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In 2020, over 150 million Americans of every age, race and background exercised their right to vote in the middle of a pandemic. They voted early. They voted absentee. They voted in person. They voted by mail. They voted by drop box. They got their families and friends to vote. And they did so with unyielding courage and faith in our democracy. It was the fullest expression of the will of the people and an example of America at its best. ***President Joe Biden***

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UNITED, WE WIN!

Guest Speakers: Rosa Daily, Milini Simms, Michael Gemma & Nina Godlewski



Rosa Dailey, Oro Valley Town Council-elect

A resident of Oro Valley for the past twenty years, Rosa's efforts resulted in two very visible community assets: the Aquatic Center and the Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve. She initiated the feasibility study that led to transforming the municipal pool into the Oro Valley Aquatic Center and worked with The Conservation Fund to turn the former Vistoso golf course into a nature preserve. Today, she remains actively involved in restoration efforts.

Rosa also participated in most of the recent OV Path Forward meetings to craft the next ten-year plan for Oro Valley and feels she has a good handle on what the community desires moving forward into the next decade.

Rosa spent more than twenty years as a technical writer for companies including Random House and IBM, culminating in work supporting the Hubble Space Telescope's first servicing mission at NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center. After her retirement, Rosa assisted two physicians in establishing The Fetal Physiology Foundation, a medical research organization studying the origins of developmental disorders with an emphasis on autism spectrum disorders.



Milini Simms, Oro Valley Planner

Milini Simms is the long-range Principal Planner for the Town of Oro Valley.

Before joining the town's planning division, she worked in nonprofit organizations, collaborating with various neighborhood groups in Tucson. This experience provided her with a solid foundation and a strong passion for community engagement.

She earned her master's degree in planning from the University of Arizona and has been a part of the Planning Division for the Town of Oro Valley since 2017.

Over the past three years, she has utilized her passion for community engagement to coordinate and facilitate opportunities for Oro Valley residents to share their ideas about the town's future. This collaborative effort resulted in a resident-created plan, known as Oro Valley's Path Forward.



Dr. Michael Gemma, Candidate for the Amphitheater Governing Board

I am deeply invested in the Amphitheater School District. I served for nine years as principal of Canyon del Oro High School. My wife worked as an adaptive physical education teacher in the district. Our daughter attended and graduated from Amphitheater schools, and my grandchildren currently attend our schools.

This past year, I was honored to be appointed to the Governing Board to fill the vacancy created by the untimely passing of my colleague, Patsy Harris. I am now asking for your vote to continue that service and complete her term.

My four decades in education have given me a broad perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing schools today. I have served as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent in parochial, public, private and international schools. I have worked with students and educators from preschool through high school.

These experiences have taught me the importance of ethical leadership, effective communication, sound policy and, above all, keeping student achievement and safety at the center of every decision.



Dr. Nina Godlewski, Candidate for Amphitheater School Board

Nina devoted more than three decades to education, calling the Amphitheater School District home for the past 18 years. She discovered her passion for teaching while volunteering to help struggling middle school students with mathematics. After earning her teaching credential, she joined the faculty at Canyon del Oro High School in 2007, where she taught until retiring from the classroom this past June.

Nina has recent, firsthand classroom experience with today's students and the challenges facing today's schools. She knows how decisions made at the administrative level affect teachers' working conditions, classroom instruction, and ultimately student success. Her strong analytical skills, data-driven approach, and creative problem-solving abilities will further strengthen her contribution to the Board. Nina hopes to serve as the voice of the classroom, advocating for Students First, Strong Teachers, and Smart Spending.

6 Reasons to Pay Attention to State Politics

Local politics shape national change. Many now-landmark federal policies, like women's suffrage, minimum wage, environmental protection, and marriage equality, all started at the local level.

Our state can lead the way when the feds don't. When there is gridlock in DC, state governments hold the reins on school funding, public health, transportation, water policy and more.

State lawmakers are more accessible. Each of Arizona's federal senators represents the entire state, about 7 million people. Your state senator, by contrast, represents 200,000 people.

State laws directly touch our daily lives in dozens of ways. From the city parks we enjoy to the roads we travel, from the water we drink to the schools our children attend, from the cost of housing to the cost of college, the vast majority of laws that affect our daily lives are not federal, but state laws.

