Across vastly different regions and very different challenges, our women and men in uniform are hard at work strengthening our alliances, investing in deterrence, defending our values by standing up to tyrants, and safeguarding peace by protecting freedom and openness. America is the strongest when we lead not only by an example of our power but by the power of our example. 

Joe Biden

Laura Conover, Candidate for Pima County Attorney

As the County’s top prosecutor, Laura has
- engaged in a targeted focus on violent crime.
- attacked an epidemic of opioid overdoses
- launched an adult restorative justice program to serve victims in a new, holistic way.
- established the first fraud program in 20 years, delivering $1M in restitution to victims in its 1st year.
- overhauled the conviction and sentencing integrity unit.
- established the Homicide Panel that meets weekly to address violent crimes.

As the County’s chief lawyer, Laura has dealt with civil lawsuits as well. She has
- defended the county government and given legal advice to the Board of Supervisors.
- defended women’s reproductive rights and
- defended safe and fair elections.

During her next term, Laura plans to establish proactive programs concerning juvenile justice, gun crime, and neighborhood issues.
Joyce Jones-Ivey, Oro Valley Town Council member

Joyce has served on the Oro Valley Town Council since 2018. She welcomes questions from the public, encourages participation in the town’s Community Academy to learn more about our local government from town staff and local experts and the Citizen Academy to learn more about the OV Police Department, and urges citizens to visit the town website at orovalleyaz.gov.

Joyce’s chief priorities have been keeping the town community-oriented, maintaining public safety, fostering open communications with the police department, keeping Oro Valley fiscally sound with programs that are environmentally friendly and financially sustainable. Joyce supports maintaining a balanced budget, fostering youth sports programs and family activities at Naranja Park, and promoting wilderness arts.

Prior to politics, Jones-Ivey worked as a registered nurse in the same hospital where she was born and later became an OB-GYN nurse practitioner for women’s health. Her goal was to educate women, keep them healthy, and empower them. Joyce proudly served her patients for 42 years.
Democrats of Oro Valley will continue Zoom meetings for the summer months of July and August. Meeting times remain the same from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIldemurTosGNW2VGWHz6R_rEegTwRtbz4L
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Democrats of Oro Valley’s Open House & Fund Raiser

and

John McLean for LD17 AZ Senate

Kevin Volk for LD17 AZ House

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024
TIME: 4:30 TO 6:00 P.M.
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We must elect Commissioners who represent us by Jacolyn Marshall

The five-member Arizona Corporation Commission was created to protect the interests of consumers from the abuses all monopolies, including Arizona’s utility companies are prone to, namely price gouging.

The four Republicans who currently dominate the commission recently rubberstamped a 100% rate increase for TEP and SW Gas, violating their duty to protect us from corporate greed. They also approved TEP’s bid to increase fees charged to homeowners generating solar power to increase their profits and discourage future investments in solar.

That’s why I’m voting for the three Democratic candidates running to replace them: Jonathon Hill, a scientist; Joshua Polacheck, an environmentalist; and Ylenia Aguilar, a water expert.

By voting for all three, we can change the balance of power in the ACC. Then Arizonans will have commissioners who will represent our best interests by keeping corporate utilities in line, increasing solar energy statewide, and protecting our water supply.

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Project 2025 exposed, compiled by Jacolyn Marshall

Project 2025, a collection of policy proposals to fundamentally reshape the U.S. federal government in the event of a Republican victory in the 2024 presidential election would

- grant the president has absolute power over the executive branch upon inauguration allowing him to
- recruit tens of thousands of right-wing conservatives to replace existing federal civil servants

The Project envisions widespread changes across the entire government, particularly regarding economic and social policies and the role of the federal government and its agencies.

The plan proposes

- slashing funding for the Department of Justice
- dismantling the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security
- gutting the EPA by eliminating environmental and climate change regulations to favor fossil fuel production
- eliminating the Department of Commerce
- ending the independence of various federal agencies, such as the FCC and FTC
- abolishing the Department of Education by transferring programs to other agencies or terminating them
The Project urges the government to

- reject abortion as health care and restrict access to contraception
- infuse the government with elements of Christianity, stating "freedom is defined by God, not man."
- remove protections against discrimination based on sexual or gender identity
- terminate diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, as well as affirmative action

The Project advises the future president

- to immediately deploy the military for domestic law enforcement
- to direct the DOJ to pursue Trump's adversaries, including
  - the arrest, detention, and deportation of 18 million undocumented immigrants in the US
  - promoting capital punishment and the speedy "finality" of such sentences.
- to march into office with a new army of trained and weaponized conservatives to do battle against the “deep state” by deconstructing the executive branch, reducing taxes, and shrinking government.

The Project is detailed in *Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise*, a version of which the Heritage Foundation has written as transition plans for each prospective Republican president since 1980.

Critics of Project 2025 have described it as an authoritarian Christian nationalist movement and a path for the United States to become an autocracy. Several experts in law have noted it would undermine the rule of law and the separation of powers. Some conservatives and Republicans also criticized the plan in the contexts of centralizing power, climate change, and foreign trade.

