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This is a President who promised to go after the worst of the worst. Instead, ICE agents are targeting law-abiding immigrant families and using taxpayer money to brutalize and, in some cases, kill American citizens. We are prepared to sit down with anyone, anytime, in any place to discuss how we can move forward in a way that allows for immigration enforcement to be fair, to be just, to be humane. **Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader**

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Guest Speakers: Edgar Soto, Jackie McGuire, Cathy Sigmon & Shelley Hartman

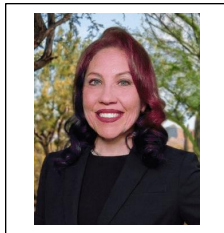


Edgar Soto, LD 17 Candidate for State Senate

Edgar is running for State Senate to fight for strong public schools, affordable communities, and a government that works for everyday Arizonans. His priorities include strengthening public schools by supporting educators and making sure every child has an opportunity to succeed, lowering everyday costs so working families can get ahead, and standing up for veterans by protecting the benefits they have earned and ensuring they are treated with dignity and respect.

Edgar Soto is a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran, lifelong educator, and community leader who has spent his life serving at every level - on the field, in the classroom and in leadership roles that support students and families. He has worked from K-12 to higher education, opening pathways for success and strengthening public institutions. As an educator and coach, he believes in teamwork, accountability, and bringing people together to get results.

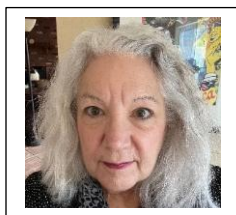
After graduating from Tucson public schools, Edgar earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from the University of New Mexico, a Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Education from the University of Arizona and a Master's Degree in Multicultural Education from Northern Arizona University.



Jackie McGuire, Candidate for Marana Town Council

Jackie is an entrepreneur, data scientist and former financial advisor who is running for Marana Town Council to restore transparent, ethical and financially responsible governance. Her campaign is centered on the conviction that local politics are where real change happens.

Unlike politicians who only take a stance, Jackie has a proven record of taking action. She was one of the residents who led the successful referendum effort, collecting nearly 3,000 signatures to put the controversial Data Center project on the ballot and was the lead plaintiff in the recent lawsuit against the Town of Marana to force accountability. She is deeply committed to ensuring resident voices are heard, establishing citizen committees, fixing Marana's roads and infrastructure, and securing Marana's future by keeping predatory development out. She is running to make sure the Town Council works for all residents, not special interests.



Cathy Sigmon, Co-Director of Civic Engagement Beyond Voting

Cathy co-founded CEBV, a statewide nonpartisan, nonprofit group focused on engaging citizens in state and local government. She helped launch Gavel Watch, a project that rates judges in Arizona; presented the CEBV Civics Series on state government, addressing the legislature, statewide offices, the Arizona Water Conservation Board, Corporation Commission, community college boards and judges, and introduced its Youth Fellowship Program that provides hands-on experience for ages 16-22 to engage with local and state government.



Shelly Hartman, Save Our Schools Action Team Coordinator

As the Pima County Community Action Team Coordinator for Save Our Schools, Shelly led our local Protect Education's army of volunteer signature gatherers and grass root partners who talked to thousands of voters about the critical importance of public education. In addition to building her team of volunteers, Shelly suggested collection sites, scheduled notaries, oversaw petition collection and their transport to their final destination in Phoenix. In 14 short weeks in 100-degree weather, more than 3,000 volunteers statewide collected over 420,450 signatures, well over the minimum required to put the Protect Education initiative on the ballot for your YES vote in November.

