

Let me tell you about myself. I’m 69 years young working to garner one of the two house of representative seats in our legislative district #18 (LD 18). I am a wife, a mother of two grown daughters and a retired letter carrier with 27 years of service. I am thankful to have been endorsed by the Arizona Green Party. Running as a Green party candidate allows me to bring to this position of leadership another perspective other than those of the big two. Issues of concern: public education, the environment and electoral reform. Fully funded public education will protect the economic future of our state. The Arizona constitution states that education shall be “nearly free”, including community colleges and universities. Our legislature for years has taken us far from that goal. Environment: If we don’t get this one right, nothing else really matters. Jobs that protect our air, water and soil should be the ones given tax breaks, not the corporations that have no regard for the stewardship of what has been given to us all. Electoral reform: I will work to educate and change voting methods so that a broader base of our citizenry is represented.

Jill Norgaard

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.jillnorgaard.com

I have been honored to represent District 18 in this, my first term as a State Representative. My career experience in management and engineering has greatly prepared me for the challenge of sponsoring productive legislation. My primary sponsored bills have focused on: protecting business from state regulatory overreach, the reduction of financial red tape for education at the K-12 level, tax reform and the restoration of JTED funding. My community outreach efforts have included initiating the first "Take Your Teacher to the Legislature Day", hosting of group visits to the Capitol, debates, volunteer teaching in our district schools and the launching of a dyslexia awareness campaign with the coordination of other organizations. During the past two years, I have enjoyed meeting constituents while visiting over 30 of our local schools and businesses. My committee involvement includes Commerce (Vice-Chair), K-12 Education and Banking. I am humbled by your continued and generous support. My husband of 31 years and our three adult children are my biggest fans and greatest accomplishments. While seeking re-election to the AZ House, it is my sincere hope to earn your trust and your vote so that I may continue representing you.
Representative Bob Robson is Speaker Pro Tempore at the Arizona Legislature and serves on the Rules Committee. He has represented the people of the southeast valley in the Arizona Legislature since January 2001 – taking two years off (2009-2010) due to term limits. He is a Professor of Practice in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University. Bob owned a Farmer’s Insurance Agency for 34 years. Prior to entering the legislature he served 8 years on the Chandler City Council. Bob Robson has a firm grasp of the issues facing Arizona and brings a practical perspective to the table. He knows that jobs, education and public safety are the basic ingredients of a healthy community. His short agenda is to enhance Arizona’s education infrastructure, grow Arizona’s economy, retain private sector jobs and strengthen the budget. Voters will get a representative who has served the community in an array of civic, education and political jurisdictions from entry level to leadership which prepared him to deal with the complex challenges to lead his colleagues to consensus. A vote for Bob Robson on August 30th is a vote for experience, leadership and sound fiscal solutions.
Lupe Chavira Contreras

I have been honored to represent LD19 since my election to the House in 2012. I’m not a career politician and I’ve never had a big political machine behind me – I’m a regular guy with a job and a family trying to make ends meet, but my family has lived in the West Valley since my grandparents were young and I understand and love my community. I am the lucky husband of the beautiful Sara Violeta Contreras and proud father of six wonderful children. I first ran for the Legislature because my family was increasingly frustrated with the state of public education. Nationwide, we consistently rank dead last in per pupil spending, and our property tax-based school funding system lends itself to dramatic inequities across school districts. By prioritizing education, we will strengthen our communities and attract quality jobs to our state. In addition to education issues, my top priorities are to encourage economic development, promote access to affordable healthcare – particularly for women and children, and defend the civil rights and equality of all Arizonans. I have been honored to serve, and will continue to work to make Arizona the best state to live, work, and raise a family.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 19

Mark Cardenas

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

Representative Mark Cardenas proudly served his country in Iraq and represents the families and neighborhoods of Legislative District 19 in the State House of Representatives. He fought hard for increased funding for schools, to expand access to Medicaid for hundreds of thousands of Arizonans, to get our veterans back to work, and to bring more jobs to all Arizonans. Before serving his community in the House, he served as a Sergeant in the Army Reserves and managed a multi-million dollar budget. As a Commissioner on the city of Phoenix's Estrella Village Planning Committee, he is responsible for reviewing zoning and land use proposals to promote sustainable neighborhood growth. As a seasoned legislator, he brings fresh vision and insight to the lawmaking process to ensure we do not answer tomorrow's questions with yesterday's answers or unfairly burden future generations.

Jose Diego Espinoza

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

Jose “Diego” Espinoza represents Legislative District 19 in the Arizona House of Representatives. His district serves residents of Avondale, Tolleson, and West Phoenix. Currently, Representative Espinoza serves on the Commerce Committee and the Banking and Financial Services Committee. Additionally, Representative Espinoza participates as a member of the Latino Caucus. Representative Espinoza is very active in national, regional, and community associations. He is a former Tolleson City Council Member and Vice Mayor. In addition, he holds memberships in the Hispanic Elected Officials, League of Arizona Cities and Town, and Hispanic Forum de Oeste. Representative Espinoza is the owner of Fuego Bar & Grill. Representative Espinoza earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Ottawa University and an Associate of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Estrella Mountain Community College. He holds a Total Quality Management Certificate from Estrella Mountain Community College.

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Larry Herrera
Party: Democratic    Campaign Funding: Participating    Website: larryforaz.nationbuilder.com/

“As your State Senator, I have the responsibility of making sure we share our talents to identify goals and objectives. We will form partnerships with neighborhood businesses and places of worship. These partnerships will lead us in making decisions that affect our quality of life. Working together, we will reach our full potential allowing us to serve our community effectively today, and into the future.” My name is Larry Herrera. I represent you and your family. I use my time and devote myself to the schools, neighborhoods, and diverse families of District 20. I know what it’s like to live paycheck to paycheck, fighting for what is right and fair and having the courage to stand up to special interests politicians. I'm fighting hard each day and working hard to earn your trust and listen to the issues that affect our families and quality of life and I will fight for you. District 20 is my home and yours. My kids attend public schools, my wife works locally, and I'm involved in Block Watch, Chairman of the North Mountain Village Planning Committee, coach little league, volunteer in our schools, and work directly to help children in DCS care. Larry Herrera

Kimberly Yee
Party: Republican    Campaign Funding: Traditional    Website: www.kimberlyyee.com/

I was born and raised in our district and ran for public office because we need leaders we can trust. I am the daughter of a retired school teacher and a former Army veteran and come from a family of small business owners who have worked hard to achieve the American Dream. After earning undergraduate degrees from Pepperdine University and a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University, I became the first Asian American woman ever elected to the Arizona Legislature. The Republican National Committee honored me with the recognition as a "Rising Star" and I was named an "Emerging Leader" by GOPAC, a national Republican organization. I am a fiscal conservative who stands for traditional family values and has a strong pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment voting record. As Chairwoman of the Commerce and Workforce Development Committee, I have sponsored bills to improve our economy. My legislative focus is on education, taxpayer protections and a prosperous economy. Government should be limited so citizens are free to make independent choices. As a wife, mother, and small business owner, I hope to bring our country back to its founding principles and create a better place to raise our families in Arizona.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 20

Paul Boyer
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: boyeraz.com

I’m honored to serve you. When I campaigned as a conservative I meant it. I’ve received the Guardian of Small Business; Friend of the Family; Hero of the Taxpayer and Champion of the Taxpayer awards, and an “A” rating from the American Conservative Union. My priorities remain: protecting life, protecting taxpayers, job creation, improving education through increased classroom funding and high-quality teachers, and keeping children safe from online predators. Some issues I’ve tackled include: getting hundreds of millions of dollars in new education funding, a balanced budget, paying down debt, attracting employers and jobs, and hiring more investigators to protect and rescue children from online predators. Regarding the economy, our efforts to make Arizona a more job-friendly state are paying off. We are ranked #1 for our business friendly regulatory environment, #1 in new business start-ups, and #2 in the nation in projected annual job growth. Arizona is back on track and the country is starting to notice. I’m endorsed by Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Phoenix City Councilmen Jim Waring and Bill Gates, former Congressman John Shadegg, and many others. I ask for your vote. For more info, please visit BoyerAZ.com. Thank you!