**We cannot let this happen. It’s up to us to let everyone we know what’s at stake in November:**

* a Biden Democracy or a Trump Dictatorship.
Will Republican Perfidity be met with Democrat Timidity? by Dee Maitland

Two Important Battles for Us

**FIRST:** June 4th HCR 2060 passed our House of Representatives on a strict party line vote after previously passing the Senate. It is a reiteration of the former Arizona SB 1070 bill that was the broadest and strictest anti-illegal immigration law in the United States when it was passed in 2010. It received international attention and spurred considerable controversy due to its “Stop and Frisk” policy. Of course, our LD17 Senator Wadsack and Representatives Jones and McGarr voted for it. It will now be on the ballot in November, forcing us to waste our precious resources defeating it.

As with the former SB1070 bill, Republicans are causing our state national embarrassment and will cost Arizona taxpayers millions of dollars defending legislation that was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court last time. As the bill has no funding attached, it will divert and deplete limited local law enforcement resources as the ghost of Joe Arpaio is reborn in bad police officers who enjoy bounty hunting by using racial profiling to arrest suspected migrants and then end up with civil rights litigation.

Governor Hobbs had this to say:
“I’ve said it before and I will say it again: HCR 2060 will hurt Arizona businesses, send jobs out of state, make it more difficult for law enforcement to do their jobs, and bust the state’s budget. It will not secure our border. Despite strong opposition from business leaders, border law enforcement, and bipartisan local leaders throughout the state, extremists in the legislature have chosen to prioritize their political agendas over finding real solutions.”

Learn more here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_SB_1070](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona_SB_1070)
SECOND: Our state legislature must pass a budget by June 30. There has been the usual Republican perfidy of closed-door sessions excluding Democrats, but more importantly there has been their refusal to acknowledge that we went from a $2 billion budget surplus to a $1.8 billion dollar deficit in one year with the primary cause being the out-of-control private school voucher program. And they will propose cutting other necessary programs to protect it.

Arizona’s voucher program has proven to be another Republican-approved transfer of taxpayer funds to the wealthy. According to the Arizona Mirror: While there were about 20 voucher recipients per 1,000 people in ZIP codes with median incomes of less than $47,404, there were about 74 per 1,000 people in ZIP codes with median incomes higher than $114,968, the researchers found. Only 21.3% of funds are benefiting low-income people in poorer school districts. The analysis examined data from an Arizona Department of Education report covering October through December 2023.

Rather than our taxpayer dollars funding our public schools as they should be, they are being funneled into the voucher program. Consequently, Arizona’s public schools remain at the bottom on all education metrics: per pupil funding, teacher pay, classroom size, teacher retention, and so much more.

Our problem is that our Governor is not demanding modifications to this program in her budget negotiations saying: “Republicans simply won’t entertain any talk of reform.” This was her position last year and look what happened. We need her to be brave and tough. Jan Brewer was strong enough to veto budgets; so, should Katie.

PLEASE:
Call Gov. Hobbs at 602-542-4331 or email engage@az.gov to tell her office you expect ESA voucher reform in the upcoming budget!

OUR CHILDREN ARE COUNTING ON YOU!!
The Best of Biden by Jacelyn Marshall

Health & Safety
- National Highway Safety Administration investigated the recall fix on Tesla’s autopilot system finding it made no difference in reducing crashes since it was instituted 6 months ago and demanding better.
- Department of Health and Human Services pledged $200 million to prevent, test, track and treat animals and humans affected by a bird flu outbreak that has spread to more than 40 dairy cow herds in nine states.
- CDC warned a salmonella outbreak spanning 29 states, including Arizona is linked to backyard poultry.

Economy
- Labor Department reported lower food and auto prices led to a decline in inflation last month.
- Energy Department will release 1 million barrels of gasoline from a Northeast reserve to provide relief for motorists as the summer driving season begins.
- Consumer confidence index measuring Americans short-term conditions and their expectations for income, business, and job markets each rose in May.
- Federal Trade Commission uncovered evidence executives of Pioneer Natural Resources colluded with OPEC to raise crude oil prices that may have cost US households up to $500 per car.

Environment & Climate Change
- EPA issued an enforcement alert urging water systems to take immediate actions to protect the nation’s drinking water after cyberattacks against water utilities have become more frequent and severe.
- EPA announced a $15 million derailment fine for Norfolk Southern, including $790 million for safety measures, past and future cleanup costs, a 20-year health care fund for citizens, and long-term water monitoring.

Justice
- DOJ formally moved to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous Schedule III drug.
- DOJ announced three arrests, including an Arizona woman in a complex stolen identity scheme generating huge profits for North Korea’s government and its weapons program by sending their IT workers abroad.
- DOJ sued Oklahoma to block a law imposing criminal penalties on people living in the state without legal immigration status which is in violation of the US Constitution; Texas and Iowa are facing similar DOJ challenges.
- DOJ sued Ticketmaster and its parent company for running an illegal monopoly over live events that squelches competition and drives up prices.
- DOJ announced a Sinaloa drug cartel assassin who was extradited from Mexico will face drug, gun and witness retaliation charges. the cartel, a main supplier of fentanyl is blamed for 70,000 deaths a year.

