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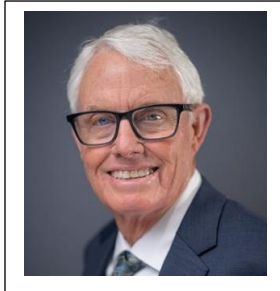
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**Speakers: Patrick Cavanaugh & Shelley Hartman**



### Patrick Cavanaugh, Marana Town Councilman

Patrick Cavanaugh is serving his first term on the Town Council. He and his wife, Laurie, have lived in Marana for nearly six years, and he previously lived in Tucson for five years. He loves the great mountain and valley views, gorgeous sunsets, friendly neighbors, beautiful flora and fauna, expansive bike loop, and a great business community that includes excellent restaurants.

Cavanaugh volunteers for the Tucson Cactus & Succulent Society, rescuing many different species of cacti and succulents throughout Pima County that are scheduled for development. The Society replants or sells rescued plants to the public.

In the early 1980s, Cavanaugh farmed jojoba and table grapes in Pinal County.

Semi-retired from a forty-year career as an agricultural journalist and radio broadcaster, Patrick earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida.



## Shelly Hartman, Pima County Coordinator for Save Our Schools

Shelly is a retired educator who spent 32 years working and fighting for Public Schools.

Spending most of her career in Title One low-income public schools has taught her the importance of fully funded public schools and the impact of legislation that is detrimental to student learning and growth.

As the Pima Coordinator for Save Our Schools AZ, she continues to fight for our Public Schools.



## Welcome to E-Equal - Arizona Secretary of State Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Are you interested in making a difference in the political process? E-Equal simplifies participation, ensuring it's easy, secure, and convenient. Support your preferred candidate from the comfort of your home or any location with internet access. Get involved and make your voice heard today by clicking [Equal](#).

Petitions for Jo Mendoza for **CD6**, Katie Hobbs for **Governor**, Holly Lyon and Kevin Volk for **LD17 House**, Edgar Soto for **LD17 Senate**, Adrian Fontes for **Secretary of State**, Kris Mayes for **Attorney General**, Nick Mansour for **State Treasurer**, Dr. Teresa Ruiz for **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, and **ACC candidates** Johnathon Hill and Clare Pratte are now available.



## **Legislature too much like Congress** *by Kevin Volk*

We're in the middle of the Arizona state legislative session in Phoenix, and the resemblances to Congress in Washington, D.C. are becoming undeniable. Last week, we started voting on Wednesday, at 10 a.m. and stayed on the floor of the State House overnight, until 5 a.m. on Thursday morning. In the course of roughly 19 hours, we voted on about 200 bills in a row.

It may sound familiar – we often hear about Congress voting past midnight or staying up all night. This is not a good development. It gives members less time to read bills, talk to our constituents, consult with experts, and make the best decisions possible. But this is not the only way our current Legislature, where Republicans control both chambers, is mimicking our current Congress, where Republicans control both chambers.

Hyper-partisan? Check. Last year, only 10 of the 429 bills that Republican legislative leadership allowed to go through the State House and State Senate were sponsored by Democratic legislators. That's 2.3% of total bills. And this is in a Legislature where 44% of members are Democrats, duly elected by their constituents.

Unproductive? Check. Out of those 429 bills, only 255 were signed into law. The other 174 were vetoed by the Governor. In almost every case, these were ideologically driven bills with little or no bipartisan outreach, where the veto was expected from the get-go.

Declaring recess before the job is done? Check. We saw recently how the U.S. House went on recess for 54 days — not only stopping legislative work but preventing Adelita Grijalva from being sworn in and denying Southern Arizona full congressional representation. Last year, state Republican leadership did the same thing — two recesses in the State Senate, and three in the State House. We missed about 30 working days.

Not wanting to negotiate the budget? Check. In Congress, they constantly fail to pass a real budget and instead pass “Continuing Resolutions” over and over to buy little chunks of time. Last session, current Republican leadership delayed and delayed, ultimately proposing to pass a temporary budget to “meet” the deadline and then come back and try again. Passing what would have effectively been a Continuing Resolution would have been a troubling precedent.