Outgoing Mayor Joe Winfield endorsed the following candidates:

For Oro Valley Council:



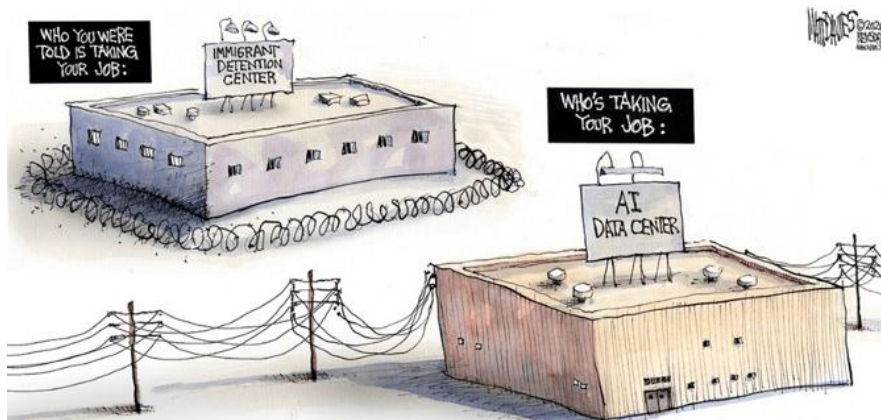
Matt Wood

Marana has a strong slate of Democrats running for Mayor and Town Council:



Greg Johnsen for Marana Mayor. **Jackie McGuire, Sue Ritz** and **Julie Prince** for Marana Town Council.

Vote for them if you do NOT want Marana to have a 1300 bed ICE internment camp and/or a 600-acre data center. Return Mail-in ballots on or before **July 14**. In-person Election Day is **July 21**.



ARIZONA SENATOR

MARK KELLY

This Independence Day, America marks a special milestone: 250 years as a nation.

This country was founded on a few simple principles. Freedom, Democracy, and the idea that all of us are created equal. Those principles have been tested over and over again.

From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and the end of slavery. Through two World Wars, the fight against fascism, the Civil Rights Movement, and beyond. Every generation has worked to make our country better live up to its founding ideals.

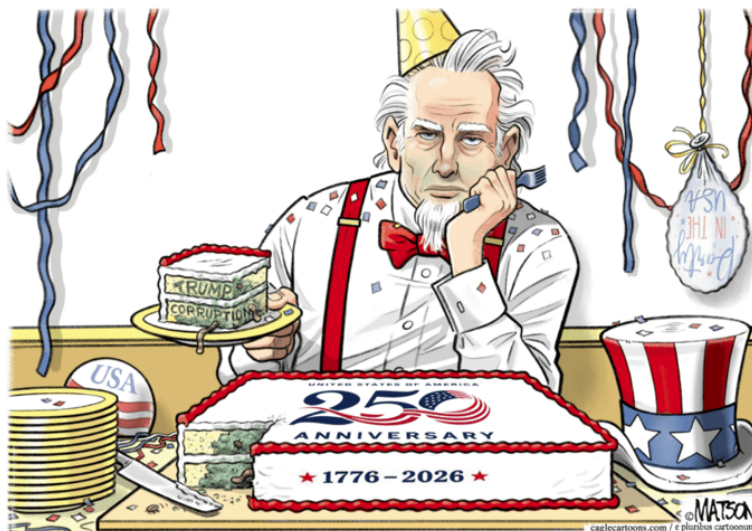
Our history has never been simple. But what has always made our country exceptional is our willingness to keep pushing forward.

