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I believe this will be a historic election for our party and our country. Here's my reason for optimism. It's not just the response our Senate candidates are getting in the key battlegrounds. It's Kansas, Arkansas, Mississippi and South Carolina, states Republicans haven't had to defend in years that are suddenly competitive. These are deep-red states, mind you. Nobody expected us to compete in any of them a year ago. Well, we are. ***Senator Adam Shiff***

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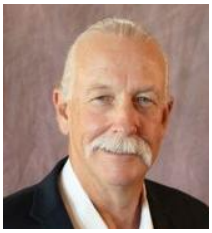
UNITED, WE WIN!

Guest Speakers: Brian Matlock, Jonathon Hill, Elizabeth Slater & John Fife



Brian Matlock, Candidate for Mine Inspector

Brian is a Mechanical Engineer with decades of heavy industry experience including forestry, pulp & paper, foundry and mining. He is named as an inventor on six United States patents some directly associated with mining safety and has worked at industrial sites on every continent except Antarctica. His career has been an accumulation of practical experience and specialized knowledge that is essential for effectively serving as State Mine Inspector. His priorities include promoting worker safety and accident prevention, preventing abandoned mine hazards, modernizing the mine inspector's office and strengthening relationships with rural and tribal communities.

Brian believes Arizona's mining industry is a cornerstone of the state's economy. It supports thousands of jobs and generates billions of dollars in economic activity while providing copper and critical minerals essential to America's infrastructure, technology, energy systems, and national security.

According to Brian, Arizona can lead the nation in responsible mining where production and protection go hand-in-hand for a safer, stronger, and more accountable mining system.

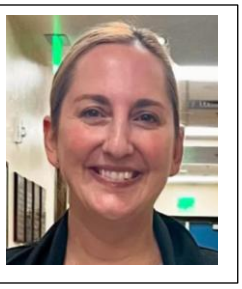


Jonathon Hill, Candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission

Jonathan plans to lower utility bills for Arizona families, schools and small businesses facing skyrocketing bills while utility companies report record profits. The current Arizona Corporation Commission has failed to protect the public by rubber stamping rate increases and adopting expedited review systems that limit necessary oversight.

Jonathan's platform includes limiting data centers, protecting Arizona' water resources, reforming the rate-setting process and maximizing transparency. He is committed to restoring the ACC as a fair, transparent body that prioritizes the people of Arizona over corporate interests.

Jonathon brings a unique perspective to the Commission, drawing from an unconventional yet highly relevant background. He is scientist and an engineer who has worked on several NASA space missions focused on Mars, Jupiter, and asteroids. He has a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering and a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from ASU.

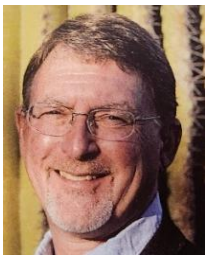


Elizabeth Slater, Candidate for Amphi School Board

Elizabeth is an experienced nonprofit leader and education advocate who has dedicated her career to helping youth succeed in school and overcome barriers to education. She brings over two decades of experience working with school districts and making strategic decisions about how to allocate limited resources to achieve meaningful outcomes for students.

Elizabeth's top priorities include maintaining the highest academic outcomes for our students and providing competitive compensation that reflects the true value of our teachers, investing in meaningful mentoring and professional development for beginning teachers, and strengthening partnerships to prepare the next generation of educators to serve our schools.

In keeping with the board's responsibility is to ensure the community has access to clear information and a platform to share concerns, her goal is to connect with students, parents, and staff to understand their experiences and ensure their voices hold genuine weight in the board's decision-making. Embracing collaboration with high-quality community partners can help ensure that all our students get the support they need to succeed in school.



John Fife, Candidate for Amphi School Board

Throughout his 30-year teaching career in the Amphitheater District, John served students, parents, administrators and fellow teachers in various leadership roles, including Building Leader for Cross Middle School, the Amphitheater Education Association's Executive Board as Middle School Representative, Vice-President, and ultimately President for five years.

John represented the Amphitheater district at the Arizona Education Association's Delegate Assembly and represented Arizona at the National Education Association's Representative Assembly. He served on the Meet and Confer teams for the district to negotiate wages, salary and benefit packages for employees in the district and develop many of the district's policies.