It's easier to stop bad policies locally. Just like good policies can start at the local or state level and grow, stopping bad policies is considerably easier – and just as necessary.

Arizona's Constitution protects us. We the People have power: the right to overturn bad laws through public vote, the right to recall lawmakers who aren't serving us, and the right to make our own laws via initiative. *"All political power is inherent in the people"*

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
BEYOND VOTING

Our Democratic slate of candidates for the November election.



Governor Katie Hobbs



Attorney General Kris Mayes



Secy of State Adrian Fontes



Public Schools Teresa Ruiz



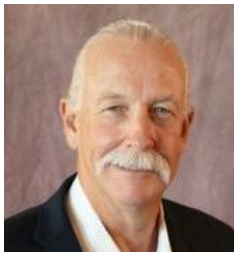
Treasurer Nick Mansour



ACC Clara Pratte



ACC Jonathon Hill



Mine Inspector Brian Matlock



CD 6 Jo Mendoza



LD 17 Senate Edgar Soto



LD 17 House Holly Lyon



LD 17 House Kevin Volk

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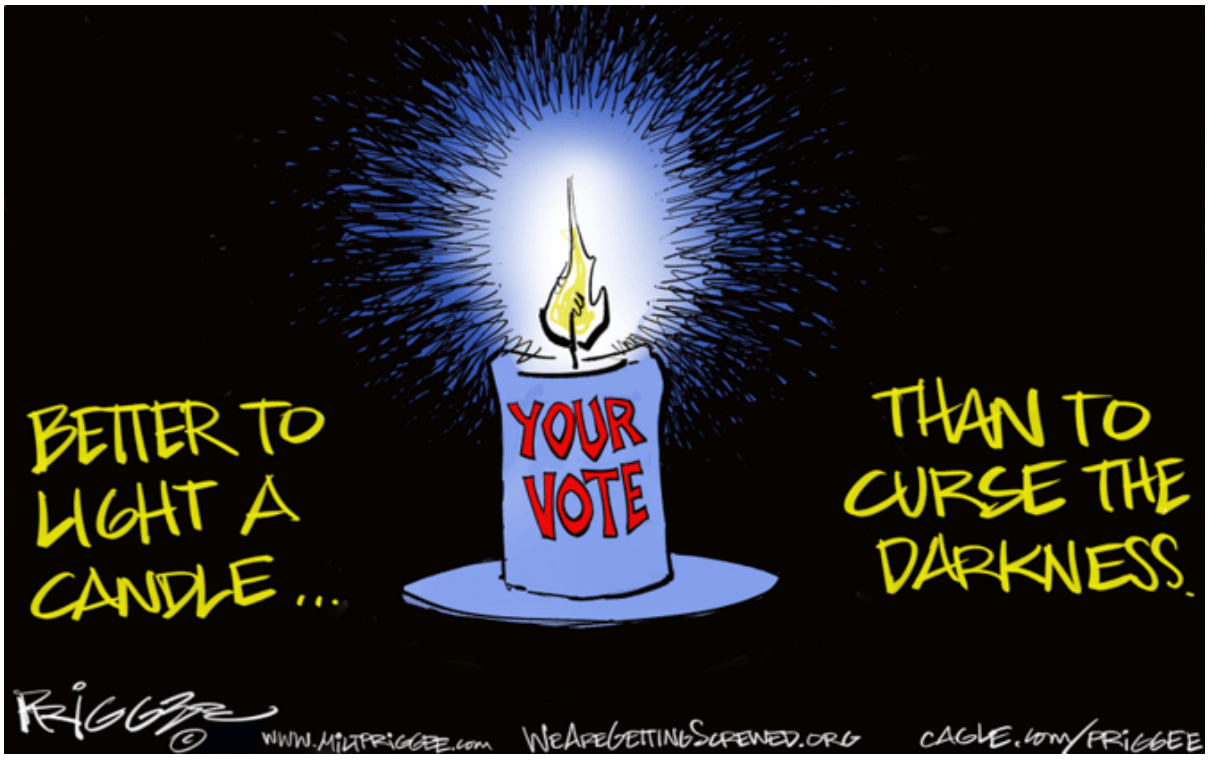
November 3 - General Election	
Ballots mailed to Uniformed & Overseas Voters	September 18
Last day to register to vote	October 5
Early Voting begins / Early Ballots mailed	October 7
Last day to request mail ballot	October 23
Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot	Mail by October 27
Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot)	**Tuesday, November 3**