Focusing on ideological posturing instead of policy? Check. I lost count of the partisan, non-binding resolutions that we voted on last week, most of which were not about Arizona specifically. That's on top of the bills that have been previously vetoed, the party-line bills, and the pork-barrel bills. Meanwhile, issues like childcare — a major cost of living concern for Arizona families — receive zero time on the calendar.

While I have pride in our American system of self-government, and appreciate the vital role Congress has as a co-equal branch, I am disgusted by the partisanship, dysfunction, and lack of responsiveness to America's most pressing challenges that we see in Washington, D.C.

State legislatures are not free from politics, but many states are able to clear the very low bar that Congress sets. I try to do my part – I will engage with anyone to come up with solutions, and work across the aisle at every opportunity. Like most Arizonans, I just want us to get stuff done — especially at a time when Arizonans are struggling with the cost of living and other pressing challenges that we should be tackling head-on.

So, it gives me no joy to say that today, unlike in previous times, the Republican leadership currently in charge in Phoenix is making our Legislature look a lot like Congress. That's bad news for the institution, for the state, and for Arizonans.

The good news? In America, the world's longest-running democracy, we always have an opportunity to change who's in charge.



### **It is not about Red versus Blue** by Dee Maitland

A large gathering of supporters attended the February 20<sup>th</sup> LD17 Kickoff at the Hotel Congress. Our three candidates, Edgar Soto, Holly Lyons and Kevin Volk who are running as a team were championed by Adrian Fontes, Nancy Burton and Arizona's new Democrat Party Chair Charlene Fernandez. It was a wonderful event. Our candidates are all intelligent, well-spoken and generous of spirit. I came away knowing we can win in November if we all focus our energies and work for them by registering voters, writing letters to the editor, talking with our friends and neighbors, getting people to the polls and donating to their campaigns.

Billionaire-funded Republicans have a much larger war chest but the actions of our past representatives Finchem, Leach and Wadsack, along with Rachel Keshel, our other MAGA followers and the Orange Menace himself are giving us strong campaign messages supported by over 70% of the voting public. When combined with our efforts, winning should be ensured. Starting at the top, here are some of the sources of our messaging:

- The war with Iran only benefits Trump, Isreal, Saudi Arabia, and the defense industry, yet Keshel had this to say: "Remember all of the fear mongers who said we'd be going to war with Venezuela after we arrested Maduro? These are the same people freaking out about Iran now. President Trump and our military, with the help of others around the world, are systematically taking out the worst of the worst tyrants. Maduro, Khamenei, El Mencho, all cut from the same cloth." Yeah, right.
- The Epstein files exposed the rancid fraternity of wealthy men preying on young women. Combined with Orange Face they are clearly showing their racism, misogyny, and disregard for human life. Their disdain for anyone not white and male is apparent. They do not need and do not want to support public schools, universal health care, welfare, and a reasonable wage. Bills sponsored by Keshel, and before that by Wadsack, Leach and Finchem support their preferences.
- So many of MAGA laws introduced in Arizona support a transfer of public land and goods to the wealthy for their profit and eliminating taxes on of their type of earnings including on private jets. Prisons, voucher schools, ICE concentrations camps, utilities, media, and health care are all now privately profitable. Finchem has proposed a bill to require a particular type of paper for ballots made only by one company (donor?) and an HCM that would remove all national monument designations to allow for mining profits.

- The wealthy and their minions believe they are the only ones who are worthy. The rest of us are just laborers. So many bills restrict our voting rights so we cannot fight back, criminalize protests, cripple unions and restrict educators so we will not get wise to them. Their embrace of Christian Nationalism is to assure their power, profits and dominion over women and minorities. They want to eliminate no-fault divorce and base the division of property on a national average not the actual finances of a marriage. Keshel advanced three bills to further assure that abortion is never an option.
- Their sense of entitlement and Citizens United have created massive political funding to remove regulations that require them to clean up their pollution, give honest consumer disclosures, practice worker safety, and prohibit them from monopolizing and controlling the media. Keshel received a score of 93.56 from Turning Point USA. In the categories of Big Tech and Free Speech (not!), Border Security (brutal), Election Integrity (her husband is a prominent election conspiracy theorist), and Taxes and Spending (none) her score is 100%.

