

“If you are bored and disgusted by politics and don't bother to vote, you are in effect voting for the entrenched Establishments of the two major parties....by all means stay home if you want, but don't bullshit yourself that you're not voting. In reality, there is no such thing as not voting: you either vote by voting, or you vote by staying home and tacitly doubling the value of some Diehard's vote.”

David Foster Wallace

Education Candidates Forum



Dustin Williams is a life-long Native Tucsonan. He graduated from Amphitheater High School in 1992 and began working with local youth, coaching youth softball in the Frontier Little League. He entered the University of Arizona in 1992. He began his career teaching elementary education. He decided to become an administrator and enrolled in the Northern Arizona University program in Tucson completing a Masters in Education. Dustin is teaching 6th grade math at Mansfeld Middle School in TUSD. He is running for the Pima County Superintendent of Education and is excited about the future. He is committed to improving the public education systems throughout Pima County.



I am both excited and proud to be running for the Amphitheater School District Governing Board. I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. I taught for 30 years in a neighboring school district. Throughout my career, I have had the opportunity to teach multiple subject areas and grade levels, work with teachers as a member of the district's Career Ladder Program to provide support to improve student achievement, help to develop and implement a revised physical education and health curriculum, support teachers new to the profession, and have held and continue to hold numerous leadership roles. In 2005 I earned my PhD in Teaching and Teacher Education from the University of Arizona as the result of the research and work I did focusing on curriculum, instruction, and assessment.



Julie Cozad moved to Arizona over 30 years ago from New Jersey and is an Amphitheater resident. She earned a Master's of Education in Education Administration from Northern Arizona University. She is currently a teacher in a neighboring district and has also worked as a Special Education aide and teacher, and as an Assistant Principal. She feels uniquely qualified to be on the Governing Board because of the perspectives she has as a parent, PTO President and her many years in education. Her advocacy skills have helped her as a private citizen and inspired her to serve as an advocate for public education at the Arizona State Legislature, as well as at the Capitol in Washington D.C. "Public education is under attack and we need strong voices who advocate for Amphitheater Unified School District."

Comments From the County Chair



The Arizona Democratic Party held its last general meeting of 2016 this past Saturday at Flowing Wells High School, and passed resolutions in support of two initiatives that will be on your November ballot. The Arizona Healthy Working Families Initiative (Prop 206) institutes a gradual increase in the minimum wage for all Arizona employees to \$12/hr by 2020 and provides access to earned paid sick days. It was unanimously supported by the state committee. The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (Prop 205) changes Arizona law to regulate and tax marijuana more like alcohol. This initiative mandates that adults no longer be criminalized for possession or use of up to one ounce of marijuana. It does not change existing laws that prohibit driving under the influence, nor does it affect employers' marijuana policies. Following a lively debate, the majority voted to approve.

Ralph's Race



The Atchue for Senate campaign is in high gear for the stretch run!

I want to thank Senator Steve Farley for all the support he's shown - being at events, providing insights and helping with posters. Our dedicated volunteers have been tireless throughout the campaign and have not given up on our efforts to win this election. We are continuing to hit up to 1000 doors per week - that includes Pima and Pinal counties.

We want to invite all of our supporters to attend the debates. First is Saturday 9/17 at 8 AM at the AK CHIN Casino in Maricopa, followed by the Tuesday 9/20 6:30 PM debate at the Picture Rocks Community Center. For more details, check our website or give me a call (520 251-8247).

I want to thank everyone who helped make last weekend so special. Brian Bickel and I celebrated our 68th birthdays (Brian's much older) with a wonderful canvas and party thanks to Evelyn Lathram and Susan Bickel on Saturday morning. Saturday evening, Holly and Linda Lyon hosted a very successful house party for me - their home was packed and the food was fantastic!

As I said, we're in the stretch run. There's no time to do anything but work as hard as possible. Our schedule is packed every day and we couldn't be more excited - we hope to see everyone out there turning Arizona Blue!!

Vote "Yes" on Proposition 447



Pictures from the Northwest Office Opening

Important dates:

- October 10 Last day to register to vote for General Election
- October 12 Early Voting begins (Anyone can vote by mail by calling the County Recorder's office and request an early ballot (520-724-4330)
- October 28 Last day to mail in Early Ballots (if you miss this deadline you will need to drop off your ballot at the polls on election day.)
- November 8 Election day

Corin's Comments

HOW TO WIN HOUSE: THE SINGLE SHOT



The 2016 campaign election is heating up and we are 8 weeks out from election day. Make sure to tell 5 voters in LD 11 that Corin Hammond is running on the single shot strategy. This means only use 1 of your 2 votes for AZ State House of Representatives to vote for Hammond and do not cast a second vote

for one of the opponents to avoid canceling out your Hammond vote. Mark your calendars and check Hammond4House.com for details about our upcoming debates because we need you to be there to support us: Sept 17, Sept 20, Oct 1, and Oct 4. Direct voter contact in the district is now running at a consistent flow so contact your Oro Valley field organizers Max (831) 535-2488 or Patricia (704) 222-3829 to help us with a canvass or phone bank when it fits in your schedule or just stop by the headquarters at the southwest corner of N. Oracle Rd. and W. Magee Rd. when you have time. Thank you for your help and support. We are stronger together!

Brian's Blurp



We are in the home stretch and cautiously optimistic. The key to winning this race is to get people to vote. I don't just mean "Get Out The Vote". It is imperative that everyone vote the entire ballot. In the recently completed primary election, there were more than twice as many Democratic under votes as

Republican. If this trend continues into the general election, it diminishes the opportunity of success for all down ballot candidates. The good news is that Ann Kirkpatrick is out polling John McCain in Supervisor District 1. Thanks to voter registration efforts there are now more registered Democrats than independents and the margin between Democrats and Republicans has shrunk by over thirty percent! This is an incredible opportunity to put someone on the Board of Supervisors who has the concerns of all of Pima County as a priority, not just those who happen to have the same political ideology. Everything that we have achieved in economic recovery and development could end with a second Miller term. On November 8 vote Bickel for Supervisor and ask your friends and neighbors to do the same.

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.

October meeting

Monday

October 10, 2016

7 pm • OV Library

Brian Bickel, Corin Hammond & Ralph Atchue

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