Christopher "Chris" Gilfillan
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.ChrisForAZ.com

I got into politics because I saw first-hand how education was being devalued. I come from a family of public school teachers. I am a graduate the nation’s first public university, The UNC-Chapel Hill, and I have regularly volunteered for candidates that support education. I graduated law school from Mississippi College School of Law with a vision for public service. So, after graduation, I advocated for students across in Arizona and North Carolina, ensuring that they had access to information to exercise their rights as students. Now, I want to advocate to restore the billions in cuts to public education that have been made since the Recession, ensuring a sustainable workforce of qualified teachers, updating textbooks and technology and fixing our crumbling infrastructure. I also work with small businesses currently, as I run a business development resource. Consequently, I want to make sure Arizona’s entrepreneurs and small businesses can grow, and fill the empty storefronts from Dunlap to Union Hills. Finally, prior to going to law school I was an editor and education reporter, meaning I put a lot of value in transparency and ethics. Now, I want to be an accountable public advocate for my neighborhood at the legislature.

Anthony Kern
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.votekern.com/

My first term in the State House has been a productive one. Our main responsibility is to pass a budget and we succeeded in passing budgets that were actually balanced and without any of the accounting gimmicks that have been used in the past. How we spend the money matters a great deal too, and my priorities were job creation, public safety, and education. We were able to get the job done in both sessions, even adding hundreds of millions of dollars to education without raising taxes. Beyond the budget, I tried to focus my efforts on policies that would help Arizona’s economy and help to attract jobs. Arizona continues to climb the ranks of best states to do business in and that’s great news for everyone who wants a job or who wants a better job. I won the Liberty, Friend of the Family and Hero of the Taxpayer awards, I had a 100% attendance record, and I voted to protect our Constitutional liberties, including our 1st Amendment and 2nd Amendment rights. If re-elected, I’ll continue to work hard on your behalf, listening to your opinions, and doing my best for Arizona. I ask for your vote!

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I am honored and blessed to serve as your State Senator. I ran for office to make a positive difference in our state and nation and I’ve developed a reputation for taking on big issues to accomplish that goal. Because of my hard work I have been named “Senator of the Year” by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, “Hero of the Taxpayer” by Americans for Prosperity, “Friend of the Family” by the AZ Family Project and “Legislator of the Year” by the Arizona Republican Party. I couldn’t have done that without the help of many great people. This year my biggest accomplishment was pension reform. After working for a year with firefighters, police, cities, the Reason Foundation, the governor’s office, and Republican and Democratic legislators we negotiated legislation that sustains the pension system for our firefighters and police and saves taxpayers over $1.5 billion. I am pleased that voters passed my legislation, Proposition 124, with a 70% approval rate. I represent fantastic people in Peoria, Surprise, Sun City, El Mirage, and Youngtown. If you have a problem, comment, or question please contact me anytime at Debbie@DebbieLesko.com or call my home # 623-878-9761.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 21

Kevin Payne
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:
I’m a Republican candidate for the AZ House in LD21. I’m an Arizona native and joined the Navy out of high school. I’ve been married over 25 years with four children and seven grand children. Last year my wife and I started a new business called Kstar BBQ. Current Issues: Grow Economy – To grow the economy you must grow and create jobs. This is best done with small business. We must keep the regulatory burden in check eliminating unnecessary regulation. Education – I believe in school choice which leads to competition between schools. With competition there is improvement. Arizona has three of the top ten schools in the nation so it’s not entirely a money issue. AZ is ranked last in the nation for teacher pay making it difficult to attract good teachers. Along with increased pay comes increased accountability ensuring teachers and schools are performing to our standards. Transportation – AZ is in a great position to grow if we have a good highways and railways. If we can manufacture goods in AZ and export them elsewhere that would be good for AZ. We must maintain our existing roadways and be ready to expand as needed.

Deanna Rasmussen-Lacotta
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:
I have never been a political candidate before but I am a life-long member of the working class. As one of twelve children I put myself thru college, earning a degree in nuclear biomedical chemistry from California State University in Los Angeles. I will be a good representative because of my tenacity to get to the bottom of issues, particularly in economics and education which impact all of us. First, our Republican led legislature has been bleeding the General Fund dry through tax breaks for wealthy individuals and corporations. These tax credits cost the state budget $311 million in 2012 and are still growing. State lawmakers have no control over tax credits once they are in state law. Second, we have a shortage of the latest technologically-skilled workers in our workforce. Without investing in ongoing education for everyone, the future of the state’s economy is in peril. I have the interest of 100% of the people of Arizona at heart, not just the top one percent.

Jose Rivero
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: tonyrivero.com
State Representative Tony Rivero is a Conservative Republican representing one of the two seats in the Arizona House of Representatives in District 21. After winning election to Peoria’s Acacia District on the City Council by a landslide in 2010, he quickly earned a reputation as an advocate for Fiscal Responsibility and Open Government. Fiscal Responsibility will continue to be his top priority as a Republican Representative of the Arizona Legislature. Rep. Rivero grew up in the part of the West Valley that is now part of District 21. He attended Peoria Elementary School, Peoria High School, Glendale Community College, and Arizona State University where he earned a Bachelor’s degree in Education and a Master's degree in Public Administration. In addition to his formal education, Rivero worked in the Peoria City Manager's office as well as other City Departments. Additionally he interned for former Senator Jon Kyl, and was a volunteer for Senator John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. Rivero's extensive knowledge of the district, thanks to his time in public service, combined with his commitment to serve the voters of District 21, assists him in being an effective leader in the State Legislature.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 22

Judy Burges

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

Representing the citizens of District #22 has been an incredible journey and privilege these past years, and I am greatly honored to be your State Senator. You have charged me with the task of being your voice at the State level to reign in the scope, power, and cost of government; to continue the good fight of our Founders and guard against lost liberties; to be certain that the citizens of District #22, and citizens across Arizona, have someone at the State Capitol who is not afraid to stand on their behalf. My work has helped balance the budget, encourage economic development, prudently increase both accountability and education funding, but without raising taxes. Arizona is increasingly the choice of companies escaping California, and this leads to more and better paying jobs for Arizona families. I strive to make Arizona a better place for all of us, but not at the cost of unsecure borders or loss of State sovereignty, and the whittling away of our Constitutional rights. I seek your vote of confidence that I may continue the important work to which you have entrusted me. With full appreciation I thank you.