As President of the Amphitheater Education Association, John served on textbook adoption, curriculum, final assessment, and performance pay committees. He was asked to serve as the Arizona Education Association's representative on the Metropolitan Education Commission and on the Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction's Teacher Advisory Council.

John feels his experience and skills make him uniquely qualified to serve as School Board Member.



Please join us at for our **in-person** monthly meeting in the large meeting room of the Oro Valley Library **October 12** from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

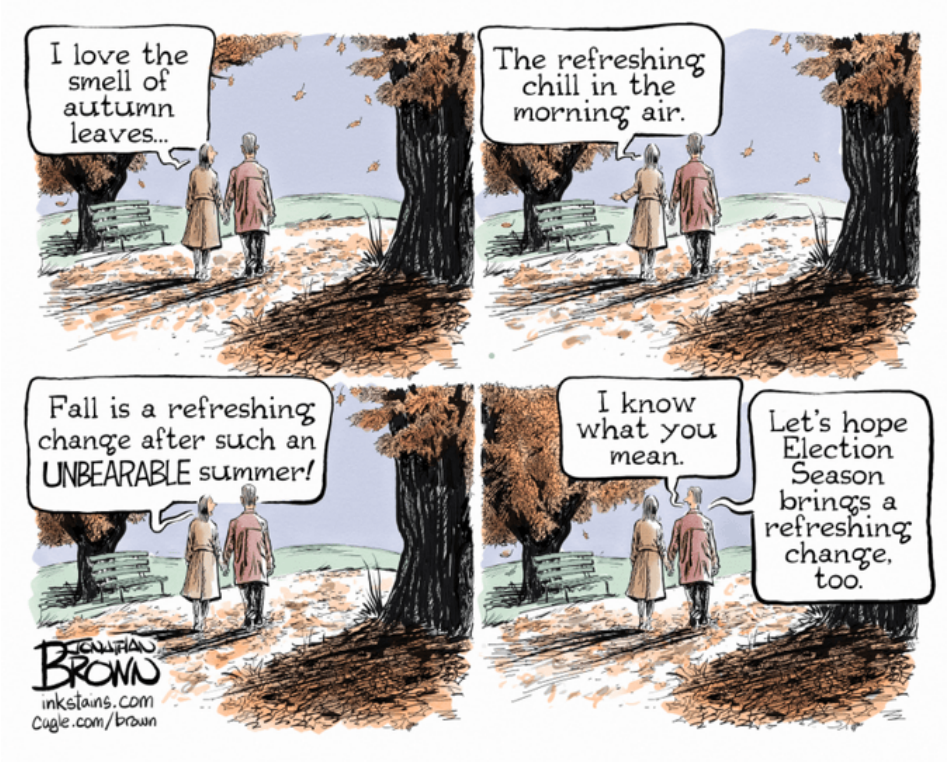


Planning Together for Our Future

The ***OV's Path Forward General Plan*** set goals, policies and actions to guide Town decisions over the next 10 years. It reflects residents' values and priorities related to public safety, parks, transportation, water, development and more.

The Plan was created by residents and must now be approved by the residents. **Proposition 431 will be on the ballot for voter consideration in November 2026.**

Go to **ovpathforward.com** to download the PDF version of the plan. Display copies are available to read at the Oro Valley Library, Oro Valley Community Recreation Center and in the lobbies of the Administration Building and the Community and Economic Development building at Oro Valley Town Hall.



Our Slate of Candidates



Governor Katie Hobbs



Attorney General Kris Mayes



Secy of State Adrian Fontes



Public **Schools Teresa Ruiz**



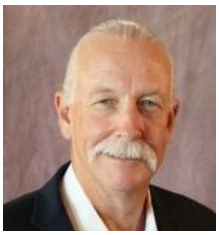
Treasurer Nick Mansour



ACC Clara Pratte



ACC Jonathon Hill



Mine Inspector Brian Matlock



CD 6 JoAnna Mendoza



LD 17 Senate Edgar Soto



LD 17 House Holly Lyon



LD 17 House Kevin Volk



Justice Victoria Steele



Clerk James Giacomino



Amphi Dr Mike Gemma **OR** **Amphi Kimberly Ryan**

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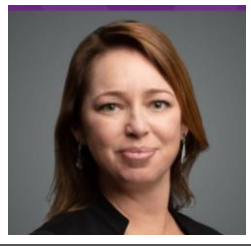



