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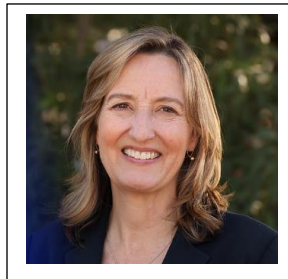
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GUEST SPEAKERS: Kirsten Engel, Mike Nickerson, Jonathan Hill & Derek Faraldo



Kirsten Engel, Candidate for CD 6 House of Representatives

Kirsten Engel is a mom, an environmental attorney, and a former State Legislator who has fought for years to restore funding to public schools, protect Arizona's natural resources, and make our communities safer. She's ready to take that fight to Washington to find common-sense solutions to the challenges we're facing here in Arizona's Sixth Congressional District.

Kirsten's top issues include combating drought and rising utility bills with smart water policies and green energy jobs; reducing prescription drug costs and expanding access to affordable health care, including mental health services; fighting for women's fundamental freedom to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions; strengthening Social Security and Medicare and protecting Veteran's benefits; securing our Southern border and reforming our broken immigration system; and supporting common sense gun safety laws to protect our children.

Specializing in environmental and administrative law, Kirsten is currently the Co-Director of the Environmental Law Program at the University of Arizona.



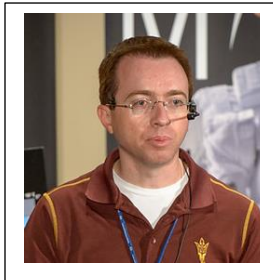
Mike Nickerson, Candidate for State Senate

Why he's running: "In light of the fact that Amy Fitch has so far been unable to mount a significant campaign, I decided I cannot wait any longer. We must launch a strong campaign now to remove Justine Wadsack from her current legislative position. ADLCC now views LD17 as one of the keys to capturing a Democratic majority in the State Senate. I believe I'm the best candidate to make that happen."

"I am running as a traditional candidate. As a clean candidate I was able to come within two points of winning and I believe with improved communications because of better funding, coupled with the horrendous legislative record of Wadsack I should be able to win this campaign. I have filed my statement of interest and am now on the E-Equal list to receive nominating petition signatures. Please go to <https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/> to sign my petition along with all your favorite Democrats for the whole ballot."

"The key to our 'almost win' in the last campaign was all the volunteers who helped make it possible. You were among them. I thank you for your work and I hope you'll be willing to support me again in the upcoming campaign."

"It is time for Arizona to have a Democratic majority in our state Senate."

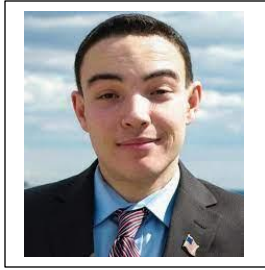


Jonathon Hill, Candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission

Jonathon is running for the AZ Corporation Commission because he believes the commission's most important duty is to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable utility services throughout Arizona. However, none of the current commissioners have a science or engineering background, which is critical for understanding the challenges and opportunities facing Arizona's public utilities.

Passionate about space exploration since childhood, Jonathon earned degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Geological Sciences from ASU, where he has worked as an engineer and scientist on ASU Space programs for the past 17 years. He will bring much needed expertise to the commission.

His key issues include solar energy generation by utility-scale power plants and home-based panels that will generate power and create jobs here in Arizona; and preventing cyber-attacks on our public utilities by taking proper precautions and training employees to recognize potential breaches.



Derek Faraldo, Candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission

If elected, Derek promises that you, the consumer, will have your own consumer advocate on the Corporation Commission representing your interests.

Derek has a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, master's degree in education from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, and a law degree from UCLA. He joined the JAG Corps in 2022 and now serves as an Army Reserve JAG Officer helping soldiers with legal assistance issues.

Some of Derek's key issues include requiring private water companies to adopt sustainability plans and holding them to highest standard of water safety quality; making Arizona energy independent through innovative solar technology and energy exports; lowering utility costs for consumers; using his legal training and experience to expose unethical practices by utilities and ensure they obey the Commission's rules; making Arizona energy independent through innovation, technology, and energy exports; making Arizona a business and consumer friendly climate; and encouraging cooperative resolutions to disputes.