Michael Muscato

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:  www.muscato4azsenate2016.com

Growing up in Peoria taught me the importance of education and good job opportunities. After high school I went to college and was drafted to play professional baseball by the New York Yankees. When my baseball career finished a few years later I returned home to Peoria to find limited job opportunities and most of my high school friends still living at home and still looking for jobs. I took a job offer out of state and earned the opportunity to direct, manage, and operate major world concert tours for the likes of Oprah, Neil Young, Rihanna, Drake, and more as an engineer. My family and my hometown were always calling me to come home. I made the decision to come back to Peoria, open my own small business, and provide my hometown with the leadership it lacked. As a business owner, I know education is key to developing workers for higher-paying jobs, attracting new businesses, and increasing state revenues without increasing taxes. We need our elected officials to have a vested interest in improving our state. This election is about policy not party. After 14 years in office, a vote for my opponent is a vote against Arizona families.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 22

Manuel Hernandez

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

Hello my name is Manuel Hernandez, I am running for the House of Representatives in LD 22. I am running under the Clean Election platform. I believe by not excepting donations from corporate sponsors, special interest groups I will not be obligated to see thing their way. Having the citizens of Arizona come first should be a priority for all Arizona Government. Having Legislative candidates will make us reach out to the voters. Agreed that getting our name out there and sharing our concerns is important. With the budget I will be receiving I will balance it with the idea that it is like a state budget. Making every dollar count. Thank you

David Livingston

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

I have just completed my second term and it is still a great honor to serve you. I continue to focus on improving our economy, encouraging job growth, strengthening the family unit, protecting our state’s sovereignty, and restoring our Constitutional rights. I advocate for secure borders, have a 100% pro-life and pro-2nd Amendment record, and continue to fight to stop Common Core and restore control over our school curriculum back to Arizona parents and teachers. As the House Majority Whip, I was very involved in passing our balanced budget (with no accounting gimmicks) and increasing education funding by hundreds of millions of dollars, without raising taxes! For my votes, I have earned both the “Friend of the Family” award and the “Hero of the Taxpayer” award, and in 2015 was proud to accept the Chamber of Commerce and Industry “Legislator of the Year Award” You are my bosses, and I pledge to continue working hard for you and hope that you will communicate with my office directly when there are items of importance to you. As always, I ask for your vote, and thank you in advance for your support. God Bless Arizona, David Livingston LD22, Majority Whip

Phil Lovas

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.lovasforarizona.com

Thank you for your past support of my candidacy. I am very grateful that you have elected me twice to the House of Representatives. This fall, I am running to continue supporting conservative values and fiscal responsibility at the legislature. I have a strong conservative voting record and have been endorsed by numerous organizations during my time in office including the Arizona Right to Life and National Rifle Association. As a state we need to continue working to structurally balance our budget, reduce taxes, protect our values and create a climate for job growth and economic development. If I can be of help, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always I appreciate your support.
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CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 23

John Kavanagh
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.kavanagh2016.com

Having served as your state representative for eight years and your senator for the past two, I am now running for re-election to the state senate. My education, experience and conservative principles make me the right candidate to represent your interests at the state capitol. I wish to continue championing job growth, public safety, quality education and fiscal responsibility. In my career roles as a police officer, town councilman, college professor and state representative, I have always strived to promote your interests. This past year, I had the highest number of bills signed into law. I was especially proud of my bill that requires doctors to check a state database before prescribing dangerous opioid drugs to prevent addicts from going to multiple doctors and my bill regulating drones to both promote their commercial use but safeguard peoples’ privacy. I ask for your vote so that I may continue to safeguard the taxpayers’ money, improve education, fight illegal immigration, promote job growth and insure public safety.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 23

Tammy Caputi
Party: Democratic	Campaign Funding: Participating	Website: caputiforazhouse.com
I’ve lived in Scottsdale for twenty years; Arizona is my home. I’m a successful local business owner, marathon runner, and mother of three children in public school. I’m a home-owner and a tax payer. I’m invested in my community, and I am passionate about having a voice in our State Legislature. I can no longer watch as our legislators pass laws to destroy our public schools, discriminate against our citizens, and decrease our quality of life. Everyone deserves the opportunity to be successful in their lives and to have the tools to make this happen: Quality, affordable education, a diverse economy with less tax burden on families and small businesses, and a sane, mainstream voice in the legislature that fights to protect our individual freedoms and the rights of all Arizona citizens. I am committed to working on a better government that represents our shared American values of Opportunity, Responsibility, and Community. For the last 15 years I’ve provided light fixtures that light up our schools and hospitals, our roadways and airports, our ballparks and office buildings, and now I want to help light up our State House. With your vote we can make this happen.

Jay Lawrence
Party: Republican	Campaign Funding: Traditional	Website:
After 25 years talking about the issues on my KTAR talk show, the experience of getting elected in 2014 and going to work solving those issues was as rewarding as I could have hoped for. As I promised, I voted in a conservative manner to expand the power of the individual and limit the power of the government. As an Air Force veteran I was proud to fight to get our veterans the care they deserve. I voted with respect for our Constitution. We balanced the budget, added 100’s of millions to education, and cut taxes. And I continue to advocate to stop illegal immigration, repeal ObamaCare, and protect our Constitutional rights, like our 2nd Amendment rights. I am particularly proud that I was able to help protect our district schools and their funding through a “hold harmless” budget provision, and that we were able to save the Salt River Wild Horses. I’m grateful for the endorsements of Congressmen David Schweikert, Trent Franks, and Matt Salmon, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Representative John Kavanagh, former Senator Russell Pearce, County Supervisor Steve Chucri, the Arizona Police Association, the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association, and many others. I ask for your vote!

Michelle Ugenti-Rita
Party: Republican	Campaign Funding: Traditional	Website: www.michelleugenti.com
It has been my honor and privilege to represent legislative district 23 for the last six years. During that time I have worked vigorously to restore Arizona’s fiscal health by structurally balancing the state’s budget, cutting taxes, spurring economic growth and reducing burdensome government regulations on businesses. I was appointed chairman of the Government Committee during my first term and held that position for three years. For the last two years I have been chairman of the Elections committee. I have served on the Appropriations Committee for six years and also serve on the Ways and Means Committee. Serving in these positions has allowed me to influence efforts resulting in Arizona being ranked second in the nation in job growth in 2016 and number six as the best place to do business. I also supported legislation, which the voters approved, that puts $3.5 billion in to the kindergarten through 12th grade education system over the next 10 years. However, there is more to be done and I will continue to work for what is best for the families of our district. Please visit my website michelleugenti.com to learn more and thank you for your vote and the opportunity to serve!
CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 24

Katie Hobbs

Party: Democratic    Campaign Funding: Traditional    Website: www.KatieHobbs.org

Senate Democratic Leader Katie Hobbs has dedicated her life to improving our community. She has worked tirelessly to fight back against the extremists trying to take over our state. As a native of Phoenix and lifelong resident of Arizona, she knows what's at stake. That's why she will continue fighting for every resident in District 24 and across Arizona. Katie has a long record of supporting Democratic values such as equality for all, strong public education, and healthcare for low income families. Katie has fought hard against cuts to K-12 schools and higher education, and worked to restore funding to career and technical education programs. She has also sponsored bills to implement measures to better protect domestic violence victims, require rape kits to be tested, and equal pay measures for women. As a social worker, Democratic leader and equal rights champion, Katie Hobbs is well equipped to continue to lead Democrats at the Arizona State Senate.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 24

Lela Alston
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

I am proud to be serving my third term as your Representative. My roots in the community go back to the time of my birth and include over three decades teaching in Phoenix Union High Schools. Growing successful individuals and a strong community has been my life’s work and I am proud of the progress we have made. This past session I was proud to pass KidsCare, legislation that will provide healthcare for 30,000 children of working parents who don’t make enough money to purchase insurance. In a rare moment of bipartisanship we worked together to restore funding to technical and career training, halting the closure of programs across the state. There is much more work to be done though. Our schools are starving for state support, too many students are graduating unable to afford higher education and our rights are under attack. I ask for your support to return me to the House of Representatives so I can continue to fight for Arizonans’ priorities and hold the current Republican leadership accountable.