This may seem daunting, but polls repeatedly show most voters do not approve of the war, rich people paying no taxes, privatization of public assets, anti-abortion measures, voter suppression, and the rich getting richer while we suffer. The November vote is not red versus blue. It is us against the billionaires and their minions. We may be out financed but I believe we can win people with the facts.

It is no longer about **Red** versus **Blue**. It is about a minority of greedy, power-hungry MAGA gangsters versus a majority of true Americans who are willing to stand up and fight for our democracy.

**Gangster Capitalism:  
2008-Present**

- ▶ extremely savage, unleashed **greed** at the top
- ▶ assault on all institutions of **common good**
- ▶ citizens have **no right to expect help** from the state
- ▶ dominance of **finance capital** over all other sectors; crony capitalism
- ▶ deepening penetration of **privatization** in all elements of society
- ▶ war on the **poor and vulnerable**
- ▶ massive production of **surplus populations**





## **Heading Into 2026 Strong**

Jo and Team Mendoza are heading into 2026 strong, with over \$950,000 raised in the last quarter of 2025. Since launching her campaign in February of last year, Jo has garnered the support of nearly 56,000 individual grassroots supporters with an average contribution of \$27. She earned major endorsements from Arizona leaders, including Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego, and former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. Jo has emerged as the clear frontrunner to take on and defeat Juan Ciscomani in November.

## **Hello Sierra Vista!**

Jo visited Sierra Vista to join community leaders for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, where she participated in the annual MLK Day Unity March. Later, she sat down with African American Leaders of the greater Huachuca area to hear about the issues that matter to them the most and toured the Chiricahua Health Center - a federally qualified health center in AZ-06 to learn about the services they provide and how Congress can support their operations. And she met with the Democratic Women of Southeast Arizona to give a campaign update and share how folks can get involved to flip this seat on November 3rd.

## **A Public Safety Roundtable in Tucson**

Jo joined former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, and Tucson Unified School District board member Natalie Luna Rose for a roundtable conversation focused on public safety, stopping gun violence, and supporting local law enforcement. Jo noted that Juan Ciscomani has broken his promise to stand with law enforcement and help keep families safe. His first year in office Ciscomani voted to [slash billions in funding for federal law enforcement](#) intended to get drugs like fentanyl off our streets, fight crime in our communities, support local police departments, and more.

## **Celebrating Black History Month**

Jo spoke about Arizona's Sixth District's deep roots in Black military history. Fort Huachuca was home to the [Buffalo Soldiers](#) - African American regiments formed in 1866 after the Civil War, primarily serving in the U.S. Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry. They played a major role in the American West despite facing racism and segregation. Join us in honoring their service, sacrifice, and leadership that continues to live on in our district.

## **Get Involved! Join us!**

We need more volunteers to ensure we collect enough signatures to get Jo on the ballot! We're knocking on doors and calling voters and would love to have YOU join us. Sign up to volunteer using the link below or email [claire@joannamendoza.com](mailto:claire@joannamendoza.com) to get involved. You can also sign Jo's petition online at e-equal to help get her on the ballot. If you've already signed, share the link with **five** friends who live in the district!



## History in the making on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

No Kings 3 promises to be the largest nationwide peaceful protest in American history.

Here in Tucson an 8-mile line of protesters will stretch from the Tucson Mall to the corner of Oracle and First Street. Each of the six intersections is being promoted by a different organization, including Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance, Democracy Unites Us and Save our Schools.

Sites include Oracle and First, Oracle and Magee, Oracle and Ina, Oracle and Orange Grove, Oracle and Wetmore, Oracle and River, and River and Campbell. Other locations include Speedway, Country Club, Dove Mountain, Reid Park and locations in Marana, Vail, and Casa Grande.

