

In our age there is no such thing as 'keeping out of politics.' All issues are political issues, and politics itself is a mass of lies, evasions, folly, hatred and schizophrenia.

George Orwell

United States Senate Candidate Deedra Abboud to Speak



Deedra Abboud, 45, is a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate.

A Phoenix-based attorney and founder of the leadership consulting firm, the Global Institute of Solution Oriented Leadership, she is highly respected for her community leadership and advocacy. Deedra is a recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Award in Tempe and the Martin Luther King Jr. Award presented by the Human Relations Commission in Phoenix.

Originally from Little Rock, Arkansas, Deedra moved to Phoenix in 1998. After 9/11, she launched and served as director for the Arizona chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-AZ) from 2001 to 2005. She was director of the Arizona chapter of the Muslim American Society's Freedom Foundation, a Washington-based civil rights group, from 2005 to 2009. Deedra has also served on the boards of the Tempe Community Action Agency, Voices for Civil Dialogue, and the AZ Coalition on Migrant Rights. She has volunteered for Girls for Change and Interfaith Worker Justice.

In 2009, Deedra entered Summit Law School, graduating in 2012 and practicing immigration and estate planning law before deciding to return to community advocacy work during the 2016 election.

Ralph's Race



Now that the Atchue 4 AZ Senate campaign has fully qualified for Clean Elections funding and petition signatures, we're concentrating our efforts on talking to voters. We've put LD11's 2018 Strategic Victory Plan into action and we've teamed with the Lyon for AZ campaign for every canvass. Our door knocking is focused primarily on Independent persuadable voters, people who need to hear that we offer a commonsense approach to Arizona's many problems.

As we campaign the old fashioned way - shaking hands and earning votes, we focus on middle class family issues: * public education * Arizona's economy * our environment and * ethics in government. We're proposing real alternatives and positive solutions. While it's several months to the election, we feel encouraged and energized by the positive responses we've been getting.

The time has come to get serious about taking action. If Democrats in AZ expect the kind of results being seen in other states, we've got to get off the sidelines and into the game. As good as our message is, it has got to be heard by many people to be effective. We need you to help us reach voters.

Thanks to everyone who's helped get our campaign off to a fantastic start. If you want to find out how you can help us keep up the momentum on our way to flipping LD11, you can join Atchue's Army at: <http://www.Atchue4AZSenate.com>

DOV Needs your membership

In 2018 DOV will focus on changing the legislature through action, house parties, and candidate guest speakers. Your involvement will help send the message that the Democrats will not take this assault on our Democracy sitting down. Get more active with DOV. We hold a general meeting each month. This year we will focus on getting candidates as our guest speakers. (In case there is a conflict, we provide an informative alternative)

For each monthly meeting we produce a DOV Newsletter. This newsletter has drawn attention and praise from State, district and county levels.

DOV works hard for Democratic ideals holding house parties, walking precincts, making phone calls, carrying petitions, mailing post cards and letters to our representatives.

As Democrats we have great challenges in the months ahead. We must be active participants and we must be energized to promote our agenda. DOV provides a voice for you.

DOV greets 2018 with a new resolve and a stronger focus in working for change. DOV has been an active club for more than 13 years. 2018 will be a challenging year and we cannot do this without YOUR support. Please join or renew your membership to our active and informative club as we work toward preserving our values, providing education on issues, and becoming acquainted with like-minded individuals.

Please see Chris Dayton at our general meeting to renew membership or mail your check for \$20 to Democrats of Oro Valley P.O. Box 68186 Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Pay your 2018 DOV dues now, still only \$20!

Stop the Madness

By Hollace Lyon, Colonel, USAF (ret.)



Despite the fact that at least 75% of Arizona corporations pay only the minimum \$50 in taxes each year, the Arizona Legislature recently worked to pass yet another tax credit to keep corporate tax revenue from reaching the state's General Fund. SB 1392 would have given corporations, (who may, or may not be, physically located in our state), relief for the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT), (which must be collected by the seller), for digital goods and services. I say "would have given" because after this article was originally submitted, the bill looked like it was headed for the junk pile, in the opinion of many experts, exactly where it belonged.

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) estimated it would result in a General Fund loss, but stipulated it was difficult to quantify the amount, recommending more time be taken to fully understand the impact. The Arizona League of Cities and Towns estimated the revenue loss for state and local governments would be in excess of \$100 million a year, with a \$14M decrease to Prop. 301 alone, directly impacting teachers' salaries.

As if that weren't bad enough, AZ Senate President Steven Yarbrough is also pushing through SB 1467 to further expand the School Tuition Organization (STO) tax credit program for private schools. This despite an already 20% annual increase to what many believe is an unsustainable program.

So why does the Legislature continue to work additional tax credits that shrink our General Fund and pull money directly from our public schools? I believe they view our K-12 education funding as the "gift that keeps on giving". They know there is probably no other line item that enjoys more support from voters. If push comes to shove they think, we will agree to replace the funding they siphoned off, because we refuse to deny our schools the support they need. The funding they hope we'll agree to of course, will be in the form of locally-supported bonds and overrides, increased sales tax, or some other less desirable solution (such as the Prop. 123 settlement).

Far from supporting free market capitalism, the Legislature's granting of all these tax credits plays favorites and hurts small local businesses. And since they are not regularly reviewed for return on investment, and once approved, have no sundown clauses to prevent them from continuing into perpetuity, they hurt our state's future as well.

These two bills are only the most recent examples of the fiscal irresponsibility of our current lawmakers. The only way we will turn things around, is to flip enough seats to bring parity and fiscal sanity to the Legislature. To do that, we absolutely need you. To vote. To volunteer. To donate. To do everything you can to ensure this madness ends.

See Evelyn for Your Five Club Picnic Tickets! Just \$30!!

OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Please bring a donation of non-perishable food to our monthly meetings.

If everyone brings only one or two items it will add up to a significant contribution!

The Dems of Oro Valley care about the well-being of our less fortunate friends.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

Please bring any of these items to DOV for distribution to disabled veterans: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and paper back puzzle books.

Please – no candy.

April Meeting

Monday
April 9, 2018
7 pm • OV Library

Mark Robert Gordon
Candidate for Secretary
of State

Come early at 6:45 and socialize! Meet new friends!