Why are candidate petitions so important?

Candidates must file nomination petitions containing a minimum number of signatures from eligible voters to get their name on the ballot.

You can sign all your preferred candidates' nominating petitions electronically at E-Qual Online Petitions by going to <https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>

You will need either your driver's license or your voter registration number, and the last 4 digits of your social security number. After you verify your address, you will be presented with a list of all the candidates' petitions you can sign. Once you sign a petition for an office, the status will be marked closed for any other candidates running for the same office.

The notes after each office sought will indicate how many petitions you may sign. For instance, you can sign up to 3 petitions for the office of Arizona Corporation Commissioner.

Candidates can add their petition to E-Qual at any time, so check back periodically to see if there are new petitions you can sign.

Want to withdraw your signature from an E-Qual petition?

If you want to withdraw your petition signature from E-Qual, so you can sign someone else's petition:

- Go to https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/Signature_Withdrawal_Affidavit-Candidate_Petition.pdf where you will find the Affidavit of Signature Withdrawal from Candidate Petition.
- Complete the affidavit, sign it, have it notarized, and mail it to 1700 W. Washington St., 7th Fl, | Phoenix, AZ 85007
- Once the form has been submitted, we will be able to remove your signature from the E-Qual petition you signed.
- Call the number listed below if you have any questions.

Candidate Desk
Election Services Division
Arizona Secretary of State

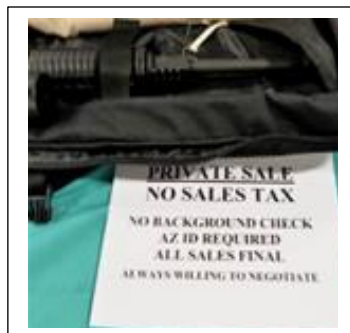
Email: candidate@azsos.gov
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Toll-free: 1-877-THE-VOTE

Click to Close the Gun Show Loophole *by Larry Bodine*

A new proposal by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) would close the gun show loophole by requiring *all* sellers of guns for profit to get a Federal Firearms License. This means they would have to conduct background checks on every buyer.

Arms merchants use “no background checks” as a selling point. We have until December 7th to comment on this rule change. Do not hesitate: go to <https://www.regulations.gov/document/ATF-2023-0002-0001> to read the proposed change, then click on the **comment button** to tell the ATF you approve.

With the proposed change, anyone who sells guns for profit (including online) would need to get a federal firearms license. An overwhelming majority (90%) of the American people have been saying for years that they are in favor of universal background checks. This change would go a long way toward making this a reality.



ADAM THE BUFFALO VIEWS
CARTOONISTS
2023



Ciscomani: Guilty by Association by Dee Maitland

District 6 U.S. Representative Juan Ciscomani did not have to vote for Mike Johnson for Speaker of the House. He could have said “present”. He also voted for Jim Jordan all three times so his support and subservience to the MAGA wing of the Republican party is clear and he is complicit in their heinous and hateful agenda.

So what has Ciscomani subscribed to in his vote for MAGA Mike Johnson?

- ✓ Denying Biden won the 2020 election and justifying any means necessary to remove him as our President, including supporting a Texas lawsuit to demand other states throw out their Biden ballots.
- ✓ Supporting the violence that took place on January 6th.
- ✓ Inserting Evangelical Christian nonsense and patriarchy into our government.
- ✓ Using \$18 million in taxpayer funding for the Noah’s Ark Encounter/Creation Museum which claims 85 kinds of dinosaurs were on the ark with detailed measurements on how all 1,398 animals fit. Where did they get that?
- ✓ Opposing the teaching of evolution, race and gender and promoting the spread hate-related ideas.
- ✓ Proclaiming the teaching the Bible in school as an “accurate record of history”
- ✓ Believing that our national diversity is not our strength but our weakness. Ironically, this sells Ciscomani’s own family out to the Great Replacement Theory.
- ✓ Opposing no-fault divorce in favor of covenant marriage which limits options for divorce to adultery, spousal felony, substance abuse, and physical or sexual abuse of a spouse or child...but only after suffering through 2 years of religious counseling.
- ✓ Proposing a national ban on abortion. Ciscomani has claimed to be for exceptions for rape, incest and health of the mother, but then again, he says lots of things and then does another.
- ✓ Proclaiming that abortion is equal to the holocaust, and the cause of labor shortages and school shootings. Oh my!
- ✓ Suggesting hard labor is an appropriate punishment for anyone participating in abortion.
- ✓ Inserting the government into the bedroom of consenting adults by making certain sexual positions illegal, because MAGA Mike Johnson is anti-same sex marriage and homosexuality. Religious freaks