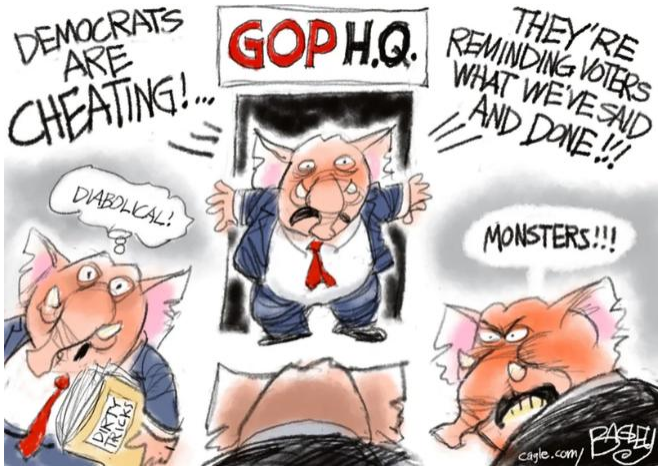


DON'T JUST VENT – VOTE!

Democrats of Oro Valley has a postcard project to send 400 postcards to Democrats living in Oro Valley who voted in 2022, but not in 2024. DOV will be handing out packets of 10 postcards, pre-addressed and pre-stamped, asking people to write a simple message on how important it is to vote.

They will be handed out at the next DOV meeting, September 14 and mailed before early voting starts. Please come to the September meeting to pick up a packet (or more than one) of postcards. They are just waiting for your handwritten message urging people to vote in November.





LET'S BE MONSTERS! *by Dee Maitland*

With fewer than 60 days until the election it is incumbent on us to get the message out about what Republicans have done and plan to do. Since Roosevelt enacted the New Deal, Republican oligarchs have been working a careful plan to obstruct regulations, avoid taxes, keep wages low, cancel welfare, profit off the government and gain unchecked power. The culmination of their efforts from the 1971 Powell Memorandum through Reagan and advanced by the Heritage Foundation is Project 2025 which includes:

- Executive Power & Civil Service: Reclassify tens of thousands of civil servants using "Schedule F" to make it easier to fire career federal employees and replace them with loyalists. Bring independent regulatory agencies (like the FTC and FCC) under direct presidential control.
- Immigration & Border Security: Carry out mass deportations, deploy military personnel to the southern border, and declare national emergencies to fund border barriers.
- Department Reorganization & Elimination: Dismantle or downsize federal agencies, including shifting core functions of the Department of Education and restricting major federal bureaucracies.
- Social & Civil Rights Policies: Eliminate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs across federal agencies, legally recognize only male and female sexes, and ban public school curricula addressing systemic racism or implicit bias.
- Reproductive & LGBTQ+ Health: Restrict access to medication abortion and emergency contraception, block Planned Parenthood from receiving Medicaid funds, and halt certain federal funding or support for gender-affirming care.
- Environment & Energy: Roll back federal climate science regulations, scale back protections under the Endangered Species Act, and expand oil and gas drilling on public lands.

Republicans have been at achieving this agenda and are working to sabotage our voting against them. CD6 candidate Cisomani voted with Republicans on these policies 92% of the time. MAGA governor candidate Biggs actively worked to nullify 3.42 million ballots that were cast in 2020 Arizona. AZ Senate candidate Christopher King was part of a 2020 federal lawsuit led by Sidney Powell to overturn Donald Trump's loss. LD17 House candidate Keshel was bold enough to introduce a bill to award Arizona's electoral college votes to Trump before the 2024 election. Her House running mate Winchester shares Keshel's "right-to-life", anti-trans, anti-LGBTQ, and anti-public education positions. Not one Republican supports our constitution or shares our values.

We have an entire slate of great democratic candidates. With fewer than 60 days until November get the message out anyway you can. Speak out, write letters to the editor, register voters, volunteer as poll watchers, send postcards and/or put up yard signs.



Volunteer Spills the Beans about Food Banks *from LD 17 September newsletter*

A volunteer at a local food bank shares what it's like to work alongside staff and the people they serve.

Most food banks in our area are connected to a central food bank system which is organized, efficient, and computerized. Recipients register once, so there's a record of membership and usage. The only requirement is that they live in Pima County.

