

*We are losing sight of civility in government and politics. Debate and dialogue is taking a back seat to the politics of destruction and anger and control. Dogma has replaced thoughtful discussion between people of differing views.*

**James McGreevey**

### ***Ralph Atchue, Senate LD11***

I'm Ralph Atchue, Candidate for the Arizona State Senate in Legislative District 11. Thanks for your interest in my campaign.

Arizona's got some tough problems - these problems can be solved - but we need new leadership with fresh ideas to make that happen. I am proposing a bold and comprehensive vision for Arizona. It's a plan that will benefit working families and businesses across our state.

The focus of our campaign will be Rebuilding Arizona's Middle Class.

Our plan stands on four interrelated priorities:

Public Education      Arizona's Economy  
Political Ethics      Our Environment

We ask you to take a close look at what we believe is an approach to solving Arizona's problems with common sense ideas.

We also invite your questions, comments and constructive suggestions.

### ***Holly Lyon, House LD11***

It's time to start investing in Arizona, and...Arizonans! Some decisions will be tough. But, leaders don't shrink from responsibility, they don't blame others, and they don't look for the easy way out.

We need our Legislature to deliver and maintain a solid foundation of safety and security, and freedom for Arizonans so we can pursue a prosperous future for our families and our communities. Fiscal responsibility is key to that end.

Taxpayer dollars belong to ALL of us and must be invested in ways that return benefits to ALL of us. That's the bottom line.

Retired Air Force Colonel - 26 years of service

Commanded twice and served at NATO

Set budget and strategic goals for the Air Force

Taught 7th grade math before joining the Air Force

Experience with border security issues

### ***Kevin Koch to Speak on Prop 127***

Kevin Koch is the President of Technicians for Sustainability (TFS), a mission-driven solar design-build company founded in 2003, and the leading local solar company in Southern Arizona since 2008. He has worked in the solar field for over 19 years in the non-profit and for-profit sectors and was a founding Board Member of SASSB (Southern Arizona Solar Standards Board); is a member of Pima Association of Government's Solar Partnership Committee; and served on the Solar Readiness Advisory Council for City of Tucson.

#### ***IT'S NEVER TOO LATE***

By Ralph Atchue, Candidate for Arizona Senate, LD11



Elections are won and lost in the hearts and minds of voters. Opinions are often influenced by comments made by friends and neighbors - we tend to believe those we know and respect.

This election is about more than just tax policies and funding measures. This election is about sending a clear and unambiguous message: "We will no longer tolerate an unethical state government that is failing to represent the voters"!

From the ever expanding Charter School scandal to dangerous water policies that threaten Arizona's future, the GOP controlled legislature is putting short term profits ahead of long term, common sense solutions. Left unchecked, the 2019 session will see increases in taxpayer money going to private schools with no oversight or accountability. With a state government under full and unabated one party control, we should expect an agenda that's completely "bought and paid for"!

If you've been working hard to get Democrats elected, please don't let up. If you've been waiting for the "right time" to get involved, this is it! It's not too late to talk to your friends and neighbors - we've still got some time to influence people, get their votes and win this election!

Contact us to find out how you can help turn LD11 Blue!: [www.Atchue4AZSenate.com](http://www.Atchue4AZSenate.com)

**\*\*\*Please Note: The October Meeting is on Tuesday, October 9\*\*\***



# Democrats of Oro Valley

Hello Neighbor,

It's time you got involved. Our Democracy demands your involvement. We cannot continue to sit back while the Republican dominated government trashes our constitution and our rights. Republicans and Democrats do NOT share the same values. Both parties are not alike. We cannot wait for the perfect candidate to come along because each time you don't vote, you are voting for the candidate who does not reflect what we value or want. Republicans only win because they always vote. Let's make a change!

Democrats have a common set of ideals, values and principles. Democrats share our value for clean air and clean water. Democrats share our values for well-funded schools and a system that attracts our brightest and best teachers. Democrats want a healthcare system that is affordable. Healthcare is a right, not just for those who can afford it. We want fair judges, not radical right-wing judges. We want tax fairness. No more tax breaks for the ultra-rich. It doesn't trickle down. We want our heritage preserved in parks and monuments. We want good roads and infrastructure. Our values are your values.