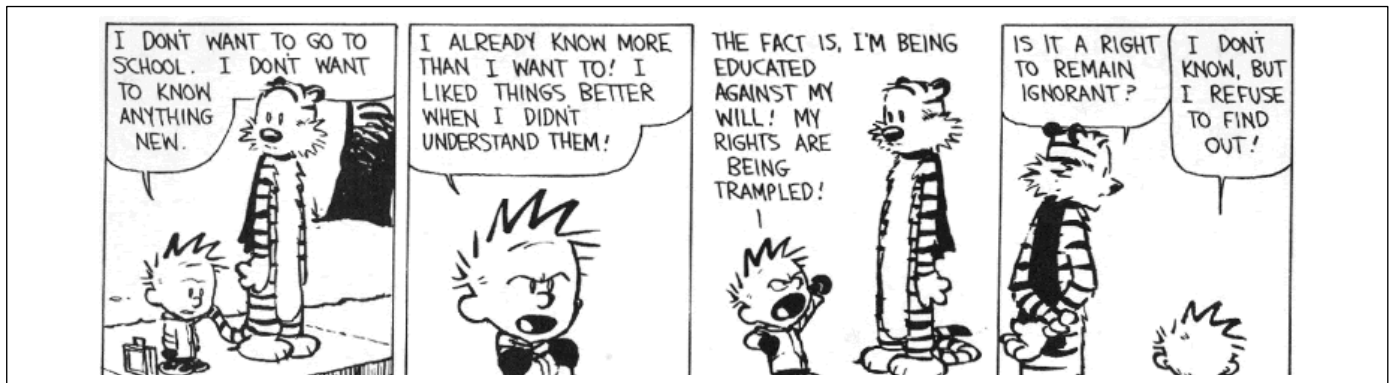
We've built the strongest democracy the world has ever known. We've invented, discovered, and explored in ways no other nation has. We learned to fly. We put people on the Moon. We continue to push the boundaries of what's possible because Americans are willing to take on hard problems together. A lot of us were reminded of that earlier this year as we watched Artemis II fly around the Moon and travel farther than any human has ever before.

Every generation before us has worked to preserve and strengthen the freedoms we enjoy and leave this country stronger than they found it. It's our turn to do the same. As America celebrates 250 years, we should all be asking ourselves a simple question: What do we want the next 250 years to look like?

Do we continue building on the values that have carried us this far: Freedom, democracy, and equality? Do we keep investing in the next generation of innovators, explorers, workers, and public servants? Do we keep choosing unity over division and solving problems together? I think the choice is simple.

Those before us sacrificed to build this country and protect our democracy. Now it's our responsibility to strengthen it for our kids and grandkids. If we stay committed to those ideals and do the work to preserve them, then I have no doubt the next 250 years can be even better than the last. Today we celebrate our freedoms. Tomorrow, we get to work preserving them.





Education and Democracy by Dee Maitland

I'm writing this from Lakeside Ohio one of the Chautauqua communities founded over 150 years ago by Methodists to be a place of "renewal and growth...spiritual, intellectual, cultural and physical". The week has been full of lectures and events around the founding of our nation. One of the lectures most relevant to Arizona was on the origin of public education. Calvin is wrong. The Founding Fathers did not give us the right to be uneducated. It began with the Puritans in the 1640s with "Education for the Common Good". Eventually common school became mandatory with education departments, positions, textbooks and rules. The design of all their town squares included a green for coming together, a church and a school. By the 1800's 80% of people in Massachusetts could read. This mandate to educate all citizens was also held by our Founding Fathers. Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Franklin and others had much to say about the importance of education to good citizenship and securing our democracy. Founder John Jay put it most succinctly:

"I consider knowledge to be the soul of a republic, and as the weak and the wicked are generally in alliance, as much care should be taken to diminish the number of the former as of the latter. Education is the way to do this, and nothing should be left undone to afford all ranks of people the means of obtaining a proper degree of it at a cheap and easy rate." [John Jay](#) to Benjamin Rush, March 21, 1785

The battle we must win for the good of the state and the nation is to assure good quality public education is free and available to all. Oddly Ronald Reagan gave us justification in his last public address as President:

We lead the world because, unique among nations, we draw our people – our strength – from every country and every corner of the world. And by doing so we continuously renew and enrich our nation. While other countries cling to the stale past, here in America we breathe life into dreams...we're a nation forever young, forever bursting with energy and new ideas, and always on the cutting edge, always leading the world to the next frontier.

Beyond a basic foundation in reading, writing, and math, public schools give us a place to share knowledge, form lasting relationships and innovate based on our unique backgrounds and skills. They are the only place where we can offer an equal opportunity to become our best selves. There is nothing more dangerous than the private schools that poison young minds with hatred for others or a preference for brutality based on corrupt religious beliefs and toxic masculinity.