Volunteers check IDs, pack boxes, and deliver them to cars. They answer questions and, when needed, point people toward other community resources. Some volunteers from partner groups deliver directly to homebound residents. Boxes are sized to the family — and sometimes include extras like pet food or diapers. The food itself comes from a mix of sources: the Central Food Bank, local business surpluses, food drives, and, still, the federal government.

Lately, the volunteers have watched the need grow. Car counts have roughly doubled — now about 100 in a three-hour shift. Families are larger, and more grandparents are raising grandchildren. One bright spot: more fresh produce, and better quality, than in years past.

So what keeps one volunteer coming back after more than 15 years? "There is reciprocal kindness and respect between the volunteers and the recipients. The system is not abused, and politics are not evident on either side."

Then there are the stories of people who never imagined needing a food bank, people choosing between food and medicine, people who have less, and less, and less. What they find here isn't just groceries. It's a moment of dignity, a human connection, and a little security in uncertain times, which everyone hopes will be temporary.



DAVID W FITZSIMMONS

Arizona's Satirical Voice

Dear Ciscomani Supporters,

May ICE misidentify you on the street and teach you why lawless law enforcement is a disgrace. May you be described as a domestic terrorist by your boy as he defends one more reckless and brutal ICE assault on an innocent citizen.

May you discover what human rights and legal violations take place inside your concentration camps. May you need medical help. May you need legal aid. May you need air.

May you stumble onto the pavement at noon in July wearing your speedo at a "climate change is fake news" rally where you were hoping to give "them lying scientists" the Third Degree. Instead, you suffer third degree burns on your plump ass. May you lose your health insurance because you can't afford it anymore.

May you tragically learn why funding crime prevention and genuine rehabilitation programs saves lives.

May you experience inescapable chronic poverty to learn who the real lazy parasites in this economy are.

May the blessed ghost of my hard-working mother, who survived for a time with the government assistance your tribe ridicules visit you in your nightmares.

May you lose it all in the rampant rotting criminal corruption you choose not to see.

May the future you chose teach you to pay attention to real news and not the bullshit you gobble. Better yet, may you be captured and may General Bone Spurs mock you for your POW status as a loser.

You posted you backed Ciscomani over the Democratic challenger because you wanted "to see waste cut." Surprise! Arizonans agree with you.

Come November we will cut the biggest waste of Capitol Hill office space there is out of Washington. His name is Juan Ciscomani.



Good News for Democracy *compiled by Jacolyn Marshall*

From the Associated Press, Reuters, other national newspapers



- **8/5:** Republican and Democratic AGs are teaming up to go after antitrust violations, deceptive marketing and price gouging after Trump's dismantling of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- **8/7:** Americans favor Dems on the economy due to rising energy costs, Iran war and soaring gas prices; 42% would vote Dem v 37% Rep, and Independents picked Dems by 12 percentage points.
- **8/7:** Ukraine hit Crimea power plants and other infrastructure intensifying strikes on territory deep inside the country.
- **8/7:** Colorado Conservation Board plans to pay people in Colorada, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico to use less water that could save a year's worth of water from hundreds of thousands of households.
- **8/7:** Federal judge rejected the Education Department's latest attempt to postpone Biden's student loan relief for those misled or defrauded by predatory for-profit schools; $11 billion in loans will be forgiven for more than 170,000 borrowers.
- **8/9:** President Zelenskyy met with NATO's secretary-general about securing more Patriot interceptor missiles to defend against Russan attacks.
- **8/9:** New Mexico sued the DOJ for access to unredacted Epstein files, alleging the federal agency stonewalled the state's investigation into a sex offender case by refusing to provide the documents.
- **8/9:** Walmart is leaping ahead of competitors Costco and other established companies in providing EV charging stations within its own network, making EV charging cheaper and easier to find.
- **8/9:** Farmers in California's drought stricken Central Valley are investing in solar as a source of revenue since the lack of water prevents them from growing some crops.
- **8/10:** Reuters identified 75 federal judge rulings that found Trump's administration guilty of infringing on First Amendment rights, including freedom of speech, religion and the press.
- **8/10:** Howard Center for Investigative Journalism filed a federal lawsuit against Trump's policies that prevent observers in immigration courts claiming an abuse of discretion and not in accordance with federal law.
- **8/12:** Ukraine's nightly drone attacks on Russia's leading e-commerce retailer's warehouses selling night-vision goggles, helmets and ammo sent shock waves throughout e-markets; sales dropped 50%.
- **8/13:** Recent polls favor Democrats regaining the majority with the power to issue subpoenas, demand documents, compel testimony, and pursue contempt charges against Trump's companies and financial firms.
- **8/13:** Polls of Independents found 64% support increasing taxes on the rich; 60% support healthcare coverage for all and other progressive Democratic proposals according to Reuters.
- **8/14:** Flock Safety announced a new update to stop police from misusing the system by flagging attempted searches not tied to law enforcement, including stalking or harassing people.
- **8/14:** Meta faces a federal court trial over claims it engineered Facebook and Instagram to be addictive to children that could lead to $1.4 trillion in damages and sweeping changes.
- **8/15:** 80% of independent voters say ICE uses too much force in its nationwide operations; according to a July poll by YouGov that it could be a problem for Republicans in the midterm elections,
- **8/15:** Lithuania, Poland, Latvia and Estonia are tightening security around dams and power plants for fear that Russia will stage "false flag" attacks on them using Ukrainian drones.