Go to [Mobilize.org](https://Mobilize.org) or [Take Action Tucson.org](https://TakeActionTucson.org) to find out more. Join us in making history.

## Good News for Democracy *compiled by Jacolyn Marshall*



### *From the Associated Press:*

- **2/3:** Texas Democrat Rehmet flipped a reliably Republican state Senate seat by 14 points, continuing a string of surprise victories across the US since Trump took office.
- **2/4:** Minneapolis shadow network of thousands has been following ICE agents across the city, blowing whistles, honking horns, filming arrests and calling out legal advice to people being detained.
- **2/5:** The world's largest 27-nation EU trading bloc made free trade agreements with India, Japan, Indonesia, Mexico, and five South American nations in response to US trade and defense policies.
- **2/6:** 100 years of Black History Month celebrations continue with civil rights organizations, artists and academics giving a full telling of America's story with hundreds of lectures, teach-ins and new books.
- **2/7:** Senator Slotkin refused to comply with a DOJ investigation and declined to be interviewed by the FBI, shifting the burden onto them and notifying them of an "anticipated litigation."
- **2/8:** A nationwide cadre of young Democrats want voters to send a new generation of leaders to Congress who understand the day-of-day struggles of working-class families.
- **2/8:** Rabbis and rabbinical students are more diverse than ever with increasing numbers of women and LGVTQ+ people; Judaism is changing to include voices that have been ignored in the past.
- **2/10:** DOJ is cutting off the money supply of alleged money brokers of Mexican drug cartels who are routing drug profits through cryptocurrency from American cities.
- **2/10:** A New Jersey suburban community supported the owners of a Turkish restaurant after they were detained by ICE, raising \$300,000 that kept the business afloat and covered legal bills until their release.
- **2/10:** Congressional Black Caucus chairwoman blasted Trump's offensive post of the Obamas as a profane, bigoted, racist attack and hoped to contain the harm he's doing to young Black children.
- **2/11:** Democrats threatened to shut down DHS if Republicans refuse to set new limits that would force ICE to follow the law and respect immigrants and protesters' Constitutional rights.
- **2/11:** Gates Foundation will concentrate 70% of its funding for the next 20 years on ending preventable maternal and child deaths, controlling infectious diseases and reduce poverty with a focus on education in the US and agriculture in poorer countries.
- **2/11:** Drones made by Cyprus manufacturer are amplifying EU military defenses; more than 200 of its Poseidon drones are helping Ukraine pinpoint ground targets in all kinds of weather.
- **2/12:** DC grand jury refused to indict Democratic lawmakers in connection with a video urging US military to resist illegal orders.
- **2/12:** At least two dozen ICE agents and contractors have been charged with crimes since 2020, including physical and sexual abuse, corruption and other abuses of authority.
- **2/13:** DHS border czar announced an end to the crackdown in Minnesota after ICE made more than 4,000 arrests, two fatal shootings and violence against protesters.
- **2/13:** Lawyers for Chicago woman Martinez who was shot five times by ICE last year announced DHS lied about shooting investigations; this month Martinez testified before congressional Democrats.
- **2/13:** Two Mexican Navy ships laden with 536 tons of food arrived in Cuba; their humanitarian aid is response to Trump's increased sanctions that cost Cuba \$7.5 billion in 2025.