To preserve our economy, we need to be as educated and as free to innovate as possible. To preserve our democracy, we need to be well versed not only in practical skills, but also in science, civics, history, philosophy and the humanities so we don't repeat past mistakes or fall for demi-gods.

Not only does the Save Our Schools Protect Education Act need to pass, but we need to enforce it so biased private schools and the rapacious rich don't steal any more of our tax dollars, our unity and our future.



Canvas for **Kevin Volk, Holly Lyons and Edgar Soto** in Oro Valley South Saturday, July 25. Register at https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/979339/?followup_modal_context=nonexclusive_newsletter_more_events_from_org



Democrats of Oro Valley will meet by **Zoom** this month on **July 13th** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Good News for Democracy *compiled by Jacolyn Marshall*



From the Associated Press, Reuters, other national newspapers

- **6/5:** Trump's setbacks: Republicans stripped \$1 billion for his ballroom; bipartisan pushback forced him to retreat on his \$1.8 billion ICE fund; judge ordered his name removed from the Kennedy Center; the House voted to block him from further strikes on Iran; his endorsed candidate lost; his approval ratings fall even more.
- **6/5:** GOP backlash has grown over Trump's decision to appoint a mortgage regulator to serve as director of the CIA, another instance indicating his grip on Capitol Hill is loosening.
- **6/5:** Within hours of having her valedictorian speech cut off for going off script and urging classmates to speak out against the injustices they see, a video of her remarks went viral.
- **6/6:** Former US submarine commander's company is developing swarms of autonomous naval vessels to provide an offensive barrier off the Ukrainian coast; 7 other startups aim to bolster Ukraine's efforts as well.
- **6/7:** Trump abandoned his \$1.776 billion weaponization fund against the DOJ after backlash from Republican senators, saying it would threaten passage of his \$72 billion immigration bill.
- **6/7:** Former Trump national security adviser Bolton pled guilty to mishandling classified documents and agreed to pay a \$2.25 million fine; his prison time is yet to be determined.
- **6/7:** Republican-led US House approved a resolution to block Trump from continuing the Iran war; four Republicans joined Democrats in passing the war powers resolution requiring the withdrawal of troops.
- **6/9:** Two Washington residents filed a lawsuit asking a federal judge to issue a temporary restraining order halting the UFC fight and the construction of the metal arena on the White House South Lawn.
- **6/11:** Trump faced new GOP resistance in Congress by passing a bill to provide aid to Ukraine and impose new sanctions on Russia, a resistance which could pose new threats to his future initiatives.
- **6/12:** Hunter Biden reclaimed his narrative in a series of viral posts poking fun at his past scandals and advocating for sobriety, the arts and the mercy he has been granted.
- **6/12:** PBC CEO advocated for tougher AI rules that would require testing by third parties to assess the risks IA poses across several categories and provide the power to block or deter AI's deployment.
- **6/14:** Consumer inflation increased the fastest in 3 years; Federal interest rates likely to remain unchanged.
- **6/14:** US Senate voted to extend security assistance for Ukraine and increase funding to \$750 million, the latest pushback against the Trump administration's pullback on aid for Kyiv.
- **6/14:** 75% of respondents in the latest Reuters poll with an equal number of Republicans, Democrats and Independents said the government is hiding information about the Epstein's clients.
- **6/14:** Hundreds of onlookers cheered and sang God Bless America as workers removed Trump's name from the Kennedy Center as ordered by US district judge who declared the addition illegal.
- **6/16:** 70% of American oppose data centers in their communities with more than half expressing strong opposition; cities have passed moratoriums and 14 states have introduced laws to halt construction.
- **6/17:** According to Reuters poll surveying 4,531 adults nationwide, 73% of Americans are worried about an increased use of AI; doubt is higher among college educated Dems, lower among working-class Republicans.
- **6/18:** Designed by a nonpartisan commission, America's Time Capsule is ready for the 4th of July; all 50 states contributed including a NASA photo (CA), a copper ingot (AZ) and a whale bone (MA).
- **6/19:** mRNA technology used for Covid vaccines shows lasting benefits against melanoma, pancreatic and brain cancers according to 130 studies presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