- **8/15:** A bipartisan majority of Americans (71% Democrats, 62% Republicans) want stronger oversight of social media, including mandatory age-verification according to Reuters' latest poll.
- **8/15:** Meta deactivated 756,000 Facebook and Instagram accounts of Australians under the age of 16 and promised more action in the face of possible regulatory intervention.
- **8/16:** US appeals court allowed thousands of lawsuits to move forward against Meta Platforms, Alphabet's Google, Byte Dance's TikTok and other social media companies to protect young users.
- **8/16:** Senator Mark Kelly addressed Iowa's annual Democratic Party fundraiser urging them to push for change by electing Democrats, noting "the system is still working, it's just not working for you."
- **8/18:** Supreme Court rejected for the second time an effort by Trump to avoid paying $5.6 million to E. Jean Carroll for defaming her on social media; she previously won an $83.3 million for his sexual abuse.
- **8/22:** Six US Senate Democrats asked the USDA to explain the agency's vastly overstated beef export sales last month, the latest in a series of questionable data quality after staffing losses under Trump.
- **8/22:** Adviser to infectious diseases expert Fauci pled guilty to conspiracy charges of evading public records laws by concealing Covid research documents; Fauci is not accused of any wrongdoing.
- **8/22:** Merck and Moderna announced their personalized cancer vaccine helped prevent the return and spread of melanoma in a trial involving more than 1,000 patients that may work with other cancer types.
- **8/23:** WAVR Technologies developed a synthetic version of frog skin that absorbs water out of the air even in low humidity areas; by 2027 their large systems will be able to produce 10,000 gallons per day.
- **8/23:** Federal judge struck down Trump's policy to deny immigrant visas to applicants from 75 countries saying it exceeds Secretary of State Marco Rubio's authority and is patently unlawful.
- **8/23:** A majority of Americans believe Trump and his family inappropriately profited from cryptocurrency and feel his decisions are based on his private business dealings according to a Reuters poll.
- **8/23:** Disney and its ABC unit sued the FCC to block an early review of licenses for 8 ABC stations, arguing Trump's administration is punishing the network over its broadcast content.
- **8/23:** Social Security Administration added 14 rare and severe medical conditions to its Compassionate Allowances fast-track program to speed disability claims for benefits.
- **8/26:** Federal judge refused to overturn Ghislaine Maxwell's five felony convictions from her association with sex offender Epstein saying her claims were meritless and frivolous.
- **8/27:** Meta agreed to pay $17 billion to resolve claims across the country that it designed Facebook and Instagram to addict children, mislead users about their safety and improperly collect personal data.
- **8/27:** After years of limitless demand from bond investors, tech companies find the market is now questioning how much it is willing to pay to finance the AI race.
- **8/27:** Texas computer science student defeated a rogue AI agent's supply-chain attack, and a multi-person attempt to discredit him that crossed the line from autonomous hacking to interactive deception.
- **8/28:** New Reuters poll shows the Democratic party has gained a significant edge over Republicans in voter perception on which party has a better approach to the cost of living, especially gas and food costs.
- **8/29:** Philanthropist Dolly Parton donated $1 million to Vanderbilt Medical Center's Covid research, $1 million to children's infectious diseases and chose to take experimental cancer drugs to advance science.
- **8/29:** Automakers who balked at Trump's gauntlet of tariffs over the last 18 months that put them at a disadvantage against Asian and European rivals are sounding an alarm over a 50% levy on Canadian cars.