Amphi Dr Nina Godlewski **OR**
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Amphi John Fife **OR**
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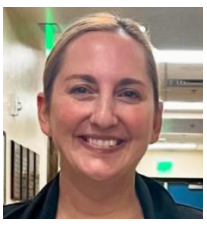

Amphi Elizabeth Slater
Endorsed by AZ List



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VOTE EARLY

VOTE THE ENTIRE BALLOT

You can drop off your signed and completed mail in ballot at the Oro Valley Library. The drop off box is already up and will be open on Wednesday, October 7th, starting at 8 am. It will be open 24 hours 7 days a week until Election Day, November 3rd at 7 pm.

The drop off box is in the west overflow lot at the library. Ballots will be picked up twice a day and monitored. Pima County Recorder's Office has a comprehensive voter dashboard where you can check your registration, track your ballot, and locate other election centers. https://www.recorder.pima.gov/Voter_dashboard_login

LEGISLATIVE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

A ballot measure can be statutory (a simple law) or a constitutional amendment. Constitutional amendments need a supermajority to overturn.

Prop 141 - **VOTE NO** -Constitutional Amendment – Prevents Arizona's electric vehicle owners from paying their fair share of the actual costs of road construction and repair. Gas-fueled vehicles pay 18 cents in tax on every gallon of gas.
Prop 142 - **VOTE NO**- Constitutional Amendment – Anti-DEI which mandates silence around race and identity rather than neutrality and results in less diverse and less merit-based representation.
Prop 144 - **VOTE NO** -Constitutional Amendment - Would require voters to show government-issued proof of identity even when voting by mail.
Prop 316 - **VOTE NO** -Statutory Measure - Restricts the revenue cities and towns can impose.
Prop 317 - **VOTE NO** -Statutory Measure - Declares drug cartels as terrorist organizations. Any organization that aids a migrant who was smuggled across the border could be vulnerable to prosecution or freezing of assets.
Prop 318 - **VOTE NO**- Statutory Measure - Lumps kindergarteners and college athletes into the same one-size-fits-all category, forcing the same rules on all according to biological gender. Schools and athletic associations could face spurious and expensive lawsuits.
Prop 319 - **VOTE NO** -Statutory Measure – Prohibits use of photo enforcement systems to identify violators of traffic laws unless the agency or government contracts to use those systems by December 31, 2026. Does not address FLOCK cameras or data gathering.
Prop 320 - **VOTE NO** Statutory Measure - Imposes an arbitrary 60% threshold for "direct instructional expenses" which includes only teachers, some aides, instructional supplies, field trips and athletics.