- **6/19:** Trump's approval rating among rural Americans dropped to a new low; 61% disapproved of his handling of the cost of living, the US economy and data centers compromising water access.
- **6/20:** Ocean Well startup company plans to use pressure 1400 feet underwater off the coast of Malibu to push seawater through ultrafine filters to deliver 60 million gallons of drinking water per day to the surrounding area.
- **6/20:** Trump's derailment of a Senate plan to pass a key national security bill resulted in the latest rift with Republicans who are saying no to his extreme demands and the unseating of Republican incumbents.
- **6/20:** A coalition of 6 preservation and cultural groups filed a lawsuit against Trump's proposed statue garden on the National Mall that runs afoul of federal laws and lacks Congressional authorization.
- **6/20:** A survey of 6,000 digital workers found they spend 37% of their time correcting bots' work and gathering files, 36% using the tool to produce work; only 13% of businesses have seen gains due to AI.
- **6/21:** Throngs of guests converged in Chicago to dedicate the Obama Presidential Center, a sprawling campus designed as a hub of civic life and culture.
- **6/21:** States are filling the void left by the Supreme Court's weakening of voting rights; 10 states have enacted their own version of the Voting Rights Act; 9 states, including AZ, have introduced similar bills.
- **6/23:** The Kaylle Goncalves Foundation formed after her murder is helping law enforcement agencies in Idaho solve cold cases by funding advanced forensic DNA testing and genetic genealogy.
- **6/23:** Mayo Clinic has developed a smartwatch app that monitors children's heart rates, alerts parents and advises them how to head off or shorten temper tantrums that affect 4.5 million US children.
- **6/23:** Oregon minister contacted Regal Theater and posted his objection to showing a video touting the US Department of War in their pre-film trailers; thousands responded they would boycott the theater.
- **6/24:** Federal judge blocked Trump from using a database of Social Security numbers and citizenship status to knowingly trample on the privacy rights of citizens and their right to vote.
- **6/24:** Americans are not in the mood to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; according to 6 different polls 69% feel more disappointment than pride.
- **6/24:** ABC launched an on-air "use your voice" campaign encouraging viewers to file public comments against the FCC for trying to control who is allowed to appear on the "The View."
- **6/24:** After pressure from 25 state attorneys general aiming to curb sales of illegal e-cigarettes online for their lack of US licensing and violating other laws, Shopify banned all vapes from its platform.
- **6/25:** DOJ announced 455 people including doctors and nurse practitioners across 45 states have been charged in global health care fraud and opioid schemes totaling \$6.5 billion.
- **6/25:** Few in US say Iran war is worth it; only 18% of Americans see lasting peace as likely.
- **6/26:** Following intense backlash from local communities, multiple lawsuits and DHS leadership shakeup, ICE drops the plan to purchase empty warehouses that has already cost \$1 billion.
- **6/27:** Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton who pleaded guilty to sharing classified information will face spending five years in prison and paying a \$2.25 million fine within 90 days of his sentencing.
- **6/27:** Senator Kelly and Representative Bacon introduced a bill in both houses to award Artemis II crew a Congressional Gold Medal for their first moon mission in more than half a century.
- **6/27:** More than half of US states have introduced or passed bills in the past two years requiring Medicaid and private insurance companies to cover menopause treatment that will prevent lost work time.
- **6/28:** Congress passed a bipartisan bill to alleviate the growing housing crisis by streamlining construction regulations, encouraging innovation and limiting investor purchases of homes.