- **8/30:** Dolly Parton's legacy lives on through free book deliveries each month to children from birth until age five; founded in 1995, her Imagination Library has distributed over 300 million books worldwide.
- **8/30:** Both Democrats and Republicans, including TX Gov. Abbot have turned against data centers over their enormous size, staggering energy consumption, noise and lack of direct benefits to communities.
- **9/1:** Americans are increasingly united against rapidly advancing technologies and the companies behind them; the backlash is bipartisan in urban and rural communities and among elected officials.
- **9/1:** States with strict non-cooperation sanctuary policies have the lowest rates of ICE immigration arrests according to a Stateline.org analysis.
- **9/1:** Meta removed dozens of scam ads after India flagged a pattern of Facebook and Instagram using porn to lure users into downloading malware in order to steal banking credentials and drain bank accounts.
- **9/1:** Meta's $18 billion settlement to nearly all US states has spurred governments around the world to curb children's access to harmful online content including Australia's media ban for children under 16.
- **9/4:** House Democrats shut down a longshot constitutional amendment to freeze the number of US Supreme Court justices at nine; Congress holds the power to determine the court's makeup.
- **9/4:** Most Americans oppose Trump's treatment of Canada: 57% oppose his increased tariffs on imported Canadian goods; 63% oppose his renaming of Lake Ontario.
- **9/4:** FDA is working with all six manufacturers of estrogen transdermal patches used to treat menopause symptoms to meet a surge demand that has resulted in shortages; 1 million women begin menopause each year.
- **9/4:** A teenage Union soldier who died in Battle of Bull Run will be buried with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery more than 160 years after his death.
- **9/5:** Senator Sanders and Representative Ocasio-Cortez introduced federal legislation to pause all new data centers and the expansion of existing ones until strong national safeguards are in place.
- **9/5:** Australian scientists have developed paramedic cyborg cockroaches equipped with injection devices to locate victims of earthquakes and building collapses and provide medical aid to those in tiny spaces.
- **9/6:** Federal judge blocked Trump's executive order requiring parents applying for passports for their children to provide proof of their own citizenship or immigration status.
- **9/6:** Some cattle ranchers in England are responding to intense summer heat by moving to climate-resilient mix of grasses, deep-rooting herbs and legumes that retain water and improve soil quality.

From Capitol Media Services/ Arizona Daily Star/ Arizona Republic

- **8/6:** Governor Hobbs unveiled her Arizona Over Party coalition of 50 Republicans and Independents who support her and named former Republican John Giles as her running mate for Lieutenant Governor.
- **8/7:** Governor Hobbs could reap gains with Republican and Independent voters with Giles who rose to national fame for endorsing Democrats in recent years including Mark Kelly and Kamala Harris.
- **8/7:** Tucson City Council adopted strict data center zoning rules that prohibit them anywhere in the city and will require the same level review reserved for power plants, neighborhood meetings and a council vote.
- **8/7:** Federal judge rejected a bid to delay the takeover of Arizona's prison health system that has failed to meet constitutional standards and upheld state's plan to pay the appointed receiver's $500,000 salary for 3 years.
- **8/9:** Chandler police employee's misuse of Flock automated license plate reader data led to the termination of their $153,000 contract, the largest city in Arizona to do so.
- **8/9:** With rising home prices and interest rates, national homebuilder KB Home offers two-bedroom, one-bath starter homes from 850 to 1700 square feet starting at $240,000.