- ✓ like Johnson get this from Leviticus 20:13 which says: “If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a detestable act. They must both be put to death, for they are guilty of a capital offense.” The fact is a man cannot have sex with a man as he does with a woman. Duh.
- ✓ Making sneaky tweaks to Obamacare to eliminate the mandate that insurance policies to provide “essential benefits”; refuse coverage to people with pre-existing conditions; disallow coverage for gender specific care; and provide less government assistance to people who can’t afford insurance.
- ✓ Absolutely refusing any type of gun control since the problem isn’t the availability of weapons of mass destruction but rather “the problem is the human heart”. Obviously, all the people in other Western nations that don’t have our gun death rates just don’t have hearts. If we could change hearts, we wouldn’t have Evangelical Christians or MAGA Republicans.
- ✓ Protecting the 2nd Amendment at the cost of children’s lives
- ✓ Believing that climate change is caused by “natural cycles” not human actions, so nothing needs to be done.

This is what we learned about Juan Ciscomani and his pal Mike Johnson since October 25th. What other horrors has Ciscomani supported without thinking about his constituents and their pressing needs?

INFORM VOTERS AND VOTE FOR KIRSTEN ENGEL!!!!

The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don’t do anything about it. Albert Einstein



Our favorite cartoonist will be unable to attend our holiday party as planned. Here’ what happened: “After a 3-day weekend at St. Mary’s wonderful Cardiovascular unit, where I was poked, angiogrammed, sonogrammed, and plugged in, I was diagnosed with microvascular arteriosclerosis — yikes!-- instructed to avoid any exertion, handed nitro. Now I count too many pills and I can’t stroll 5-minutes without my heart rocking and tugging at me like a leash.” You can wish him well and follow his newsletters below.

David Fitzsimmons

Editor and Writer

“Dave Fitzsimmons Newsletter: Arizona’s Progressive Voice”

<https://davidwfitzsimmons.substack.com/>

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DOV Holiday Party

When: Monday, December 11th at 5 p.m.

**Where: El Molinito 10180 North Oracle,
Oro Valley**

**Cost: \$15.00 collected at the door,
CASH or CHECK only**

**Reminder: Bring a few extra dollars for our
fabulous raffle**

deluxe dinner

Build Your Own Shredded Beef Tacos

Mini Chicken Chimichangas

Calabasa con Queso

Refried Beans, Spanish Rice

Guacamole

Sour Cream

Hand-made Flour Tortillas

Chips & Salsa

Fruit Changa

coffee, tea, water, soda, lemonade provided

no host bar



RSVP to Chris at teachers12@q.com by December 6th

It's going to take a village to protect women's reproductive freedom in Arizona

The Arizona for Abortion Access petition:

- Protects a woman's right to a safe and legal abortion up to fetal viability as determined by her doctor.
- Protects a woman's right to a safe and legal abortion after fetal viability to protect her life, her physical well-being or her mental health as determined by her doctor.
- Protects a woman and her healthcare provider from being penalized for exercising her right to an abortion.

The plan:

- Nine months to collect **500,000 signatures statewide** and get the initiative on the 2024 ballot.
- Since **9 out of 10 Arizona voters regardless of party oppose abortion bans** it should pass.
- Once passed, women's reproductive health and safety will be enshrined in the **Arizona State Constitution**.

