

*However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON

## Gubernatorial Candidate David Garcia to Speak



David Garcia was the Democratic nominee for Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction in the 2014 elections. He lost the general election on November 4, 2014.

Dr. Garcia was born and raised in Mesa, Arizona. After completing his bachelor's degree at Arizona State University, he earned a master's and a doctorate degree in education policy from the University of Chicago. His dissertation examined segregation in Arizona's charter schools. Before running for Arizona superintendent of public instruction, Garcia worked at Arizona State University Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College as an associate professor.

In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Garcia served as the Associate Superintendent of Public Instruction for Standards and Accountability in Arizona. He also worked as a research analyst for the Arizona State Senate's Education Committee and as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Education. In addition to his role as associate superintendent, Garcia's leadership experience also includes service as the director of Research and Policy for the Arizona Department of Education and the director of the Arizona Education Policy Initiative. Over the years, Dr. Garcia has also published dozens of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on education policy.

## Ralph's Race



Let's start with some "What if"s:

What if AZ prioritized education at every level? What if AZ adopted a tax policy that made sure everyone paid their fair share? What if AZ invested in infrastructure projects needed for today and with an eye toward tomorrow? What if our state legislature encouraged the input and participation of voters? What if AZ protected public lands and the environment for the benefit of the citizens of the future?

We can turn these "What if"s into actual reality. We can have an Arizona that leads the nation instead of bring up the rear. We can have a state that brings opportunity for a better life for our children to fruition.

I know what most of you are asking: How can we go from "What if" to "We can"? The answer is simple, yet difficult: Elect Democrats to the AZ State Legislature! The answer lies in our individual commitment to make this happen. The answer is found in working to "Grow the Grass Roots" right now.

The Atchue4AZsenate campaign team is focused on working across LD11 to bring a message of "We Can" realize "What if". We're working with every Democratic Club to help them bring in more members and activate more PCs. We're knocking on doors to introduce our clubs and to turn voters' attention from the D.C. circus to pressing AZ issues.

Enlist in Atchue's Army today and help us turn LD11 BLUE!!

## Donate to "Youth on Their Own"

Back to school is usually an exciting time for students. Back to friends and teachers, back to the classroom and back to LEARNING. There is a lot of excitement for most students returning to school. However, homeless youths have anxiety about going "back to school." They don't have a safe place to sleep, food to eat or even the supplies necessary to go to school.

But you can help. You can help alleviate some of their stress by providing much needed school supplies. The Democrats of Oro Valley would like to ask each DOV member to donate school items. Here is a list of suggested supplies:

Pencil/Mechanical pencils, Index cards, Highlighters, Composition notebooks, Colored Pencils, Folders, Markers, Flash drives, Adult sized backpacks, Scientific/graphing calculators, Ream of copy paper, \$10 Gift cards for grocery or clothing stores such as Target or Fry's.

Please be generous with your donations and bring all items to our Monday, August 14th DOV general meeting. Your donations will help these vulnerable, abandoned youths go "back to school" and get an education with less stress and less anxiety. Those of you who would prefer to write a check, please make a donation to "Youth on Their Own." Like us, you may want to do both. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated.

**It's not too late to pay your DOV dues, still only \$20!**

## ***My Turn: Free community college in Arizona if I'm elected governor David Garcia***

Universal community college. It's an idea whose time has come. The best way to create jobs is to invest directly in workers.

My proposal to provide universal community college for Arizonans seeking a degree or certificate will create thousands of high-wage jobs. The proposal is key to developing the high-skilled workforce that Arizona needs to attract and support the high-wage economy of the future.

As a teacher and professor, I've seen how a good education can turn around a young kid's life. I also know it firsthand. After the U.S. Army, I got a college education and a passion to help working and middle-class kids climb the ladder of opportunity.

But Gov. Doug Ducey's policies have created an education crisis. Our schools have the lowest funding in the country, and state support for most of our local community colleges has been completely eliminated. Rising student debt is crushing Arizona's middle-class families.

While Arizona's university system gets most of the attention, most high school students begin their postsecondary aspirations at a community college, particularly in under-served and rural communities.

It's where graduates of Franklin Police and Fire High School get their credentials to become police officers or firefighters. Where radiology technicians and licensed practical nurses get their training. Where assembly line workers learn new skills that allow them to move into precision manufacturing jobs.

It's where education and industry work together to identify the jobs of the future and develop the training necessary to provide a skilled workforce.

Two-thirds of future jobs will require some type of postsecondary education, with many of those jobs in high-skilled careers that don't require a four-year degree but may require a vocational or technical certificate.

Community college provides an opportunity for Arizonans whose jobs have been displaced to retool and begin rebuilding their lives. And people who earn an associate's degree or certificate earn more than people with a high school degree. Households with a college education will make over \$1 million more than their counterparts with only a high school education over the course of their lifetimes.

The idea is simple. Invest in Arizonans to complete an associate's degree or certificate in two years. The degrees should lead to entrance in a university, and the certificates should focus in high-demand, high-skill areas. These skilled workers then enter the workforce without a suffocating debt burden and are able to contribute back to Arizona's economy for the rest of their careers.