Ken Clark
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.kenclarkforaz.org/

I am asking for your vote for State Representative of LD24. In the last two years, I have taken on “dark money” interests who threaten the very basis of our democracy. Dark money is money spent on campaigns or used to threaten elected officials; the sources of which are not disclosed. That money could come from corporations, unions, individuals or even foreign actors. Our largest public utility has reportedly used hidden campaign expenditures to influence our state’s Corporation Commission, for instance. In addition, I have fought to prevent the return of payday lending. I have fought for public education, clean energy jobs and sustainability in Arizona. Since 2008 I have been a REALTOR® and a small business owner. I support locally owned businesses as a member of Local First Arizona and as the founder of the Phoestivus market and Get Your PHX events. I will apply my creativity and my tenacity to support public education, sustainable job development, working families and transparent government. I am proud to have the support of Rep. Chad Campbell, Sen. Katie Hobbes, Fmr. Rep. Harry Mitchell and many community leaders. Please see the full list of supporters at kenclarkforaz.org and please join us.
Bob Worsley
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: bobworsley.com

I first ran for office because failed leadership from our district led us down a path of divisiveness. The pursuit of big ideas was traded for symbolic legislation that accomplished nothing more than injuring our state's reputation. The biggest casualty? Our economy. We needed a better, common sense approach. We must use conservative principles as solutions and not as purity tests. Free markets, limited government, liberty; these are timeless principles that elevate and unite our community. I'm proud of the progress we've made. But the work is not yet over. More than anything we need steady and well paying jobs. In the private sector I was a job creator; I took that skill-set to the Capitol, and I've become the go-to Senator for economic development. I worked hard to bring Apple and their billion-dollar investment to Mesa generating 2,000 jobs along the way. I brokered consensus among all sides to pass sales tax simplification to help get big government out of the way of small business. These are the kinds of solutions I will continue to produce. Let's not return to where we were. A vote for Bob Worsley is a vote for common sense conservative leadership.
Russell W "Rusty" Bowers  
**Party:** Republican  
**Campaign Funding:** Traditional  
**Website:**

It has been my privilege to represent the people of this area for many years in both the Arizona House of Representatives and the State Senate. I was honored to be elected in the last election and I look forward to your support in 2016. During my service I have successfully worked to cut taxes, reduce unnecessary regulations and to bring more and better jobs to Arizona. I have listened to the people of our district and worked on issues that are most important to you. Some of these issues include: supporting police, fire and emergency services, improved educational opportunities for everyone, and passing legislation that helped to create more jobs. I have always been a strong supporter of traditional family values, lower taxes and less government, economic growth with more jobs, quality education with local control, right to life, and second amendment rights. We still face difficult issues in Arizona and having an experienced representative is crucial. You have my word that I will represent you in a fair and honest manner. I would be honored to once again receive your vote.

Ross Groen  
**Party:** Republican  
**Campaign Funding:** Traditional  
**Website:** [www.ross4az.com](http://www.ross4az.com)

I am a husband, father and Captain in the United States Marine Corps. I'm running for the state legislature in order to provide consistently conservative representation for the people of Mesa. I am a conservative because our society functions best when the role of government is appropriately limited. Briefly about me: I grew up in Mesa, two streets over from the house where my wife Mary and I now live with our two sons. We have been married for 12 years, during the last eight of which I have served as an officer in the Marines. Prior to joining the USMC, I worked as a Legislative Assistant for US Rep. Trent Franks and as a researcher at The Goldwater Institute. If elected, I'll stand firm for fiscal responsibility, economic freedom, parental control of education and the rule of law. I'm seeking this seat not to just get elected, but to get things done. I hope to earn your support. Thank you.

Kathleen Rahn  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Campaign Funding:** Participating  
**Website:** [rahnforazhouse.com](http://rahnforazhouse.com)

As an educator, I witnessed the devastating effects of drastic budget cuts on our public schools. Arizona needs a new direction in state government that guarantees quality public education from preschool through college, works for fair tax reform and limits "dark money" influences. That is why I am running for the Arizona House in District 25. I have lived and worked in our beautiful state for over 20 years. Our family has built a small business, we raised 3 children in public schools and have grandchildren here. Arizona's future depends upon responsible leaders who will manage our natural resources including water-management and provide for infrastructure improvements. Without a sustainable plan to fund public education we are in danger of losing equal opportunity for all. I have served the community as an educator, volunteer on Mesa boards and committees, in political action and child advocacy. While serving on the Mesa General Plan Advisory Committee I witnessed how good government works to improve the quality of life. Committed and involved citizens from different political perspectives can work together to build a vision and plan for a stronger community. I want to be part of that new direction.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 25

Michelle Udall
Party: Republican   Campaign Funding: Traditional   Website:

I am a native to Mesa, Arizona and a mother to 4 children. When my oldest started kindergarten, I began to get involved with Mesa Public Schools by volunteering in my daughter’s classroom. Since then, I have served in multiple Parent Teacher Organizations, volunteering in countless classrooms, was elected to and served on the Mesa School Board, and now teach high school math at Mountain View High School. I am passionate about ensuring that students receive a top-notch education. My vision for Arizona includes improving education and the economy. Jobs and education go hand in hand. You cannot significantly improve one with the other. Improvements in education and the economy positively impact almost every other aspect of society – from incarceration rates to drug abuse, to poverty, to child abuse. We need leaders who are steadily focused on improving jobs and education rather than knee-jerk reacting to every wind of change. I pride myself on being a problem solver who loves working together to make my community a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Please join me in working for a brighter future for Mesa and Arizona.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 26

David Lucier

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

David Lucier entered the US Army from St. Louis, MO in 1967 at the age of 19. He was decorated for both valor and meritorious service in Vietnam. Upon separation from service, he attended ASU and graduated with honors in 1974. After a career in telecommunication finance and real estate, Mr. Lucier worked as a Security Contractor in Iraq from 2003 to 2005 and for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan in 2008. In 2009, Mr. Lucier was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. He often testifies at the Arizona Legislature for Veteran supportive legislation and has helped expand several Veterans’ initiatives at Arizona State University, UofA, NAU and other institutions of higher learning. Lucier co-hosts the “Veterans Heritage Hour” radio show which focuses on Veterans and Military issues past, present and future. A lifelong Democrat, David has advocated for the expansion of education, jobs, and wellness for all Arizonans.