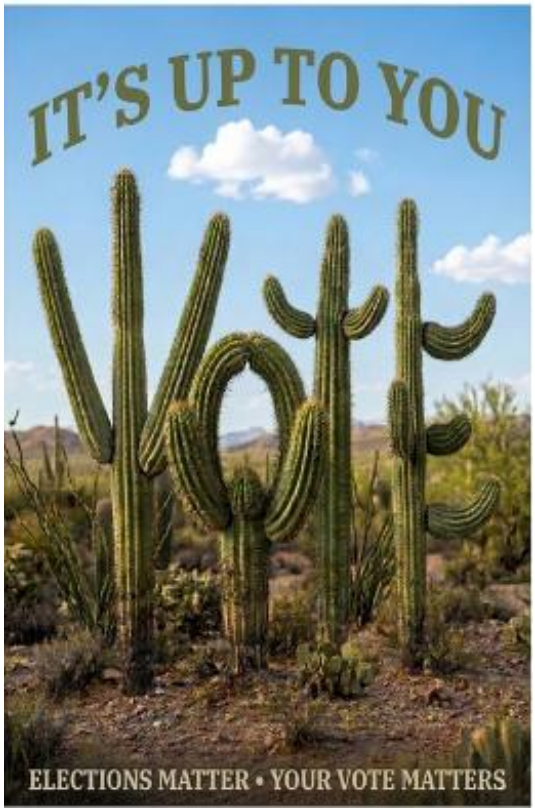
LOCAL PROPOSITIONS

Prop 425 - **VOTE YES** - Pima County Permanent Base Adjustment - Increases the Permanent Base Limit used to calculate the County's spending limit under Arizona law. The cap hasn't been raised in 40 years.
Prop 426 - **VOTE YES** - Amphitheater Unified School District Sale, Lease, or Exchange of Real Property - Authorizes selling, leasing, or exchanging several district-owned parcels, including school sites closed for declining enrollment. Proceeds are restricted to school sites, buildings, technology, or transportation.
Prop 427 - **VOTE YES** - Pima JTED $250,000,000 Bond Election - authorizes up to $250 million in bonds to expand and upgrade Pima JTED career and technical education facilities (estimated $41/year on a $250,000 home).
Prop 430 - **VOTE YES** - PCC General Obligation Bond 2026 - authorizes Pima Community College to issue $250 million in General Obligation Bond debt to finance expanding training capacity for critical programs, modernizing infrastructure and refinancing existing debt.
Prop 431 - **VOTE YES** - Oro Valley General Plan - approves Oro Valley's Path Forward General Plan which sets goals, policies, and actions to guide Oro Valley decisions over the next 10 years.

JUDICIAL DO NOT RETAIN

Justice of the Supreme Court - **John Lopez IV** – **VOTE NO** on retaining
Judges of the Court of Appeals Division II – **Judge Sean Brearcliffe** - **VOTE NO** on retaining
Division 17 Pima County Superior Court, Family Court Justice – **Catherine Woods** – **VOTE NO** on retaining
Division 21 Arizona Superior Court in Pima County, Civil Court Justice – **Cynthia Kuhn** – **VOTE NO** on retaining

Use your address to get precise voting information at: https://pimavote.com/



My Witness *by Dee Maitland*

I am a retired commercial banker. Both my husband and I achieved a good life despite impoverished backgrounds. The American economy worked for us. Now the rich 1% own our government and are taking away our protections and benefits piece by piece. Here is my story tracing the decline of the American dream.

Education

The quality of my public-school education was not based on the financial situation of my parents. Books, buses, sports equipment, field trips, clubs and lunches were available at no or low cost. Our lives were enriched by trips to museums, the symphony, ballet and plays. Libraries and counselors were in every school. A large percentage of us went on to college, which was affordable or free at state universities. I never had to sell candy.

In college economic classes included the theories of Keynes, Marx, Milton Friedman and others. By the 1980s Friedman was the preferred doctrine on colleges and in government. We had suffered decades of boom-and-bust economies brought on by the greed and corruption of the wealthy up to the Great Depression. Keynes' theories guided President Roosevelt's New Deal which reined in the oligarchs by regulation and provided a social safety net for us which in turn led to prosperity after WWII.

The wealthy hated the regulation of the New Deal and paying higher taxes. With the 1971 Powell Memorandum, the precursor of Project 2025, Friedman's free market monetarism became dominant. Until their champion Reagan became President, both productivity and compensation had risen in tandem. After he enacted their plan to dismantle labor unions, eliminate regulations and lower taxes by 2025 while productivity rose 93.7% hourly compensation rose only 32.7%. Since 1978 CEO pay has grown 1,316% compared to typical worker pay growth of 28%. Charts by the Economic Policy Institute show this graphically.

Cost of Living

When I ran away from home in 1968 after graduating from high school, I ended up in Denver. I was hired by the telephone company for $69 per week with health insurance. I had a furnished 1-bedroom apartment for $50 per month that came with a TV. I was near a bus line which cost $.50 round trip. My only expenses were telephone, transportation, clothing and food. I could see Funny Girl, 2001 or The Graduate for $1.30. I never felt poor. Living well now requires so many more financial inputs: cars, phones, computers, subscription services, insurance, and medical deductibles increasing profits with built-in obsolescence and fees.

Five years after our 1969 marriage we were able to buy a home. According to government data 1975 average income was $42,525; the average home price was $43,000; the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 9.05%, generating a payment of $649.96/month representing 18.3% of average income.

By 2025 the household income was $76,060; the average home price was $519,700; the 30-year average rate of 6.72% which produced a payment of $3,063.33 representing 48.3% of the average salary. Home ownership is now out of reach for too many families.