- **2/13:** A USAID division launched an independent nonprofit to continue its international work; two private donors gave \$48 million to Development Innovation Ventures to preserve decades of data and knowledge, keep vital programs running and reimagine how international development might progress.
- **2/13:** “Walk for Peace” monks arrived in DC, concluding their 2,300-mile journey over 108 days from Texas; 3,500 people greeted them in respectful silence at their first public stop at Bender Arena.
- **2/14:** According to recent AP poll, 64% of US adults say Trump’s immigration action has gone too far; his disapproval ratings on the economy and foreign policy are similar.
- **2/14:** US citizens and lawful permanent residents in Idaho, Alabama, California have filed federal lawsuits against state and federal law enforcement agencies for their use unconstitutional tactics, unlawful detention and inhumane treatment.
- **2/14:** Key senators and families of the 67 deaths in an airliner-helicopter collision urged the National Transportation Safety Board to expand their aircraft locator systems recommended two decades ago.
- **2/14:** Federal judge ruled that Pentagon officials violated Senator Kelly’s First Amendment right of free speech and threatened the constitutional liberties of millions of military retirees.
- **2/16:** EU foreign policy chief rejected Rubio’s “European bashing” at the Munich Security Conference, noting that other nations are still joining them in defending human rights and advancing prosperity.
- **2/17:** Governors across the country are addressing the rising cost of living, including housing, groceries, utilities and childcare; Governor Hobbs has called for a multiprong approach to affordability.
- **2/18:** Ireland’s Data Protection commission launched an inquiry under the EU’s strict privacy regulations against Musk’s Grok AI chatbot over sexualized deepfake images involving personal data of Europeans, including children.
- **2/19:** A lawsuit filed by Oregon farmworkers union and churches has been joined by the American Federation of Teachers, National Education Association, and teachers that challenge ICE arrests at workplaces, churches, schools and medical facilities that include testimony from 18 states.
- **2/19:** Despite CBS pulling Stephen Colbert’s interview with Democratic Texas Senate candidate, his 15-minute interview was posted on Colbert’s YouTube page and Talarico’s own social media account.
- **2/19:** The federal agency that provides health care to Native Americans and Alaska Natives announced it will phase out the use of dental fillings containing mercury, a harmful neurotoxin by 2027.
- **2/19:** Elevate Prize Foundation awarded 10 non-profits \$300,000 each to continue their work helping migrants, former prisoners, low-income communities, school lunch programs, and providing mental health care in underserved regions,
- **2/19:** A coalition of health and environmental groups sued the EPA for revoking endangerment funding that has been the basis of regulating greenhouse gas emissions and fighting climate change since 2009.
- **2/20:** Commander of the international security force announced Indonesia, Morocco, Kazakhstan, Kosovo and Albania pledged to send troop for Gaza stabilization force; Egypt and Jordan committed to train police and nine members pledged \$7 billion toward a Gaza relief.
- **2/20:** Louisiana volunteers are planting hundreds of trees to create a natural protective forest along its coastline; their goal is to see 30,000 native trees holding the earth around New Orleans in place.
- **2/20:** For the first time, Zuckerberg had to answer questions in front of a jury and bereaved parents about Meta’s platforms concerning young people’s use of Instagram and the harm it has caused.
- **2/20:** Minnesota police department and the FBI are investigating a brutal ICE beating of a Mexican citizen that resulted in eight skull fractures which landed him in an intensive care unit.

- **2/21:** The Supreme Court struck down Trump's far-reaching global tariffs noting the Constitution specifically gives the power to tax and impose tariffs to Congress.
- **2/22:** Conservation and historical organizations sued Trump over his policy to remove or censor history and science in our National Parks; workers restored an exhibit on enslaved people in Philadelphia.
- **2/25:** Democrats in Texas recruited 10 influencers to help woo millions of voters as early voting begins.
- **2/26:** Scientists and volunteers are working to protect 2.5 million fungi species that contribute \$54 trillion worth in food and medicine globally. Forests need them and many animals need them for food.
- **2/27:** The war in Ukraine has strained Russia's economy; oil revenues are down, budget deficit is up, military spending has flattened, forcing the Kremlin to tap consumers and small businesses for money.
- **2/28:** New Mexico legislators approved the Indian Affairs Department to examine the scope and impact of forced sterilizations by the Indian Health Service and create a separate healing commission for them.
- **3/1:** Ted's Audacious Project raised \$1 billion to support more than a dozen US nonprofits whose projects span multiple years and take on major challenges; 55 major donor families participated.
- **3/1:** Federal judge ruled Trump's policy of deporting immigrants to "third countries" to which they have no ties is unlawful and must be set aside.
- **3/1:** More than a dozen states sued the Trump administration over its rollback of recommendations for childhood vaccines, calling the move and illegal threat to public health.
- **3/1:** On the four-year anniversary of Russia's invasion, President Zelenskyy announced "we have defended our independence; we have not lost our statehood."
- **3/2:** Microsoft announced it met a major milestone toward its commitment to become carbon-negative by 2030 by contracting enough new renewable energy to match 90% of its annual electricity use.
- **3/3:** A new Reuters poll found 92% of Democrats and 81% of Americans believe vaccines are safe and necessary for children; a combined 74% said children need vaccinations to attend school.