- **8/9:** Arizona Department of Water proposed a 10% cut in water use for farmers in Willcox basin over the next 15 years to restore the basin's depleted aquifer to address their chronic overuse of groundwater.
- **8/9:** Tucson author Adiba Nelson's recent picture books "Hazel's Best Day" and "Oshun and Me" that feature young Black girls in wheelchairs are now part of the Obama Center Library in Chicago.
- **8/10:** Recent legislation and court cases upped the amount owed to $10,000 before Arizona HOAs can foreclose on homeowners and stipulated those in arrears now have 18 months to catch up on late assessments.
- **8/12:** Superior Court judge ruled Republican lawmakers' description of the ESA initiative to reform Arizona's voucher system is illegally designed mislead voters, giving them until 8/21 correct it.
- **8/12:** Three Points Solar company plans to develop a huge 500-megawatt solar and battery storage farm that could generate $200 million in tax revenue for schools and public services.
- **8/12:** Tucson longtime reporter and editor Huicochea will lead the Daily Star with a commitment to fair and balanced journalism and serving Southern Arizona's communities.
- **8/12:** Tim Steller was named for Tucson's Civic Champions award for Community Media; other categories include Nonprofit Impact, Business Leadership, Unsung Hero, Civic Innovator, Faith in Action, Community Education, and Election Integrity awards.
- **8/13:** Attorneys for two girls molested for years are challenging an Arizona Supreme Court ruling holding the Mormon church immune from liability, arguing clerics do not have to disclose everything they hear but they must obey laws that require reporting ongoing child abuse like everyone else.
- **8/13:** Governor Hobbs' pick of longtime supporter and ex-Republican Giles aims to appeal to moderate GOP and Independents; together they hope to find common ground and keep moving Arizona forward.
- **8/13:** Goodyear police officer was placed on administrative leave, and Chandler ceased its Flock contract over misuse of license plate reader data; Tempe stopped Flock's national data sharing but kept the plate reader.
- **8/14:** Superior Court judge rejected claims that Secretary of State Adrian Fontes tried to mislead voters regarding Prop. 144; the court found his words were neither false nor misleading.
- **8/15:** FEMA approved disaster relief for the San Carlos Apache Tribe for both physical and economic damages suffered in October of last year including eligibility for Small Business Administration loans.
- **8/15:** AG Mayes filed a lawsuit against owners of three Tucson apartment complexes for not properly maintaining their buildings and failing to provide required standards for air conditioning.
- **8/17:** State Supreme Court ruled an Arizona pastor who was secretly recorded admitting he sexually abused a girl does not amount to a religious confession since it was about saving his reputation not absolution.
- **8/17:** Rural schools from Prescott to reservations in Pima County are including affordable leases for two-bedroom houses in teachers' contracts to recruit and retain staff after 14% left the profession.
- **8/17:** TUSD announced it tracks every produce source and uses only two US food venders, making their schools safe from the Cyclospora outbreak.
- **8/17:** Desert Ink Press, a bilingual and bicultural publisher donated 4,900 bilingual books to 47 partner organizations serving Native American communities across southern Arizona.
- **8/17:** Lieutenant governor nominee Giles said he voted for abortion rights, supports more funding for public schools, opposes discrimination in all its forms and called the Republican party a lost cause.

- **8/19:** Pima Family Advocacy Center opened this week with spaces for police interviews, social worker appointments and legal consultations for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- **8/20:** UA opened the nation's first-ever medical school on tribal land offering an MD degree where students can get a tuition-free education in partnership with tribal-operated Gila River Health Care.
- **8/22:** New state law makes it almost impossible for habitual domestic violence perpetrators guilty of coercive control of their wives and children to obtain custody or have unsupervised visits.
- **8/22:** Company running projects in Globe-Miami district expects to pull two tons copper from mine wastewater in a two-month period to meet its demand for electric grids and solar and wind turbines.
- **8/23:** UA faculty chair endorsed designating the university a sanctuary campus to protect undocumented students from deportation stating, "there is no place for ICE here or in our constitutional republic".
- **8/26:** County officials say their two-year public safety program One Pima focuses on housing, addiction and clean public spaces is working, and diverting more and more people into treatment programs.
- **8/26:** San Carlos Apache Tribe and two conservation groups sued federal regulators over a proposed copper mine covering 25 square miles in an area that's home to endangered Mexican spotted owls.
- **8/27:** Pima Community College reported enrollment numbers are up by 1.34%, the fifth straight year of growth and the number of courses students are taking is up by 2.20% in comparison to last year.
- **8/27:** Pima County Supervisors approved $122,000 and new accountability measures for the Southern Arizona Education Council to fund financial aid, career guidance, peer coaching and civic engagement.
- **8/28:** Meta owes Arizona $223 million for harming teen mental health on social media; AG Mayes said her priority for the money is to pay for mental health counseling in public schools among other options.
- **8/28:** Votebeat is a nonprofit news organization that reports on voting access and election administration across the US. Go to Votebeat.org to sign up for its free Arizona newsletter.
- **8/29:** AG Mayes announced the legal opinion she issued last year allowing any student who graduated from an Arizona high school to pay the same tuition available to state residents regardless of immigration status would withstand Trump's latest lawsuit.
- **8/30:** UA scientists will be selecting targets and interpreting data gathered by NASA's space telescope which has a field of view of the cosmos 100 times larger than Hubble's and gather data 1,000 times faster.
- **8/30:** Pima County arts organizations will receive $650,000 in grants from the Arizona Commission of the Arts as part of the agency's $2.66 million statewide granting program.
- **8/31:** 719 cattle that failed health and certification inspections at the Sonoran export facility in Agua Prieta were separated from shipments before crossing into Douglas.
- **8/31:** Senator Gallego and Tucson Mayor Romero called for the US government to launch a massive federal public works program to help towns update their water systems to cope with Colorado River cutbacks.
- **8/31:** TUSD governing board approved a tuition schedule allowing districts unable to meet the needs of special education students to send them to TUSD rather than more costly private schools and programs.
- **9/1:** UA will invest a $10 million gift in a new integrated business and engineering undergraduate program designed to meet the growing demand for graduates with technical expertise and business acumen.
- **9/1:** Governor Hobbs toured Sage Memorial Hospital's new dialysis center; previously she attended its two-year anniversary that brought state-of-the-art equipment and a nursing school for Native Americans.
- **9/1:** International Bat Night raised awareness of their importance in supporting healthy ecosystems and the economy by pollinating 300 types of fruit and eating insects saving ag industries $53 billion per year.