Banking

In the 1980s when we moved to San Jose, CA during the Silicon Valley boom. The adjustable mortgage rate

was 13.5%. To qualify we both needed to be employed. Columbia Savings and Loan hired me based on my recent degree as my husband's salary alone was not enough to cover the mortgage payment. That job began my banking career and my witness of the next two financial crises. The first crisis was precipitated when Michael Milken turned the bank from a very successful mortgage lending bank to a junk bond bank. This led to the bank's failure, jail time for Milken, and brought down the S&L industry.

Yet even with this evidence of the carelessness and perfidy of the Wall Street wealthy, under the sway of Friedman Congress went on to repeal the 1933 Glass-Steagall Act which separated commercial banking from stock investing. Banking became the Wild West with investment firms like Goldman Sachs gambling with our deposits and bundling our home mortgages into securities. Just a few years later this led to the crash of 2008. I was laid off from the local bank where I was a commercial lender. I found employment with the FDIC and participated in the closing of 22 of the 465 banks that failed due to the profiteering, corruption and stupidity of the mortgage-backed security market. The human toll was horrifying.

I watched the absence of regulation combined with hubris and greed lead to the failure of savings and loan banks and the 2008 crash. Now, these behaviors are being repeated with cryptocurrency and AI a danger to our economic wellbeing. Monetizing education with vouchers, low teacher pay and the censoring of educational materials will leave us too poor and uneducated to fight the billionaires and return to affordability, fair taxes and a government that benefits us not just them.

Our only hope is to vote against all candidates who are tied by money or indoctrination to the tech bros and ultra-wealthy in November.



Oro Valley Roadside Clean-up *by Susan Bickel*

Please Join Us on Saturday, November 14, 8:30 AM!

For over eight years, members of Democrats of Oro Valley have participated in the Adopt a Roadway program. The Adopt a Roadway program is sponsored by Pima County. The work of volunteers helps save the taxpayers of Pima County approximately $250 per mile cleaned. This translates into thousands of dollars saved.

By adopting a roadway, DOV is rewarded with an eye-catching blue and white sign with the name of our organization printed for all to see.

Please join other DOV members and participate in an easy but needed community service! We will meet **Saturday, November 14, at 8:30 AM** to pick up trash along La Cholla Boulevard. We will meet at the corner of **Overton and La Cholla**, right next to our sign.

Vests and trash bags are provided by the county. Bags are left at the site for pick up by county vehicles. Please bring gloves and your own grasper. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and water!

We usually finish within an hour.



Good News for Democracy *compiled by Jacolyn Marshall*

From the Associated Press, Reuters, other national newspapers



- **9/7:** An industry veteran has joined Quality Training Center to help launch its first dedicated business-to-business contractor program designed to meet Nevada's HVAC, electrical and refrigeration labor shortage.
- **9/8:** Alliance for HOPE International, an anti-domestic violence organization has helped develop legislation demanding greater scrutiny of suspicious deaths that could be linked to domestic violence.
- **9/9:** In their defense of the two-state solution and mounting concern over settlement expansion, 12 countries including Britain, France and Canada are blocking Israeli imports from the West Bank.
- **9/10:** Warning signs abound for Trump's Republicans - his approval ratings are at an all-time low over Iran and the economy; registered voters say they prefer Democrats by five percentage points.
- **9/11:** US lawmakers called for new rules to govern AI after a researcher went public with his concerns about the technology escaping human control and accusing OpenAI of not acting responsibly.
- **9/13:** For a second time the Supreme Court blocked Missouri from using a redrawn congressional map favoring Republicans in November, a setback to their odds of maintaining its majority in Congress.
- **9/13:** US Appeals Court declined to allow Trump to implement a new US Postal Service rule tightening mail-in voting requirements before November's election as SCOTUS is weighing a similar request.
- **9/16:** US Supreme Court rejected Trump's plan to have the Postal Service restrict the use of mail-in ballots calling it arbitrary and capricious.
- **9/17:** Republican chairman of the US Senate health committee blamed Trump's anti-vaccine bias for the worst measles outbreak in over 35 years citing four recent measles deaths in Pennsylvania.
- **9/17:** Microsoft unveiled a code of conduct draft for public feedback that requires AI to never resist correction or shutdown, to communicate clearly and to consider any conduct violation a failure.
- **9/20:** Federal Appeals Court rejected Trump's policy allowing authorities to deport migrants to countries other than their own without giving them a chance to raise safety concerns.
- **9/20:** Montana voters will decide whether to make their state the first in the nation to bar corporations from spending money on elections; the ballot initiative is part of bipartisan anger over dark money.
- **9/20:** Doctors and hospitals in six states have expressed concerns over Medicare's prior authorization of an AI program that motivates contractors to turn down medically necessary care to earn more money.
- **9/22:** MSNOW, CNN and Politico are suing Trump to protect their First Amendment rights after he revoked their credentials and banned them from the White House grounds.
- **9/22:** Paramount's settlement with California and 11 other states suing to block its acquisition of Warner Bros Discovery includes establishing independent editorial boards and a $30 M penalty per film in unmet pledges.
- **9/24:** Zelenskyy told United Nations leaders Ukraine is ready for a maritime truce in the Black Sea based on proposals by Egypt, India and Turkey and it now waiting for Russia to respond.
- **9/24:** Trump's approval rating fell to the lowest in his career as his fellow Republians soured on his handling of the cost of living and his highly unpopular Iran war, according to a new Ipsos poll.
- **9/24:** A Gallup poll in June showed 67% of voters disagree with Trump's statement that increased gas prices that have caused them financial hardship are "a small price to pay for the Iran war."
- **9/25:** Democrats are leaning heavily into data-center backlash across the nation as mounting anxiety about AI has become a midterm elections issue.