***From Capitol Media Services/ Arizona Daily Star/ Arizona Republic***

- **2/3:** Arizona Supreme Court ruled unanimously that someone who tries to lure an underage person into a sexual act can be convicted and sentenced even if someone was posing as a minor.
- **2/3:** Navajo Nation Council passed legislation calling on DHS and ICE to formally recognize Navajo Nation-issued tribal identification and implement mandatory specialized training for ICE.
- **2/3:** Tucson Rodeo hosted an educational fundraiser for breast cancer awareness with proceeds going to benefit The Arizona Foundation for Cancer.
- **2/5:** Protect the Vote Arizona group launched a new petition drive to protect the right to vote by mail that is currently used by nearly 90% of Arizonans.
- **2/5:** Pima County Supervisors approved two ordinances to prohibit ICE from using county property and wearing masks and they passed a resolution opposing the Marana immigration detention center.
- **2/6:** Governor Hobbs launched the Know-Your-Rights website for ICE encounters; advice includes demanding a warrant issued by a court and signed by a judge and carrying a valid state-issued ID; businesses can refuse access to private areas unless a warrant specifically names them.
- **2/7:** Surprise City Council is seeking legal advice about the proposed ICE facility on Dysart Road after people filled its chambers demanding they reject the facility and 1,000 others protested outside.
- **2/9:** Arizona Education Association and Save Our Schools proposed an initiative that would make families making more than \$150,000 a year ineligible for vouchers, require private schools to meet the same standards as public schools, including background checks and assessment tests.

- **2/10:** Interfaith Community Services “Empty Bowls” event on March 7<sup>th</sup> to raise \$200,000 to fight food insecurity; \$40 admission includes a hand-crafted bowl, food from local restaurants, music and a raffle.
- **2/10:** Desert Gold Childhood Cancer Awareness Walk to raise funds for financial assistance and resources for families of children undergoing treatment at Banner Children’s Medical Center.
- **2/11:** AG Mayes announced over 1,500 fraud complaints were filed against Choice Home Warranty; the company will pay \$11.8 million to reimburse customers and change its sales practices.
- **2/12:** Senators Kelly and Gallego joined AG Mayes demanding answers from DHS about the Surprise ICE facility regarding the required environmental reviews and engagement with local leadership.
- **2/14:** Arizona Commerce Authority will invest \$35.5 million to expand UA’s semiconductor research and manufacturing facility’s cleanroom to protect highly sensitive microchips from damage.
- **2/15:** Thanks to a bipartisan bill from Senators Kelly and Gallego, Arizona’s Chiricahua Monument will be upgraded to a national park, bringing more tourism and economic growth to Cochise County.
- **2/17:** Katie Hobbs is the top fundraiser in the race for Arizona governor; she began stockpiling funds in 2023 and has added an additional \$1.7 million in her Copper State Values campaign coffers.
- **2/19:** Pima County Board of Supervisors approved \$5 million in gap funding for a total of nine affordable housing projects to develop or preserve 527 affordable housing units.
- **2/20:** Adelita Grijalva advocated for the humanitarian release of 79-year-old Cuban asylum seeker who has been held at Eloy Detention Center for nine months where her health and dementia have worsened.
- **2/20:** Arizona House committee advanced a measure allowing large cities and towns to exempt designated historic neighborhoods from a law requiring them to permit duplexes and townhomes there.
- **2/20:** Marana-based Association of National Park Rangers are suing Trump administration over its efforts to rewrite historical and scientific informational displays at park sites nationwide.
- **2/21:** Federal judge wrested control of the state prisons’ health care system from the Department of Corrections detailing 14 years of inadequate physical and mental health care in 10 prison complexes.
- **2/21:** South Tucson City Council voted to immediately terminate its contract with Flock Safety for sharing license-plate data with law enforcement officials who use it for immigration searches.
- **2/21:** AG Mayes filed an appeal in her legal challenge of the agreement between TEP and the developers behind Project Blue saying ACC gave away its constitutional authority with its approval.
- **2/21:** Senator Gallego decried ICE agents using license plate information to round up day laborers in parking lots rather than going after criminals.
- **2/22:** Governor Hobbs vetoed 9 bills that would require hospitals to ask about immigration status, change eligibility for food stamps, unemployment benefits and health care among others.
- **2/22:** A new owner who was a regular visitor in his youth bought The Book Stop, Tucson’s oldest bookstore to keep it from closing.
- **2/23:** Tohono O’odham Nation met with Border Protection officials, emphasized their opposition to the border wall without their consent and noted the Nation allocated \$3 million to provide protection.
- **2/26:** Peligrosos Car Club show will benefit Pima County’s “Las Artes” Arts and Education program that helps people ages 17-27 get their GED in 8 weeks to 32 weeks.
- **2/26:** 7,000 people opposed the planned ICE 1500-bed detention center in suburban Surprise in writing and sparked huge protests and community outcry at Surprise council meetings to prevent it from operating.
- **2/27:** Mexican gray wolf population in Arizona and New Mexico grew for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in 2025, getting closer to being downgraded from an endangered species to a threatened one.