Juan Mendez

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.mendezforaz.com

For four years as your State Representative, I have fought to restore integrity and accountability in state government. As the ranking Democrat in the Child and Family Affairs Committee, I have advocated for restoring and strengthening a social safety net of resources and opportunities that serves our community, including Kidscare. Having grown up in poverty, I know firsthand that individual success coincides with public investment in education, infrastructure, health, transportation, economic stability and public safety. We are at a critical moment in history. Arizona is on the verge of becoming a majority-minority state, and yet our Latino youth continue to fall behind at devastatingly high rates. By not addressing the educational achievement gap head on, we are facing one of the deepest threats to our state’s future economy. As the Chair of the Latino Caucus, I have worked to ensure that we tackle this crisis. In my experience at the Arizona legislature, the number one barrier to moving Arizona forward for all of us is the influence of big money in elections. This is why I am running clean with Athena Salman and Isela Blanc as your Democratic Clean Elections Team in District 26. Please vote for all three.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 26

Steven Adkins
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.azforstevenadkins.com/

As a Marine combat veteran, I have led men all over the world. I have also trained and worked alongside foreign dignitaries. The leadership skills I received in the military has prepared me to be a Leader in the community and not just another politician. Growing up as a 2nd generation American-mexican, I understand the struggles of our immigration policy, however, as a Constitutional Scholar I also understand the need for the rule of law. My main focus politically will be on education, immigration and business reform. Why? Because everyone is different, students deserve more opportunities and better choices than the cookie cutter education system we currently have. On immigration, it shouldn’t take 30 years to become a citizen, but the rights and benefits of American citizens should come first every time. Economically, the freer the market is, the more businesses we’ll have, and the more jobs we’ll create. With more opportunities in these categories we’ll create a stronger economy for everyone. The more opportunities we have the more successful we will be together. It was an honor to serve our country abroad, now it’s time I serve our country at home. God Bless, and vote Steven D. Adkins.

Isela Blanc
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

I was six when I arrived in the United States from Mexico pursuing the American Dream. I am a product of the Tempe public school system and was lucky enough to attend while our state invested in education. Those public investments, and the support of my parents, resulted in my pursuit of higher education. Therefore, I became the first in my family to attend ASU. Through personal and professional experiences, I understand that access to high-quality education and resources help children thrive. We must increase academic achievement and growth if we are to create a capable workforce and sustainable economy. Yet, the legislature’s failure to make appropriate educational investments are visible because we are winning the race to the bottom. The costs of continued cuts means a lifetime of lost revenues and opportunities for all. I am committed to advocating for high-quality early childhood programs, youth programs, access to community services, and funding education. I am devoted to help economically vulnerable residents that include recent immigrants, seniors, low-income families and small business owners. Your clean elections team Rep. Juan Mendez, Athena Salman, and I are your District 26 Democratic Clean Elections Team committed to moving Arizona forward for all.

Michael Martinez
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

Making the decision to run for office is never an easy one, but it is one I felt I had to make. Over years of service to our communities, it has become abundantly clear that the voters in our district are worried. They’re worried about the schools they send their children to, they’re worried about finding decent paying jobs, and they’re worried about being able to provide better lives for their families. Now is the time for real leaders to step up and say that the policies our state has been implementing and the laws we are passing are unsustainable and do not benefit a majority of Arizonans. We need real leaders who will work on real solutions and I’ve spent years cultivating the relationships needed to do just that. I know we have a long road ahead of us, but with your support I also know we can improve our public education system, we can empower our workforce, build our economy, and we can once again make Arizona the type of place people come to in order to achieve the American Dream!
Celeste Plumlee
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.celesteplumlee.com

Celeste Plumlee was appointed to the House of Representatives for District 26 in December 2015. She didn’t waste any time during her first legislative session: * Providing health insurance to 30,000 children in working, low-income families by passing KidsCare. * Sponsoring and passing her own bill through the House to protect victims of domestic violence from eviction. * Restoring technical education training funding, which prevented the closure of JTED programs across Arizona. Once elected, Celeste will continue fighting to fund the safety net for low-income families, knowing from her own experiences what being in need really means. From education funding to anti-discrimination, she has voted consistently to make Arizona a better place to raise a family. Celeste is a social worker and community activist with an extensive background in social services, education, and the arts. She is also a single mom who has spent over 14 years raising her children on her own while working, going to school, and becoming increasingly involved in the community. Celeste has Master of Social Work and Master of Public Administration degrees from ASU and her experience, passion for social justice, and commitment to the communities she represents make her a dedicated and effective leader.

Athena Salman
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.salmanforhouse.com

As a native Arizonan, community leader, and education advocate, everyday I fight to strengthen the fabric of our communities. This year, I was presented Tempe’s MLK Diversity Award for my extensive experience advocating for women, working families, students, children and immigrants. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Arizona State University with degrees in Economics and Political Science. In light of severe budget cuts by the state legislature, I organized hundreds of students to protest and helped move pro-education bills through the legislature. I have worked on successful campaigns to expand Latino voter engagement, increasing Latino voter turnout by nearly 500%. I served as a union shop steward, empowered women and girls through Girl Scouts, and built awareness and support for early childhood development. I have also authored healthcare and higher education policy for Congress. Rep. Juan Mendez, Isela Blanc and I are your District 26 Democratic Clean Elections Team because we want an Arizona legislature that is free from the grips of big donors and special interests. I’ve seen firsthand how the influence of big money is destroying our democracy, and I am dedicated to standing up for our community. I ask for your vote in the Democratic Primary.

Cara Nicole Trujillo
Party: Green  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: azpowergirl4u.com

I don’t care about Red or Blue I care about YOU! This November vote for Cara Nicole Trujillo for House of Representatives in LD26.
Catherine Miranda

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.mirandaforarizona.com

The upcoming two years will be paramount for the growth of our families and our cities. Families are the inspiration, the strength, and the pillars of our community. I present to you an agenda that echoes the wishes of our community. It is a blueprint that should be promoted by us and shielded from people who want power only to make themselves wealthy at the cost of our families. I ask for your support in order to accomplish the following objectives as a member of the state senate: 1. Promote safety in our communities by stopping crime and violence among our children and youth. 2. Promote, alongside the city of Phoenix, the recovery of public spaces that have become run down. This will in turn spur job growth, business, and increase the value of our district. 3. Aid teachers and students by increasing the value we place on academics and the quality of education our children receive, along with improving the infrastructure of the schools in our district. 4. Promote and strengthen our community’s bonds, for only together and with the same objectives in mind will we have enough strength to address the problems facing our community.

Maritza Miranda Saenz

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.maritza4az.com

I am a mom, small business owner and lifelong Democrat who was born and raised in South Phoenix. Public service and working to improve the community are values that were instilled in me from a young age. I believe that our district deserves a state senator who not only shares their values but will fight everyday for their interests. We need to invest in education, support our local small businesses, and improve the health and safety of our communities so that everyone has an opportunity to thrive. If elected, that's exactly what I will do. I hope to earn your support and your vote this August, thank you!
Edward Blackwell

**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:**

Hello, my name is Edward Blackwell and I am a native Arizonan. I have graduated from the following schools: • St. Matthews Catholic School, • Central High School (Diploma), • University of Arizona (B.A. Psychology), and • Northern Arizona University (Masters of Administration). I serve the community through the following organizations: • Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Board; • Junior State of America. My goals for District 27 are the following: • Community Legal Outreach (Free Legal Advice); • Jobs (implementing a strategic plan to increase the relocation of businesses in the district); • Student improvement (implementing a strategy to improve parental involvement); and • Increase property values (implementing a crime reduction strategy by educating our community as to the cost of crime). Once elected as your state representative we must work together to achieve our goals. However, I ask for your vote beginning on August 3, 2016 [early voting] and the primary election vote on August 30, 2016. Furthermore, after a successful primary election, I ask for your vote beginning October 12, 2016 [early voting] and the general election vote on November 8, 2016.