- **9/25:** Enrollment in trade schools is on the rise; nationwide public two-year colleges are offering mechanics, engineering, repair and construction programs, and security and protective services.
- **9/27:** China's Vice President addressed the UN General Assembly calling on the US to lift its oil blockade on Cuba and respect the sovereignty and security of Middle East Countries.
- **9/27:** Reuters poll suggests GOP has a Latino problem; Trump's approval rating fell to 32% due to their frustration over economic pressures and his immigration agenda; they now appear open to elect Democrats.
- **9/27:** Federal judge deemed Trump's ban of three news outlets to be unconstitutional and ordered their access restored immediately.
- **9/27:** Former film producer Harvey Weinstein, 74 was sentenced to 15 years in prison for sexually assaulting former production assistant Miriam Haley in 2006.
- **9/27:** Ex-Google exec called for a slowdown in AI development, warning the tech industry is repeating the same mistakes from the social media era that is causing even greater harm to children.
- **9/28:** British police arrested five men near a US miliary airfield has been used to launch strikes against Iran on suspicion of terrorism and explosives offenses.
- **9/28:** US Fish and Wildlife Service Director blasted Trump's erosion of conservation law with his roll back of additional endangered species protections.
- **9/30:** Former US special counsel Jack Smith told the US Senate Judiciary Committee he will not be silenced by Trump's threats of prosecution over legally gotten texts and phone calls from 44 lawmakers.
- **9/30:** US is the second largest producer of wind electricity in the world at 20%; Texas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas and Illinois account for 52% of our production. Only China ranks higher at 35%.
- **10/1:** Pope Leo warned about the risks of AI that spreads misinformation, prioritizes conflict leading to unending wars and the possibility of autonomous nuclear weapons that threaten to future of humanity.
- **10/1:** The family of Renee Good who was killed by an ICE agent in January filed two lawsuits against Trump for negligence and violating her civil rights; they are among the first major civil suits against him.
- **10/4:** US Postal Service said it will take extraordinary measures to ensure delivery of ballots with extended hours at some branches, expedited handling, extra deliveries and special pickups.
- **10/4:** Senator Mark Kelly told an energetic crowd of Democrats at a South Carolina Democratic Party event they must out-work Republicans to increase voter turnout to win in November.
- **10/4:** Ipsos poll showed 73% of Americans fear AI will cause serious harm to society; 73% agreed it was more important to ensure AI is developed safely and responsibly than increasing its development.