*If you vote by mail*, your ballot should arrive by Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. It MUST be mailed no later than Oct 30<sup>th</sup> to make sure it arrives by election day, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you don't mail your ballot on time, take it to your polling location and drop it in the ballot box. You don't have to stand in line, just take it right to the front, into the voting room and ask where to drop it.

*If you vote at the polls*, bring proper ID, including your Voter ID and your driver's license. Just to be safe, bring a utility bill with your name and the same address as your driver's license. You don't want to be turned away because you are not prepared.

**Questions? Call our Pima County Recorder's office. They are very nice, and easy to talk to, and they are very happy to answer questions. Pima County Recorder's Office: (520) 724-6830**

**Thank you for voting your values this election. Make your vote count! Please vote for the candidates recommended on the slate card. They will represent your values.**

Most Sincerely,

**Michael Dayton, Chair  
Democrats of Oro Valley**

## Why Not Confiscate Federal Lands?

By Hollace Lyon, Colonel, USAF, Retired



The LD 11 GOP candidates for Arizona Legislature say that they want to fund all the shortfalls they've created, by taking control of Federal lands in Arizona and collecting revenue that now goes to the Federal government.

**Q.** What could go wrong?!

**A1.** The Federal Government sends money to Arizona counties. "Payments in Lieu of Taxes" equals \$39.8 million per year. Those funds, that go straight to the counties, would no longer be available to them.

**A2.** As recently as 2012, voters sent a resounding "No" signal to the idea, by voting down Prop 120 by 68%. Arizonans are worried that they'll lose access to these lands, and it would likely hurt our economy. Outdoor recreation accounts for \$10.6 billion in consumer spending in AZ annually.

**A3.** It would be expensive! Governor Jan Brewer, a Republican, vetoed a major "land takeover" bill partly due to concerns over the economic "uncertainty" it would create. She said that the Arizona State Land Department would need an extra \$23 million for general management costs as well as "an untold increase in staff and resources."

Governor Doug Ducey vetoed two bills that asked the federal government to turn over public lands to the state, but he did sign into law a measure to spend taxpayer dollars studying the idea further. We should wait for those results.

**A4.** *Wildfire* prevention is often cited as a reason to seize lands and take a more pro-active approach to managing them while reaping profits through thinning the forests. Sounds good, right? Turns out, there is a lot of controversy surrounding the concept of forest thinning preventing wildfires. As for fighting those wildfires, Arizona budgets \$5M - \$10M per year, and one large wildfire easily costs over \$100M to overcome. The 2011 Wallow Fire, in eastern Arizona cost \$109 million in suppression and initial rehabilitation of the land alone. A serious fire season could decimate Arizona's coffers.

In the end, Arizona would be taking on a huge liability with a questionable probability of any benefits or profits. We would likely be better served working more closely with the Department of the Interior to ensure we receive our due, and they manage Arizona lands well. Meanwhile, we, and our posterity, can enjoy them and the secondary income they generate throughout the State.

**Get-Out-the-Vote   Get-Out-the-Vote   Get-Out-the-Vote   Get-Out-the-Vote   Get-Out-the-Vote**

Contribute: **LyonforAZ.com** (<https://www.lyonforaz.com>) and click on the red "Contribute" tab; or, mail a check to Lyon for AZ, P.O. Box 8405, Catalina, AZ 85738. Volunteer to Canvass, Stuff Envelopes, or Make Calls by clicking on the "Volunteer" button at [LyonforAZ.com](http://LyonforAZ.com).

OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

### HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Please bring a donation of non-perishable food to our monthly meetings.

*If everyone brings only one or two items it will add up to a significant contribution!*

The Dems of Oro Valley care about the well-being of our less fortunate friends.

### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

**Please bring any of these items to DOV for distribution to disabled veterans: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and paper back puzzle books.**

*Please – no candy.*

### November Meeting

Tuesday  
November 13, 2018  
7 pm • OV Library

**Jo Holt**  
**PCDP Chair**

Come early at 6:45 and socialize! Meet new friends!