Reginald Bolding

**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:** www.ReginaldBolding.com

I am pleased and honored to represent the people of District 27, and ask for an opportunity to continue that service in the Arizona House. I am a first-generation college graduate who holds a Master's degree in Education and currently am a doctoral candidate at Arizona State University. My mom always believed that education was the most important gift she could provide, and I strongly believe that when we get education right, we lower crime, decrease poverty, improve economic development, and attract jobs. As a new father myself, I want to help create a community and state that my daughter can be proud of. I want to continue to do more for all of our families. I hope to increase educational opportunities and make sure all kids walk home through safe streets. I want to bring more choices and opportunity to our community. That's why I am running again. In my first term we were extremely successful. I helped pass KidsCare which now provides health insurance coverage to over 30,000 children in Arizona. I fought for job training, better schools and supporting working families. I ask for your support, your voice and your vote. Thank you.

Dave Braun

**Party:** Democratic  **Campaign Funding:** Traditional  **Website:**

In the last few months I have had the opportunity to speak with thousands of residents in District 27 concerning the issues confronting Arizona. Overwhelmingly, the single greatest concern expressed by the voters is the status of public education in our state. Voters believe—and I concur in their belief—that the State Legislature has been cheating our kids by grossly underfunding the State's responsibility to fund education. The results of these cuts is predictable: barely one-third of Arizona schoolchildren read at grade level, and a full twenty-five percent drop out of high school! There is a connection between the amount of money spent and the results produced. Arizona spends about a total of $5300 per child, while Brophy Prep, a fine parochial school with outstanding academic results, charges tuition of $14,000! If elected I will pursue a sizeable increase in the money appropriated for K-12 education, a significant increase even beyond Proposition 123. I will work to reinstate all-day Kindergarten, which is especially effective at transitioning foreign language speakers into fluent English language learners. I will pursue tuition-free community college, just as we pay for elementary and secondary education. For more information about Dave go to BraunForArizona.com
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 27

Rebecca Rios

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.Rebeccarios.com

Arizona has been home to me and my family for 5 generations. I am determined to see Arizona thrive and to leave it a better State for my children and yours. As House Democrat Whip, I fought hard for funding K-12 and Universities, re-instating Kidscare, fighting discrimination, and protecting workers rights. I was outspoken against special interest tax breaks, dark money buying our elections, voter suppression, attempts to restrict women's healthcare, and discriminatory legislation aimed at LGBTQ and immigrant communities. I authored legislation to support Veterans and Military families, improve the Department of Child Safety, and protect paid leave and minimum wage increases. My strong record of legislative experience and leadership has earned me endorsements by teachers, labor, police, firefighters, women’s groups, child advocates, human rights and environmental groups. They know I will fight for a better quality of life for all Arizonans. I am honored to be endorsed by the Honorable Ed Pastor, former Senator Leah Landrum-Taylor, U.S. Congresswomen Ann Kirkpatrick and Kyrsten Sinema. I will continue to work with integrity and determination speaking out and taking the lead on issues that affect our communities. I would be honored to have your vote.
Kate Brophy McGee

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.katemcgee.com

I am honored to have been your state Representative for the past six years. Now I ask for your vote for state Senator. In 2012 I brought and passed legislation to treat uninsured women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. To date, over 300 women have received life-saving care. In 2014 I sponsored legislation establishing a new Department of Child Safety. This year, I fought successfully to restore funding to K-12 schools and universities. I revived KidsCare legislation and brought it to the House for a vote, and the Governor signed it into law. These achievements are why I now run for the Senate – to make a difference for Arizonans faced with challenges and who want to live productive, self-sufficient lives. I remain focused on growing our economy and creating high-quality jobs. As a former school board president, I know Arizona must have a world-class education system. I will continue to fight for increased funding and accountability, and an end to unfunded mandates. My experience in problem identification and my effectiveness in providing practical, not partisan, solutions improve our state and our people. On August 30th, I ask for your continued support to be your state Senator.

Eric Meyer

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.ericforaz.com/

As LD28’s State Representative, I worked on bipartisan solutions to address Arizona’s challenges. Like many Arizonans, however, I am upset with the path taken by the Legislature. The majority has slashed $1.2 billion a year from our public schools while supporting vouchers for private schools, building private prisons and investing in Freedom Schools – schools with the purpose of privatizing our public schools. It is time to bring more balance to the Legislature by electing a Senator who truly supports children and public education and has the voting history to reflect that support. I voted to restore KidsCare every chance I had and refused to play political games with the health of 30,000 children. I introduced an amendment to restore last year’s cuts to K-12, using existing revenues, but it was defeated on a party-line vote. If elected to the Senate, I will continue to fight for quality schools, high-wage jobs and affordable college tuition. I will continue to use my degree in economics, my years in emergency medicine, and my experience on the Scottsdale School Board to represent the residents of District 28. The future of Arizona is at stake. I ask for your vote! www.EricforAZ.com

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Kelli Butler

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.KelliButlerAZ.com

Arizona has always been my home, and I care deeply about our state. I am a candidate for State Representative because we need legislators who will work across the aisle to implement an economic agenda that creates educational and employment opportunities for all. Now, as Arizona's economic recovery continues, we must invest in our future. To remain competitive and attract new companies to Arizona, funding must be responsibly restored to public education, pre-K through college. Crucial infrastructure and maintenance projects must also be addressed. We need more pragmatic leadership, because debating divisive social policy may create headlines, but it does not fix our underfunded public schools or help our at-risk children. My husband and I are small business owners. I will use my experience managing our family's dental practice and my years volunteering in our sons' schools to make Arizona a better place for all of our state's children and families. I will work hard to continue Representative Eric Meyer's advocacy for policies that protect children, restore funding to our schools and create high-wage jobs. I look forward to the opportunity to represent the residents of District 28 and I ask for your vote! www.KelliButlerAZ.com

Alberto Gutier III

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

Alberto Gutier III was born in Washington D.C. at Georgetown University Hospital in 1962 and is the oldest of 5 siblings; his parents are Cuban immigrants (naturalized U.S. citizens 1966) and moved to Phoenix in 1968 because of their admiration for Senator Barry Goldwater. Gutier grew up in District 28 attending Orangewood Elementary and Washington High School, before earning a Business Degree from Phoenix College. Gutier has a working background in: Banking, Sales, Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations and Entertainment -- in addition to 15 years experience in the Public Sector. Currently, Gutier is a managing partner in a political consulting firm assisting small business clients with governmental legislative affairs and public relations. Gutier is an unapologetic common sense conservative who is passionate about protecting his community. Gutier seeks to increase school funding, promote new job creation, and ensure public safety. Gutier is a reliable proponent for fiscally conservative principles and seeks to restrict government unfunded mandates eliminating bureaucratic red tape. To stimulate the economy, Gutier proposes reducing taxes to create a commerce friendly environment, sensibly downsizing government and eliminating unnecessary regulations to encourage business growth exponentially for Arizona. Gutier is Pro-Life and a firm defender of the U.S. Constitution.
Mary Hamway
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.maryhamway.com

Republican Mary Hamway is a current Councilwoman and former Vice Mayor for the Town of Paradise Valley. At the end of her term, ending in December of 2016, Mary will have served ten years on the council. During her years of service, she was chairwoman of the town's Water Committee and continues to serve on the Board of Directors for the Scottsdale Visitors and Convention Bureau, representing the town’s tourism interests for over 7 years. Prior to moving to Arizona in 1994, Mary worked for 18 years in the information technology field. Job responsibilities include overseeing the technical support of computer systems used in the assembly of the payload doors for the space shuttles Columbia and Challenger, and as a document management analyst for companies looking to move to a paperless office. Mary is currently serving on the Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee, representing incorporated cities and Towns. She has also served as President of her HOA and PTO President for Kiva Elementary School. Mary is a Flinn-Brown Leadership Academy Fellow and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Rehabilitation and Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Mary lives in Paradise Valley.