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- **9/7:** Rep. Grijalva introduced the Fairness for Farm Workers Act mandating overtime pay for agricultural workers, giving them the same workplace protections and benefits as any other worker.
- **9/7:** Pima Community College increased its first-day enrollment for the fall semester by 1.3%, its application numbers by 6% and its registration rate by 23% with nearly 4,400 first-time students.
- **9/7:** Arizona Department of Health Services have a standing order ensuring updated Covid vaccines are widely available and allowing Arizonans to get them without a prescription.
- **9/8:** Arizona man jailed for months on felony charges of harassment and stalking a politician, who later violated his probation by continuing his actions and now faces prison time, attesting to the limitations of free speech.

- **9/8:** Tucson's Safe City Plan has increased its police presence at bus stops and aboard vehicles resulting in more arrests, warnings and referrals to shelters and mental health and addiction centers.
- **9/8:** Queen Creek council approved rules to prevent abuse of the town's 62 Flock cameras with new safeguards limiting access and criminalizing its misuse with potential jail time and $2,500 fine.
- **9/9:** Arizona's Medicaid agency launched a new keepmyahcccs.com website to help people keep their health insurance coverage when federal changes take effect in January that will affect over 400,000 enrollees.
- **9/9:** Secretary of State Fontes' Arizona.vote website provides basic information and counters election concerns and conspiracies.
- **9/10:** Mexican government is investing $100 million to rebuild Federal Highway 8, the main road connecting Arizona with Rocky Point to improve safety with wider lanes and berms along 55 miles of highway.
- **9/10:** Pima County will re-evaluate its existing non-disclosure agreements after the Board of Supervisors passed updates to its policies that provide guardrails against data centers.
- **9/10:** Hispanic civil rights nonprofit Unidos US hosted an economic prosperity roundtable focused on housing affordability and poverty reduction; Rep. Grijalva, Mayor Romero, other local leaders attended.
- **9/11:** 15,000 people joined hands as part of the human flag creation on Sept. 15, 2001, in Tucson to honor those who died in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Flight 93.
- **9/11:** Over 1,300 participants honored fallen firefighters at 911 Tower Challenge, some by walking the Tucson Convention Center concourse, others by climbing 110 flights of stairs wearing 70-pound gear.
- **9/13:** Sahuarita protesters rallied against the town's plan to build a data center in Rancho Resort that would drive down property values, produce excess heat, disrupt native species and pollute the land.
- **9/13:** US Bureau of Labor Statistics announced a boost in next year's minimum wage to $15.15 per hour; Tucson's own minimum wage ordinance puts the city's new minimum at $16 per hour.
- **9/13:** Since three local women launched the Tome Gnome project five years ago, they have left more than 3,000 free books all over Tucson; the generous little elf has 6,800 followers on Instagram.
- **9/14:** Pete Buttigieg rallied Jo Mendoza, noting her race against Ciscomani could help decide the control of the House and asking people to register to vote, donate and canvass for her.
- **9/14:** Maricopa County Board Supervisor called Finchem "a bum and a Grade- A idiot" for his 9/11 conspiracy post on X and asked folks to speak up against 9/11 and election deniers that hurt our country.
- **9/14:** Tohono O'odham is standing firm against expanded border wall construction, noting their partnership with the Border Patrol in 2025 has seen a 95% decrease in illegal entries without a wall.
- **9/15:** Center for Biological Diversity scientists strongly oppose Trump's proposal to repeal the ban on new roads in 44 million acres of forest areas nationwide, stripping away protections of wildlife habitats.
- **9/15:** Secretary of Agriculture and conservationists oppose Trump's order to demote gray and Mexican wolves from the endangered species list to pacify angry ranchers over his other policies.
- **9/15:** Some bills Governor Hobbs signed into law include increased fines for driving while texting, preventing HOAs from banning shade structures, more jail time for selling fentanyl and drone restrictions.
- **9/15:** Tucson-based nonprofit aimed at breaking generational cycles of poverty and trauma hopes to raise $2.6 million to fund a two-acre expansion adjacent to their five-acre campus.
- **9/15:** A second federal judge blocked Trump's Postal Service rule tightening mail-in voting requirements that would make it harder for people to vote saying it exceeds Postal authority.