- **6/28:** Federal judge blocked Trump's order aiming to tighten rules for mail-in voting, preventing it from taking effect ahead of the November elections.
- **6/30:** US Supreme Court declined to hear Trump's bid to overturn the \$5 million verdict that found him liable for sexually abusing and defaming magazine columnist E. Jean Carroll.
- **7/1:** US Supreme Court rejected Trump's bid to restrict birthright citizenship; the 6-3 ruling marked a second major defeat this year when they previously struck down his sweeping global tariffs.
- **7/1:** With \$1,500 a year fuel savings between current gas cars and electric vehicles, people are shifting to EVs, especially in 9 states like Arizona where consumers pay more for gas than electricity.
- **7/2:** When told foreign aid accounted for only 1% of the budget and its many accomplishments, 78% of Americans favored maintaining and expanding support for disaster relief, disease prevention and global security.
- **7/3:** US solar developers secured federal subsidies for enough projects to double our current solar capacity before the July 4th deadline, making solar the fastest growing US electricity source.
- **7/3:** Microsoft suffered its worst stock loss since 2000; as the tech industry fights to solidify its place in the AI boom, investors have grown nervous over exorbitant spending and unclear investment returns.
- **7/3:** Progressive Democrats delivered big upsets in Colorado, New York and Maine primaries that suggest Democratic voters want candidates who reject PAC money and will fight for the working class.
- **7/4:** NATO leaders are set to affirm an ironclad commitment to collective defense and pledge \$80 billion in military assistance to Ukraine through 2027 at their summit in Ankara next week.
- **7/4:** A young Russian couple climbed to the top of the Empire State Building's spire to unfurl a large banner stating: "When the power of love beats the love of power, the world knows peace."
- **7/4:** Florida State University student filed a negligence and product liability suit against Open AI and its CEO for guiding the man who shot her three times up to the moment the shooting took place.
- **7/5:** The Supreme Court disallowed Trump's firing of a Federal Reserve board member, preserving the independence of the central bank and disallowed the removal of the government's top copyright official.
- **7/5:** Federal judge blocked Trump from implementing a new rule stripping public service workers of their eligibility for federal student loan debt forgiveness if their employers have an illegal purpose for doing so.
- **7/5:** Pope Leo marked the 250th anniversary of US independence with an appeal to welcome, protect and assist immigrants with compassion, generosity and charity befitting every human being.
- **7/5:** Ukrainian drones attacked St Petersburg and Leningrad, striking an oil terminal and damaging a port that handles oil, grain, coal and natural gas, increasing fuel shortages throughout Russia.

From Capitol Media Services/ Arizona Daily Star/ Arizona Republic

- **6/4:** Pima County Attorney Conover filed a lawsuit challenging changes to the Affordable Care Act that would undermine the ACA and deny residents adequate health coverage; Pima is the first county to do so.
- **6/5:** Secretary of State Fontes will continue to deny DOJ access to voter information that is protected by federal and state privacy laws despite their bid to get records for Arizona's 4.3 million registered voters.
- **6/5:** Federal judge sentenced a couple to prison for defrauding Arizona's Medicaid program of \$12 million in a scheme targeting Native Americans; he will serve 7.3 and his wife 5.8 years behind bars.
- **6/6:** AG Mayes restarts the fake electors case since the original 2024 ruling was later deemed legally flawed; she hopes to bring charges against those involved in the scheme.
- **6/6:** Democracy Forward filed a suit on behalf of Pima County, 6 other statewide cities, Doctors for America and Main Street Alliance arguing the new ACA rules will cause millions to lose coverage.