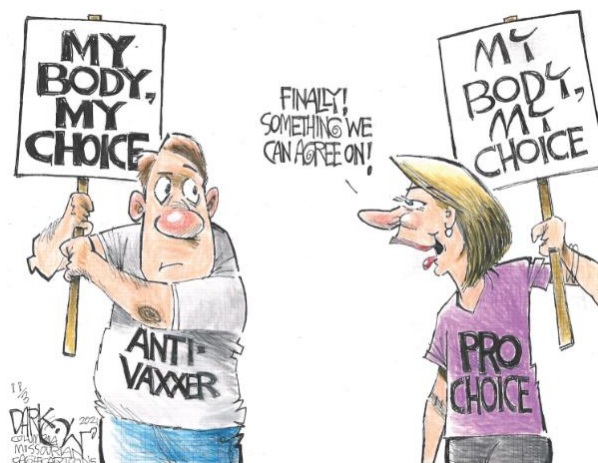
The strategy:

- This will only happen if we gather between 400,000 – 500,000 signatures on or before July 1, 2024.
- It's going to take **everyone you know** signing the Arizona for Abortion Access petition and spreading the word.

Petition signing events:

- **Oro Valley Library – every Monday – Friday from 10 -12 through December**
- For other events throughout Tucson and the rest of Arizona – go to mobilize.us
 - Select “Reproductive Rights”
 - Select “Filter Events” + Type (Petitions) + Near (City)

Every woman regardless of age or circumstance should have agency over her body without governmental interference. She must be free to make her own choices concerning her healthcare, her livelihood, and her future.





The Best of Biden by *Jacolyn Marshall*

Health & Safety

- CDC announces 4 million people received the latest Covid vaccine in the first month of its release out of 10 million doses have been shipped to US providers thus far.
- FDA proposes tighter regulations and reviews of laboratory-developed medical tests before launching.
- FBI reports violent crime across US decreased last year to pre-pandemic levels.
- Agriculture Department requires livestock and poultry producers to comply with more specific standards if want to label their products organic under their new ruling.
- EPA proposes banning chemical TCE known to cause sudden death, kidney cancer, and neurological harm which is found in such products as automobile brake cleaners and furniture sprays,
- Biden announces Centers for Medicare Services now allows public and private insurers to pay “street medicine” providers for services they deliver anyplace homeless people gather, providing primary care to nearly 600 million homeless Americans, lessening hospital/ER costs, and helping them transition into permanent housing.
- CDC announces \$23 million over the next 5 years for CARES to expand national data collection on cardiac arrests and implement intervention life-saving strategies. Their studies already show bystander-initiated CPR can double or triple the chances of survival.
- EPA imposes new rule requiring utilities actively replace lead water pipes and imposing stricter limits on dust from lead-based paint in older home and childcare facilities.

Economy

- Commerce Department reports retail sales rose 0.7% in September, more than twice what economists expected as Americans showed their resilience and kept spending online, in restaurants and other outlets.
- Commerce Department reports US economic growth accelerated to a robust 4.9% annual rate, the fastest pace in two years and more than twice the 2.1% annual rate in the previous quarter.
- Federal Reserve announced inflation is slowing while economic growth and hiring remains robust.
- Federal Reserve announced the net worth of the typical US household grew at the fastest pace in more than three decades during 2020-2022. Wealth for median household rose 37% during those 3 years.
- US employers added 9.6 million jobs and layoffs fell in September; the job market remains strong.

Environment & Climate Change

- Biden administration awards \$7 billion for hydrogen hubs in 16 states to provide clean energy for vehicles and manufacturing, and spur \$40 billion in private investments and create thousands of jobs.
- Energy Department announced 3 high-voltage projects providing key new links to renewable power, including the Tucson-El Paso Southline Transmission project funded by Biden’s Infrastructure Law.

Justice

- DOJ secured a \$9 million settlement with Ameris Bank for failure to underwrite mortgages and disallowing home loans in Black and Latino communities in Jacksonville, Florida.
- Federal prosecutors expanded investigations into Tesla beyond the electric vehicle maker's partially automated driving systems, officially issuing subpoenas for more information about its products.
- DOJ sues to block JetBlue acquisition of Spirit Airlines that would eliminate the nation's biggest low-cost carrier.