- **9/1:** Pima County Health Department released a 20-page summary of the health risks of data centers including heat, air and noise pollution, water consumption and the economic toll to surrounding areas.
- **9/1:** ASU launched a three-year bachelor's degree in education to help meet Arizona's growing need for qualified K-12 teachers; last fall 1,400 teaching positions in Arizona went unfilled.
- **9/2:** Secretary of State Fontes noted his opponent was placed on probation by the State Bar for promoting the 2020 Big Lie; he stated elections are safe and secure, and all ballots already include ID verification.
- **9/2:** Pima County Attorney Conover, Tucson Mayor Romero and Rep. Grijalva publicly condemned the targeted gun violence and homophobia that led to the fatal shootings outside a midtown gay bar as a hate crime.
- **9/3:** Medical experts recommend the updated flu shots now available in Arizona pharmacies to protect themselves and others from the virus, noting that 191 US children died of flu-related illness in 2025-26.
- **9/3:** Governor Hobbs, Senators Gallego and Kelly, Tucson Mayor Romero, State Rep. Hernandez and Raytheon President attended the celebration UA's Integrated Business and Engineering Program.
- **9/3:** Tucson Water officials announced a $27 million ion exchange method at the city's southside water treatment plant that will remove PFAS/forever chemicals from the area's long-polluted aquifer.
- **9/3:** Election officials said it's too late for states to comply with Trump's new mail-in ballot rule before the midterm elections; a federal judge granted a restraining order blocking it from taking effect; appeal set for Dec.
- **9/4:** Sister's tribute to a victim of the gay bar attack: "No gun will define my brother. No hatred will erase his joy. No judgment will diminish the love he gave. Hate does not get the final word. Love does."
- **9/4:** 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected Arizona's last-minute request to delay installing a former Ohio prison chief from overseeing the health care for 25,000 inmates in state-run facilities that will take effect Sept. 21.

From Run for Something by Amanda Litman

- **8/24:** It's been a great primary season so far. Our people are running, winning, and moving the ball forward in hard races across the country. Stay tuned for more!
- **8/24:** I was on MSNOW on Friday night to talk about why it matters to run, even if we lose.
- **8/24:** We created an new partnership with YallVote, a great new initiative from organizers & creators Amanda Nelson, Kate Barr, and Anna Ruderman to organize and win in the south.
- **8/31:** Two big alum wins for Congress last week in Georgia and California.
- **8/31:** New research indicates that chatbots get upwards of 650,000 questions about politics per WEEK. This is why RFS built Campsite to help candidates prepare for the new way people get information.
- **8/31:** We're ready to keep the momentum going all the way to November thanks to your help

Let's gooooo





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.

October Meeting

Monday, October 12 Meeting

Speakers: TBA

Topic: TBA