After an initial investment to help Arizonans get an education, this proposal pays for itself as more people are able to fill and create high-wage jobs.

The proposal is a shared commitment between the state investing in students and students themselves having skin in the game. Students must pay for living expenses and commit the time and energy to stay on track to complete their degree.

New York, Tennessee, Arkansas, Minnesota, Montana and Oregon, many of these states led by Republican governors, have passed free community college initiatives. Many more states will follow suit and will lead the way in attracting and developing a diverse, high-skill, high-wage economy. Arizona cannot be left behind.

Once two-year degrees and certificates are accessible to all Arizonans, we will begin opening the doors to our four-year public universities.

Big ideas like these are the only way to make Arizona competitive, dynamic and to serve all Arizonans, not just some. It's time to take the next step forward in Arizona to build a better future for our state and our people.

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### **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.*

### **September meeting**

Monday

September 11, 2017

7 pm • OV Library

**Dr. Jeff Kargil on Climate Change**

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



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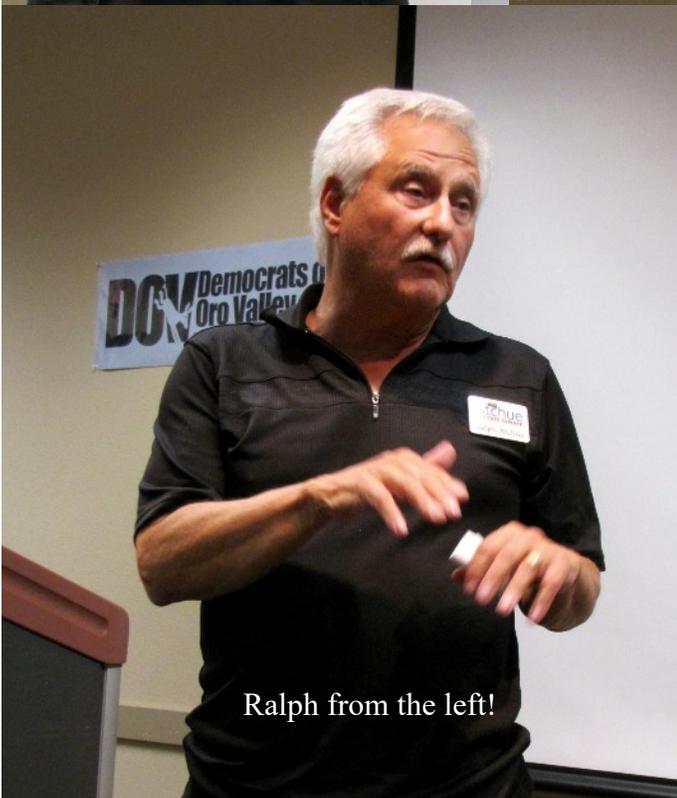
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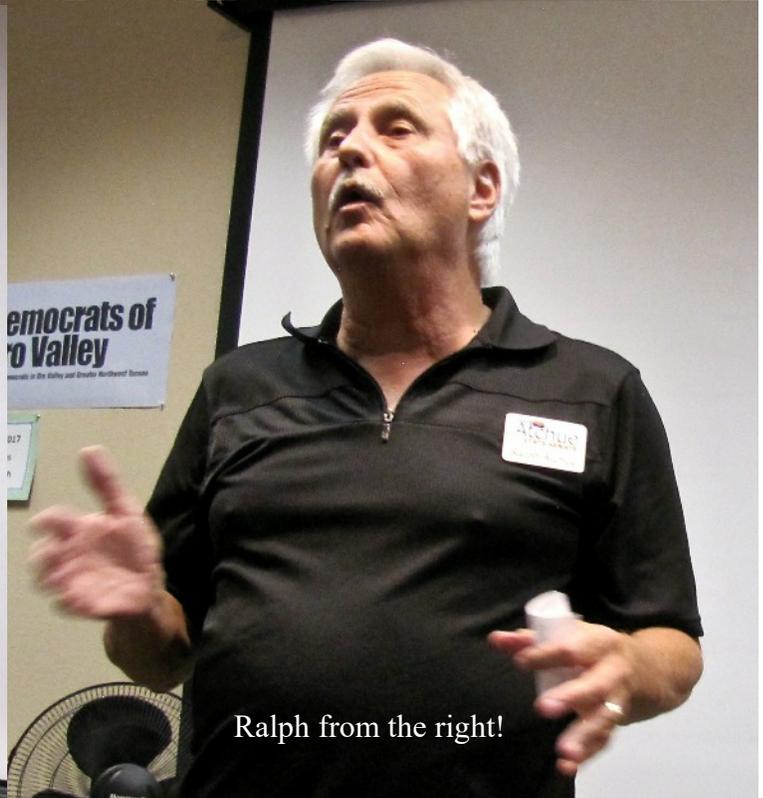
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Ralph from the left!



Ralph from the right!