Social Justice

- O'odham receives \$500K in federal funding to boost broadband connectivity awarded through Biden's 2021 Infrastructure and Jobs Act.
- Biden administration announced another \$9B in student debt relief by utilizing the Higher Education Act which allows Education Secretary to compromise, waive, or release loans in certain circumstances.
- Education Department fines Grand Canyon University \$37.7 million for lying about the cost of its doctoral programs to more than 7,500 students.
- Biden administration is developing a national strategy to combat Islamophobia by bringing lawmakers, advocacy groups and Muslim leaders to ensure that all Americans can live their lives in safety.

Technology and Cybersecurity

- Biden administration designated 31 technology hubs spread across 32 states and Puerto Rico to help spur innovation and create jobs in the industries concentrated in those areas.
- Pentagon's Advance Research Agency announced a competition to design AI-based tools to fix bugs in commonly used software and create systems that can automatically defend them from attack.
- Vice President Harris attended the first international AI Safety Summit along with delegates from 27 other nations who signed an agreement to regulate prolific advances of AI that pose increasing risks.

Government

- Social Security Administration announces a 3.2% increase in benefits for 71 million people in 2024.
- Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announce plan to block banks from charging junk fees for basic services and ban hotels and utilities from adding hidden bogus fees.
- Biden declared it is vital for America's national security for Israel and Ukraine to succeed in their wars and called on Congress to provide \$100 billion over the next year to defend their democracies.
- Biden administration announced \$3.5 billion for 58 projects across the US to boost electric grid resilience as extreme weather events strain aging transmission systems.
- White House requests \$56 billion in emergency spending to help respond to disasters, increase funding for childcare centers and keep high-speed internet running for low-income families.
- Biden calls on Congress to renew funding for WIC nutrition program for women, infants, and children under 5, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the National School Lunch Program as 17 million households struggle with hunger since Covid assistance programs expired.
- Biden calls on Congress to restore the Child Tax Credit that helped cut child poverty in half and helped millions of families in 2021.

- Defense Secretary and Secretary of State urged Congress to send immediate aid to Israel and Ukraine, warning the consequences of failing to help Ukraine in its war with Russia and Israel in its clash with terrorist Hamas would threaten the security of the US and the rest of the world.

International Relations:

- Biden met with China's top diplomat in preparation for meeting with President Xi next month at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation to stabilize US-China relations and address common concerns.

International Relations: Israel

- Biden affirms US support of the Jewish and democratic state of Israel following the terrorist attack by Hamas and acknowledged the unwarranted suffering of innocent civilians.
- Secretary of State called for protecting civilians in the Gaza Strip and Israel, stressing the need for humanitarian assistance as he intensified his diplomatic outreach across the Middle East.
- Defense Secretary confirmed US efforts to boost air defense capabilities and munitions for Israeli forces in order to stem escalating the war.
- Biden spoke with Israeli Prime Minister, delivering a message of solidarity and support, sharing intelligence and military experts to consult and advise Israelis, and providing additional resources.
- Biden went to Israel in hope of preventing a wider conflict in the region and used his influence to help secure food, water, and other supplies of humanitarian aid from Egypt.
- US sanctioned a group of 10 Hamas members and the Palestinian militant organization's financial network; Treasury Department targeted Hamas's financiers to block access to funds held in the US.
- Secretary of State ended a grueling Middle East tour that took him from Israel to Jordan the occupied West Bank, Cyprus, Iraq and Turkey to build support for Biden's proposal for humanitarian initiatives.

International Relations: Ukraine

- Pentagon announces new program to supply surface-to-air missiles to Ukraine from stations around the world, establishing a rapid delivery system to ward off Russian airstrikes.
- US imposed a new round of sanctions on 130 firms and individuals from Turkey, China, and the United Arab Emirates to choke off Russia's access to tools and equipment supporting its invasion of Ukraine.

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.*

December Holiday Party

**Monday, December 11
5:00 pm**

**Location:
El Molinito Restaurant
10180 N Oracle**

Dinner & Raffle