Matthew Morales
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.morales4az.com

I am running for office to give the people of LD28 a voice that best represents them; business owners, parents, concerned citizens that care about their neighborhoods and the schools that fill them. I believe in a government that creates the environment of success; without overbearing regulation that keeps great businesses from growing and new businesses from starting. I’m the only candidate in this race who has written and passed legislation, built businesses, created jobs, and who continually works hard for his community in the promotion of education and development; the right combination of experiences that the legislature needs. For more than ten years my wife and I have chosen to live in this amazing district. We are raising our boys here and we are committed to making this community thrive. Our message is strong, and it resonates with every voter in our district. I believe I can win this race because my volunteers refuse to give up. Together we have and will continue to knock doors, raise money, and interact with the community to listen to their needs and wants to make a better Arizona. Without them there wouldn’t be a race.

Maria Syms
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: symsforaz.com

With the right pro-growth, fiscal conservative plan, Arizona can lead the nation in jobs, economic prosperity and quality education. I have the qualifications and experience to be an effective part of this effort by reducing government regulations and taxes that impede Arizona’s economic recovery and by ensuring resources go to the classrooms so our children can reach their full academic potential. My 25-year career in public service and private business makes me uniquely qualified to represent you. With experience as an attorney representing large and small businesses, an Assistant United States Attorney fighting for taxpayers, an Assistant Attorney General protecting Arizona’s most vulnerable, and a Councilwoman for the Town of Paradise Valley standing firm against government waste, I offer a substantial and comprehensive understanding of the economic, education, and public safety issues facing Arizona. As a mom to children who attend public schools in LD28, I am passionate about maximizing the quality of education for all Arizona children. I am ready to hit the ground running and will work every day for your priorities and to create opportunity for all. I would be honored to have your vote and encourage you to learn more at SymsForAZ.com.

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Lydia Hernandez
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 
No statement provided.

Crystal Nuttle
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: 
From firsthand experience, Crystal Nuttle knows the pain of unjustly losing custody of her children in 1995 by the Arizona Court System. Through a seemingly unending battle she had the victory of regaining full custody! Crystal's testimony in 2000 was crucial in passing a blocked Senate bill into law which protects both parents and children. In 2001 Crystal spoke at the United Nations at the "Worldwide Children Summit" in behalf of children's' needs rather than rights. Crystal is a "Certified Court Watcher" for child custody issues. Crystal has full support and backing from her husband of fifteen years, along with her family and friends. Crystal is a Precinct Committeemen as well as an AZ State Delegate who believes Arizona would greatly benefit from having more Statesmen than Politicians. Crystal is asking for your vote to be your Senator, your Statesmen and your Voice for Safety, Education and Job Creation for LD 29.

Martín J. Quezada
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.MartinQuezada.com
THANK YOU for electing me to serve the Maryvale and Glendale community for the past 6 years. Today, I ask for your vote once again so that I can continue to be the strongest progressive Democratic voice in the State Senate. As an attorney, school board member, and your current Senate Democratic Whip, I’ve established myself as the trusted voice to lead us into a more promising future. A future where we make responsible investments in public education, we have quality jobs that pay a living wage, our constitutional rights to vote are protected and freedom from discrimination is actually valued. I strongly believe that as a community we will only advance if we stick together and help lift each other up for the greater good, rather than tear each other down for our personal gain. With your vote, I’ll continue to serve with that perspective. Thank you for the opportunity to earn your vote once again and for supporting your LD29 Democratic Team because we are truly #StrongerTogether. Yours in service, Senator Martin J. Quezada  Web: www.MartinQuezada.com  Twitter/Instagram: @SenQuezada29  EMail: MartinQuezada29@gmail.com

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 29

Roberto Alfaro

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: www.taketherightstep.org

I am not a politician but a strategic manager, Who Gets Things Done! My entire career I have had to make good decisions under pressure situations. The time has come to get results! No more political lies, no more interest group; it is time for honest, clean campaigns and administrations. It is time to take the right step! I am not here to be a lifelong politician. My passion is business strategy and competition. But ultimately, there is too much potential for this state to remain stagnant, and I have seen some bills that will have a negative impact on the state and our communities. I do not come with promises or great stories, I am just here to do one thing, represent the community! You can continue to invest in those already in office. Or, you can begin choosing those who will represent you the best. Do you want someone who thinks they make the best choices for you? Or, do you want representation from a person who has the same struggles and problems as you and will understand you? Taketherightstep.org

Richard Andrade

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.richandrade.com

I am a native of Arizona, born in Winslow and come from a railroad family. I am an Air Force Veteran. Today I am a certified locomotive engineer with BNSF Railway, and a proud Union member with Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers for the last 22 years. I am running for re-election because we need a Legislator who is going to continue to fight for working families. We need to raise the minimum wage, provide benefits such as paid sick time, and speak out when worker rights are attacked. I also believe in protecting all people's rights including our LGBTQ community in the workplace and in our communities. In order for Arizona to achieve economic development, we must continue to fund education and restore the cuts to our community colleges and universities. Higher tuition costs and low teacher salaries place a burden on all working families. As stewards of the tax-payers dollars, we must put an end to using tax dollars for the “For Profit Private Prison Industry”, and provide tax cuts to working families. Thank you for the opportunity to earn your vote once again and for supporting your LD29 Democratic Team because we are truly #StrongerTogether.

Rosa Cantu

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: 

No statement provided.
CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 29

Cesar Chavez

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

César Chávez was born in Moroleon, Guanajuato. In search for greater opportunities, his parents and César immigrated to the United States when he was three years old. César’s father quickly understood that in order to succeed in this country he would have to find a way to provide his family the proper documentation to seek better jobs and learn the English language. In 1996, they arrived in Phoenix where the family purchased their first home in the Maryvale community. A product of public education, César first handedly saw the lack of resources and struggles that his school teachers would have to go through. He knew the importance of a high quality education because his parents always modeled that in order to succeed you must be educated. César and his family have lived in the shoes of the constituents of district 29 and knows what it is to be an undocumented immigrant, live in public housing, attend public education, and what it is to lack the resources necessary to live a comfortable lifestyle. He will advocate for the working class, bring revitalization to our neighborhoods, partner with corporations that can bring jobs back into the district, and provide accessible healthcare.