Social Justice
- Defense Department reported sexual assaults across the military decreased last year for the first time in a decade due to $1 billion for a full array of new programs and increased personnel to run them.
- Biden administration cancelled $7.7 billion on federal student loan debt for another 160,000 borrowers through several existing relief programs.
Biden has added more female and minority judges, including Black, Hispanic, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders to the federal bench than any other administration.

Immigration and Border Security
- Department of Homeland Security streamlined the asylum process by allowing an officer at the initial screening for “credible fear” to determine if migrants with a criminal record or those who might be a security risk are deemed eligible for asylum rather than waiting months for a judge to make the ruling.
- Illegal crossing arrests from Mexico fell 6% in April, the 4th lowest month of Biden’s administration.

Technology and Cybersecurity
- Biden issued an order blocking a Chinese-backed cryptocurrency mining firm from owning land near a Wyoming nuclear missile base.
- US and China envoys met in Geneva to discuss artificial intelligence, the risks of the evolving technology, and creation of shared standards to manage it with a mutual goal of safe, secure, and trustworthy AI.
- FCC proposed requiring political advertisers to disclose AI-generated content in TV and radio ads.
- Federal Communication Commission proposed a $6 million fine and two dozen criminal charges for fake robocalls using AI technology; Lingo Telecom faces a $2 million fine for transmitting them.
- WH announced Cyber Trust labels designed to help consumers select smart devices less vulnerable to hacking will appear on products by Amazon, Best Buy, Google, LG and Samsung before the holidays.

Government
- Biden’s 200th federal judge was confirmed: Angela Martinez, district court judge in Arizona
- Biden hosted a breakfast at the WH for administration officials, military leaders, veterans, and Gold Star family members before delivering his Memorial Day Address at Arlington National Cemetery.
- Defense Department awarded $20 million to a Santa Cruz company for mining manganese, zinc, lead and silver, thereby creating domestic supply chains for minerals and metals important to national security.

International Relations:
- US and Philippine forces, and Australian aircraft conducted large-scale drills in the disputed South China Sea.
- Biden announced new tariffs on electric vehicles, semiconductors, solar equipment, and medical supplies imported from China to protect US jobs, domestic manufacturing, and national security.
- US and Pakistani officials met to expand cooperation in tackling the threat posed to regional security by an affiliate of the Islamic State group and the Pakistani Taliban.
- Biden sent a delegation to Taiwan for the inauguration of the island’s democratically elected president.
- Defense Secretary made an official visit to Cambodia, one of China’s closest allies after meeting with his Chinese counterpart to repair lines of communications at Asia’s security conference in Singapore.
- State Department accused China of military provocations for staging military exercises around Taiwan using 111 aircraft and dozens of naval vessels to surround the self-ruled island for two days.
- Secretary of State pledged $135 million in aid to Moldova for energy infrastructure and expansion to counter Russian disinformation as the nation struggles to blunt Moscow’s push for influence.
- US ships and British fighter jets struck 13 Houthi targets, including underground facilities, missile launchers, and command sites in response to a surge of attacks on ships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.
**International Relations: Israel**

- Biden announced the US would not supply offensive weapons for an Israeli all-out assault on Rafah, over concern for the lives of the million Palestinian civilians sheltering there.
- Biden announced the US remains committed to providing interceptors and other defensive arms to Israel.
- Biden administration found reasonable evidence that Israel violated international humanitarian law in its conduct of the war in Gaza.
- Secretary of State announced US has worked with Arab countries and others to develop credible plans for security, governance, rebuilding, and security in Gaza, but have not seen credible plans from Israel.
- Biden administration supports Palestinian governance in Gaza and the West Bank as a precursor to Palestinian statehood; Netanyahu rejects a role for the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority.
- US military finished the floating pier off the Gaza strip and began ferrying humanitarian aid to help starving Palestinians as Israeli blocked border crossings prevent food and supplies from making it there.
- WH announced an initial delivery of 300 pallets crossed the pier into Gaza and were handed over to the UN for distribution; US military officials anticipate an increase of as many as 150 truckloads a day.
- Biden’s national security adviser met with Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince to discuss a “semifinal” version of a wide-ranging security agreement between the Israel and Palestinians, including a two-state solution.
- US, Egypt, and Qatar mediators urged Israel and Hamas to adopt their three-phase deal: 1) cease-fire, release of civilian hostages, surge of humanitarian aid, 2) release of soldiers, 3) reconstruction of Gaza.

**International Relations: Ukraine**

- US announced its third installment of a $400 million package in military aid to Ukraine.
- State Department approved an emergency sale of three rocket systems costing $30 million to Germany’s government that are destined for Ukraine.
- Defense Secretary committed a steady supply of US weapons and met with 50 other defense leaders from around the world to coordinate more military aid to Ukraine as it faces renewed assaults by Russia.
- Biden gave Ukraine permission to use US weapons to strike inside Russia for the limited purpose of defending Kharkiv.