- **9/17:** Mail-in voting will continue as usual in Arizona after US Supreme Court denied Trump's effort to give the Postal Service a role in who gets mail-in ballots.
- **9/19:** Rep. Grijalva addressed the House about the deplorable conditions at Eloy's ICE facility and demanded DHS ensure detainees have safe drinking water, edible food and humane living conditions; 57 people have died in ICE custody this year, four in Arizona.
- **9/20:** To stop fraudulent sales before they close, Arizona Dept of Real Estate launched the Early Real Estate Sales Alert System that notifies property owners if their land or homes are in escrow to sell.
- **9/20:** Peoria tightened data center rules with a zoning amendment and regulations banning them in business or commerce parks, requiring a power demand study, and water, sewer, and noise studies.
- **9/23:** 18 black-footed ferrets, the most endangered mammal in America once thought to be extinct were flown from a conservation center in Colorado and released near Sigman, Arizona.
- **9/24:** Pima County Board of Supervisors passed a moratorium on new data centers for 120 days stating they have negative public health impacts; Rex Scott and Steve Christy voted against the pause.
- **9/25:** AG Mayes is suing the maker of the energy drink "Feel Free" marketed at gas stations and mini marts for its failure to disclose it contains kratom that can cause illness, addiction and death.
- **9/26:** Governor Hobbs supports Tohono O'odham Nation's bid to delay work on Trump's wall that disregards tribal sovereignty, noting that the tribe has achieved major enforcement results without it.
- **9/27:** Fort Sill Apache Tribe purchased 55 acres in the Dragoon mountains, a historic refuge for the Chiricahua people known as Cochise Stronghold where a peace agreement was reached 154 years ago.
- **9/27:** UA reversed its decision to sell property that houses the Arizona Folklore Preserve in Ramsey Canyon for five years and will continue to lese it out for performances.
- **9/28:** Pima County officials started construction on Biden's $43 million 134-mile fiber optic network to provide internet access to rural and underserved areas which must be completed by June 30, 2028.
- **9/29:** Representative Grijalva introduced three bills supporting English language learners: Reaching English Learners Act, Families Learning Together Act and Learner's Access to Bilingual Education Act.
- **9/30:** AG Mayes filed legal papers defending a 2005 unanimously adopted law that allows the children of Arizona citizens living overseas to vote in Arizona elections.
- **10/1:** The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Arizona's Dark Money law stating it's essential the electorate know where campaign money comes from in order to make informed decisions.
- **10/3:** US Supreme Court rejected a last-ditch effort to delay a federal judge's order to put Annette Chambers-Smith in charge of health care in Arizona detention centers, allowing her to take over on October 19.
- **10/3:** Barnes & Noble will open a new store in the Oracle Wetmore Shopping Center; it's one part of a bookstore revival of 60 new bookstores opening nationwide.
- **10/3:** Following a lawsuit brought by 185 people, state regents overseeing Arizona's three public universities approved a $2.6 million settlement to rectify their gender-based pay gaps.
- **10/4:** Democratic challengers Clara Pratte and Jonathon Hill and a write-in Green Party candidate attended a "debate" hosted by Vote Solar; their Republican opponents did not attend.
- **10/5:** Arizona Opera's "Scalia/Ginsburg" celebrates the true-life friendship of the two Supreme Court Justices and offers a hopeful message of unity at a time when the country is more divided than ever.

From Run for Something by Amanda Litman

9/21: A new poll from Politico found voters were more likely to reject older candidates in favor of younger ones. In the decade since we launched RFS young candidates who were seen as risky bets are now effective and desirable candidates.

9/21: I'm proud of how this community has helped shift that perception in a big way.

9/28: Like many of our peers, Run for Something still has a funding gap going into the final five weeks of this election. With more than 400 candidates on the ballot next month our team is working around the clock to make sure they have everything they need to get across the finish line and win.

9/28: Meanwhile, we're also continuing active recruitment for 2027 races, including key state legislative seats in Mississippi and Louisiana among others. Help us build long-term power together.

9/30: We hosted a "Claim Your Seat" event for young Hispanic and Latino leaders considering running for office.

10/5: We recently partnered with Dirtroad Organizing to highlight two RFS candidates who are building power in rural America and proving there's no place where values-aligned candidates can't win.

Hit this goal together



OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS

HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

* 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.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

* 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.

November Meeting

Monday, November 9
Meeting

Speakers:
Nancy Burton &
Eric Robbins

Topic:
Pima County Dems