- **6/7:** A K-12 nonprofit private school for the blind and visually impaired is set to open in Tucson this fall; the school for the deaf and hard-of-hearing is now located on a campus in Oro Valley.
- **6/7:** Two rescued mountain lion cubs made their debut at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum; native to the Sonoran Desert they are an important part of its ecosystem.
- **6/9:** Rural Arizona schools tackle literacy gaps and curb chronic absenteeism with Arizona Literacy Plan 2030 that sends coaches to places like Yavapai County to keep students engaged and reading at grade level despite limited funding and resources.
- **6/10:** Governor Hobbs and key Republicans agreed on \$18.3 billion budget that includes a 3-year moratorium on data center incentives, funding for free school meals for 2 years, \$5 million for the Agency on Aging, \$3 million for civil legal aid for eviction prevention, money for food banks and a combined \$4 million for critical access hospitals and tax breaks for renewable energy.
- **6/11:** Tucson City Council approved \$2 million for bus ambassadors and operators, security infrastructure and other safety improvements over the next year.
- **6/12:** Confirmed by the US Senate, former head of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is expected to head the agency that oversees water supplies in the drought stricken Colorado River Basin.
- **6/12:** Tucson City Council approved a new office of Community and Economic Impact to better align economic development efforts with long-term goals on climate, equity and poverty reduction.
- **6/14:** Governor Hobbs received less than half the money needed to comply with a judge's order to hire prison healthcare workers; she did get \$9.5 for Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry.
- **6/14:** 1989 Bakehouse bakery and cafe created a website for people to donate to give free meals and drink to those in need or donate in person by telling the cashier to add an extra meal to their check.
- **6/15:** Tucson Police Department approved an aerial emergency response pilot drone program enabling first responders to arrive within 2-3 minutes, providing early data and increasing safety.
- **6/16:** Latino Community Foundation invested \$350 K in organizations across the country to hold ICE accountable; \$50 K was given to two Arizona groups for movement building and advancing racial justice.
- **6/17:** AG Mayes sued Palo Verde Mobile Home Park that left tenants without AC for 3 years; settlement requires they pay tenants \$130 K in restitution and \$585 K to repair and replace the electrical system.
- **6/17:** Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project reported on the overcrowded, inhumane and deplorable conditions in the ICE facility; the Project provides legal and social services to detainees.
- **6/18:** State budget includes \$10 million for flood recovery, mitigation projects and disaster relief in Gila County communities of Globe and Miami.
- **6/19:** Tohono O'odham Nation sued Homeland Security prohibiting a 62-mile border wall through the reservation, noting Congress created the reservation in 1927 and only an Act of Congress can change it.
- **6/19:** Tucson Unified School District approved \$797 million for 2026-27 fiscal year; \$45 million for additional teachers, counselors, social workers and librarians and \$24.1 million for salary increases.
- **6/20:** Pima Community College established a new dual enrollment tuition rate of \$10 per credit hour for the 6,700 high school students who are earning high school and college credit at the same time.
- **6/21:** A previously disputed \$6 million in property tax refunds will be distributed to 630 Pima County taxpayers according to the county treasurer's office.
- **6/21:** Juneteenth was a day of joy and resolve, highlighting their quest for freedom and equality, the contributions of the Black community and the progress they have made and still need to make.
- **6/22:** Governor Hobbs announced the appointment of TUSD lawyer to the Pima County Superior Court.