Marshall Pimentel

Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website:

As a native Phoenician, I have roots in this community and a vested interest in what goes on in our state. My family lives and works here and I want to assure they have a better future here. As a Marine Corps Veteran, I signed up to defend and protect democracy and all the freedoms we hold dear. Today, I continue to be a voice in our community for our most vulnerable and for a life free of discrimination. Since becoming an advocate for working families, I believe that it takes more than a dedicated servant to make positive changes, it takes LEADERSHIP. My lead by example approach is the means to build a solid foundation for my family and our community. As a voice for our future, my responsibility is to strengthen public education, protect jobs and advocate for fairness, respect and dignity for everyone. Communication is key and when we work together, the future becomes bigger and brighter for everyone. It is truly an honor to earn your respect, your trust and your vote. With your help, your LD29 Democratic Team will continue to grow #StrongerTogether. Yours in service, Marshall Pimentel Email: MarshallPimentel.AZ@gmail.com

John Wilson

Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website:

I have lived in the valley since 1958. I graduated from Cartwright Elementary, Maryvale High School, and Glendale Community College. I owned a small business and raised my family here in Phoenix. Now retired, it is time to give back to the community. Too often career politicians are only interested in being reelected. Doing “the right thing” is compromised for the sake of their next campaign. Our system was founded on the idea of citizen statesman benevolently serving society for a few years and then moving on. A politician is someone who is a scheming opportunist seeking personal or partisan gain, while a statesman uses wisdom in resolving issues without thought of personal enrichment. I pledge to you, I will always represent our district as a statesman. I tithed to church and charity and will now tithe my time as a public servant. Bringing people together and problem solving is something I do well. I promise to be your advocate, to never lie or tolerate those who do, and bring moral answers to all situations that arise. With your support and vote I will honestly and humbly serve you, working tirelessly for the betterment of our community and Arizona.
John Lyon
Party: Republican  Campaign Funding: Participating  Website: 
If elected to the Arizona State Senate, I will strive to pass meaningful welfare reform, strengthen the Border Strike Force, and involve our state in an Article V Convention of States. I will evaluate all legislation with an eye to how it impacts the long-term best interests of law-abiding, tax-paying citizens. For several years, about half of the births in Arizona have been paid for by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). It appears to me that many people are acting as though the taxpayers had a moral obligation to fund their pregnancies and child rearing. I feel that this trend may have contributed to the difficulties faced by many Arizona schools, and to the swamping of Child Protective Services with cases of abused or neglected children. I feel that the state should put up for adoption the newborns of people who are already receiving public assistance. The biological mothers and fathers should be required to pay child support until the child they conceived turns eighteen. The state should offer sex and relationship education, and job and career training for indigent people, but should not require tax payers to subsidize their irresponsible sexual conduct.

Robert Meza
Party: Democratic  Campaign Funding: Traditional  Website: www.mezaforarizona.com/
Born in Phoenix as a third generation Phoenician, Senator Robert Meza and his family are steeped in the community. Political debate was a fixture at the dinner table informing the leader that Robert has become. West Phoenix has been home to him from the Alhambra ESD right through to Bourgade Catholic High School. From there Robert attended the University of Notre Dame. He returned home and began his professional career in the banking industry gradually moving into the non-profit arena. Robert has worked with organizations like Chicanos por la Casa to bring important services to those with the most need. From his first term in the legislature in 2002 the wellbeing of his constituency was his first priority. Recently, he has worked with organizations like PSA Behavioral Health, the Sojourner Center, and JFCS to strengthen community services around the valley – his district especially – to protect the most vulnerable like domestic violence survivors, children, and those with behavioral health problems. Robert’s dedication to his constituents was recently evidenced when he led efforts to kill a bill, SB1402, which would have raised property taxes on people within the district to benefit a few at the expense of the many.

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CANDIDATES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 30

Gary Cox
Party: Republican Campaign Funding: Traditional Website: 
I am committed to promoting a strong economy in Arizona. Our state is made stronger economically by creating a business friendly environment that will attract businesses that want to relocate and to create opportunities for new start up companies that offer well paying jobs to our citizens. We need to continue to improve our Department of Child Services and assure that all Arizona’s children are protected and cared for. We need to continue to support education and assure that education funding is adequate in order to attract the best possible Teachers to our State. It’s also critical that our Legislators fight to protect States rights and oppose Federal agendas that infringe on those rights.

Jonathan Larkin
Party: Democratic Campaign Funding: Traditional Website: larkinforarizona.com/
I have spent virtually my entire life here in Arizona. After the events of 9/11, I enlisted into the Marine Corps and served my nation proudly as I went overseas for two tours of duty in Iraq. Upon returning, I couldn’t help but see the desperate economic state that my district and my state suffered from. I was honored to serve as District 30’s State Representative for the last two years. In that span I have had the privilege to vote on Medicaid expansion, push for the new Department of Child Safety, and fight against discriminatory legislation like SB 1062. I fought for working families, first responders, veterans, and the people of District 30. However, there is still much work to be done. I want to continue my fight to raise the minimum wage for the hardworking, provide better health coverage and education for veterans, support our first responders, and finally provide public education with the funding that it needs. My experiences as a Marine, union member, and Democratic State Representative have prepared me to fight for what is right at the State Capitol and serve the people of my district and my state rather than myself.

Ray Martinez
Party: Democratic Campaign Funding: Traditional Website: www.martinezforaz.com/
My candidacy for State Representative is a continuation of my long service to our community. I have lived in District 30 since the 1980’s, and it is where I have raised my three children. They all attended school in the Alhambra Elementary School District, where I am currently serving my second year as a Governing Board Member. I am also a founding member of the AZ Latino School Board Association. I am a graduate of Lowell Elementary School, North Phoenix High, Phoenix College, and Grand Canyon University—where I earned my Graduate Degree in Organizational Leadership. After spending over 20 years working for the Arizona Department of Corrections, becoming a deputy warden, I have seen the negative effects of an underfunded education system. That is why I am deeply invested in improving the education system and expanding economic opportunities in our community. I believe we can do more to give our schools the resources and tools they need to provide an optimal educational experience for our children. We can also do much more to create good high-paying jobs. I ask for your support and your vote so that I can continue to be an advocate for our community.
Otoniel "Tony" Navarrete
Party: Democratic   Campaign Funding: Traditional   Website: www.TonyNavarrete.com

Tony Navarrete is a community organizer born and raised in Arizona. A 2004 graduate of Carl Hayden Community High School, he grew up in West Phoenix in a home built by his grandfather. Raised in a single parent family, he was introduced to organizing at an early age by volunteering at his church, Neighborhood Ministries. When his mother fought breast cancer, Tony learned the importance of access to affordable health care. He's worked to support access to affordable health care and fair housing, as well as the fair treatment of immigrant communities through Neighborhood Ministries and Promise Arizona, where he led the registration of over 40,000 new Arizona voters. As a West Valley homeowner and member of AFSCME Local 2384, Tony believes in creating jobs that pay well so working families achieve economic security. In addition, as a member of the LGBT community, Tony believes in equality under the law. He has worked as a steering committee member for the National Alliance for Hispanic Families, a board member for Arizona's Ryan White Planning Council, and as Democratic Chair in Legislative District 30. Follow the community campaign: #LD30 #Glendale #Phoenix #VoteNavarrete
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