- **2/27:** 42<sup>nd</sup> Tucson Peace Fair on Saturday is aimed at strengthening community connections and inspiring action as economic pressures mount, social safety nets are strained, and people are looking for ways to get involved.
- **2/27:** After 9 months at Eloy Detention Center, 79-year-old Cuban asylum seeker was released 11 days after the Daily Star reported her physical and cognitive health had deteriorated significantly; a Phoenix pastor took her in as her daughter arranged her mother’s travel to Miami to join her and her two sons.
- **3/1:** Rep. Adelita Grijalva escorted “La Abuela” to her gate at Sky Harbor airport for her flight home to Florida.
- **3/1:** Tucson’s “Safe City Initiative” launched by Mayor Romero, police and city officials seeks to increase access to housing for unsheltered people, strengthen mental health and substance use disorder programs, publish a gun-crime dashboard among others and set measurable targets for all six priorities.
- **3/2:** Secretary of State Fontes is countersuing the DOJ to prevent them from accessing our voter and election information which they are not legally entitled to since it is protected by state privacy laws.

***From Run for Something by Amanda Litman***

- **2/9:** Democrat Chasity Martinez beat a Republican by 25 points in a special election in Louisiana, a massive swing away from the GOP.
- **2/9:** Republicans have not flipped a single state legislative seat in Trump took office in 2025.
- **2/9:** Run for Something helped elect more than 1650 all-stars across 49 states and DC.
- **2/17:** We have endorsed 70 candidates across 26 states. This class has 33% renters, and 17% Gen Z candidates with large slates in Texas, New York, and Illinois.
- **2/17:** 34 are running for state legislature, 27 are running for municipal office, and 5 are running for school board. 36 of them are first-time candidates and 24 are RFS alum running again.
- **3/2:** Tomorrow is Election Day and we have 22 candidates up in Texas and 1 up in Arkansas.
- **3/2:** Our slate of 2026 endorsements in Texas builds on the years of bench-building RFS has done in the state. We’ve invested deeply in Texas over the years, laying the groundwork for this moment and supporting rising stars in the Democratic Party.

**Let's make it happen**

**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.***

**April Meeting**

**Monday, April 13  
6:00 -7:30 pm  
Oro Valley Library**

**Speaker:  
Nick Mansour, Candidate  
for Arizona Treasurer**

**Topic:  
Updates**