- **6/23:** Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is funding 24 projects to mitigate PFAs forever chemicals in the water of 2 million Arizonans and is considering an additional 57 water systems.
- **6/24:** Calling it a political stunt, Governor Hobbs vetoed a bill that would require financial disclosure of any candidate's campaign donations by any entity going back five years.
- **6/24:** Attorneys for Tucson DACA recipient Toledo who has resided here since 2007 filed a motion to terminate DHS' second deportation case against her since nothing has changed since its first attempt.
- **6/25:** County Supervisors committed \$170,000 to fund an adult education program at Pima County jail to help inmates pass the high school equivalency exam.
- **6/26:** Backers of the plan to reform school vouchers sued to have a judge block a move by Republican lawmakers to insert a provision that would void all future voter-enacted voucher restrictions.
- **6/26:** Pima County Supervisors approved \$2.2 million for the Sobering Alternative for Recovery Center that offers a safe place to recover from drugs and alcohol and a diversion program for treatment and rehabilitation.
- **6/26:** AG Mayes announced the indictments of 42 Arizonans who are among the 455 defendants across the country facing charges as part of the National Health Care Fraud Takedown.
- **6/27:** Seven US faculty members who were named Fulbright Scholars for 2026-27 will help create a network of expertise across the globe, build international partnerships and tackle shared challenges.
- **6/28:** UA's newly formed Arizona Center for the Missing in Action will provide manpower to identify 81,000 American service members lost since WW II, an ongoing recovery mission around the world.
- **6/28:** Darling Geomatics expands its mapping services to deliver accurate, repeatable and measurable geospatial data to help clients make smart decisions above ground before investing underground.
- **6/28:** Habitat for Humanity project dedicated its first 12 homes on Tucson's northwest side.
- **6/29:** Catholic bishops across the southwest gathered near Nogales as part of their Border Mass 250 event calling for compassionate treatment of migrants and comprehensive immigration reform.
- **6/30:** Turquoise Alert for missing or abducted tribal children has proven successful; the Arizona Department of Public Safety announced all five cases resulted in their safe location last year.
- **6/30:** Eight UA graduate students will participate in the Fulbright cultural exchange program to continue their research in South Korea, Norway, Taiwan, Indonesia, Israel, India, Bulgaria and the Philippines.
- **6/30:** Oro Valley Town Council authorized the police to use \$145,887 to lease drones to aid them in detaining people charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, and border-related crimes.
- **7/1:** Arizona Supreme Court upheld the dark money Voters Right to Know Act approved by 70% voters as constitutional, with one exception that a trial judge must now consider.
- **7/2:** Arizona's largest egg producer must pay a \$1 million fine and donate 3.25 million eggs to settle federal and state complaints that it conspired with others to keep prices artificially high.
- **7/3:** Tucson mayor and City council voted to replace "A" Mountain fireworks with a safer drone light show next year to avoid potential fires and negative impacts on noise sensitive people and pets.
- **7/3:** ICE agreed to delay their plans to convert a Surprise warehouse into a 1500-person detention center to conduct an environmental assessment to satisfy one of AG Mayes' complaints in her federal lawsuit.
- **7/4:** Backers of the Protect Education initiative to set voucher income caps and limits, track funds and require student testing submitted over 400,000 signatures, qualifying it for the November ballot.
- **7/5:** Venezuelan asylum seeker was freed after being wrongfully detained for 9 months in Eloy days after the Daily Star reported on her unheard petition and a federal judge signed her order of release.

- **7/5:** Tucson Water, other cities and tribes that take Central Arizona Project water will be spared deep cuts in their supplies if the government approves a two-year water-saving plan for the Lower Basin.

From Run for Something by Amanda Litman

- **6/8:** Last week we announced our June endorsements: 32 amazing new leaders running across 20 states. 23 of them are first time candidates, 22% are gen Z, 25% identify as renters, and 20 are running for state legislature.
- **6/8:** RFS alum Nithya Raman surged past reality star Spencer Pratt and will move on to the run-off in November. This is a big deal and will make this election a real fight about the future of Louisiana.
- **6/15:** Millions of voters ask AI Chatbots like ChatGPT about the candidates on their ballot. Our new [CampSight](#) shows our candidates exactly what those voters see – and gives them the playbook how to edit misinformation.
- **6/15:** As far as we know, this is the first of its kind: an AEO (artificial intelligence engine optimization) product in the political ecosystem - and it couldn't come soon enough.
- **6/15:** CampSight supports all pro-democracy candidates at every level for as little as \$9 a month; candidates, statewide campaigns and issue-based groups are signing up.
- **6/22:** We have 33 candidates running in contested elections along with a bunch of our alums running for higher office. Stay tuned for results!!
- **6/22:** We have RFS candidates and alums serving as mayors in Cleveland (OH), Newport News (VA), Little Rock (AR), Long Beach (NY), Laramie (WY), Durham (NC), Terre Haute (IN), Danbury (CT), Berkeley (CA), Alexandria (VA), and more.

If you want to invest in CampSight to help us expand this tool, chip in now at [Meet the moment](#)



**OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS
HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!**

* Please consider donating some non-perishable food items or making a cash donation to one of our local food banks during this stressful time.

*The Democrats of Oro Valley care about the health and well-being of our community.

* Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

****Please donate any of these items to one of our local veterans' groups for distribution: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pocket novels and puzzle books.***

**August 10
Meeting**

**Monday, August 10
In-Person Meeting**

**Speakers:
Jo Mendoza**

**Topic:
CD 6 candidacy**