

*“The political lesson of Watergate is this: Never again must America allow an arrogant, elite guard of political adolescents to by-pass the regular party organization, and dictate the terms of a national election.”*

Gerald R. Ford

## Senator Steve Farley, 2018 Gubernatorial Candidate to Speak



Steve is a 54-year-old small-business owner and father of Amelia, 22, and Genevieve, 18. He is engaged to Kitt Leonard, a Tempe native who works in IT at Tucson Medical Center. Steve graduated from Williams College (Mass.) in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He was elected to

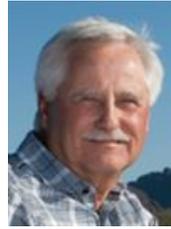
represent the citizens of District 9 as State Senator in 2012. He was first elected to the Arizona Legislature as State Representative from District 28 in November 2006, eventually rising to become House Assistant Minority Leader. He now serves as Senate Assistant Minority Leader and the Ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee, as well as Member of the Appropriations, Joint Legislative Budget, and Ethics Committees.

Steve entered public service because he loves Arizona and understands the challenges facing our families and communities. He has fought to increase teacher pay and reduce class sizes all to ensure every Arizonan has access to a first class education. Steve has made it a point of his legislative career to focus on bringing good paying jobs, spurring economic development, exemplary public safety, and world class transportation choices to Arizona.

When he's not at the state Capitol, Steve is well-known artist and graphic designer who invented a new way of converting photographs to glazed ceramic tile, and he has since completed numerous mural projects around the U.S. He has run his own public art and graphic design business since 1991.

Steve has also become a strong advocate for public transit and other transportation improvements all over the state. He was instrumental in gaining approval for a comprehensive regional transportation system of roads, buses, bikeways and sidewalks, and the Modern Streetcar light rail line which opened in Tucson in 2014 and which has created hundreds and hundreds of jobs and more than a billion dollars in private construction projects within three blocks of its route — all in the middle of the worst recession Arizona has seen. Steve's leadership in the creation of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has resulted in thousands of new, good jobs and a revitalized Southern Arizona.

## Ralph's Race



It's becoming increasingly difficult to turn our attention away from Russian collusion, obstruction of justice, destruction of affordable health care for everyone and executive branch corruption of historical proportions. The mess that we call Arizona politics seems to fade in importance by comparison - but we must refocus on the old and true adage: ALL POLITICS ARE LOCAL!!!

After taking some time to travel through China and drive across the U.S. from AZ to Illinois and Virginia, Pat and I are ready to join the ATCHUE FOR SENATE campaign team and get to work. We are energized and prepared to take our message to voters across LD11.

Two exciting new items you may not be aware of that are extremely important: 1. Holly Lyon is running for the House in LD11. 2. The Senate seat in LD11 is open - Smith has decided to not challenge me again. We see both of these developments as working in favor of Democrats winning in LD11 in 2018!

Please keep in mind, the remainder of 2017 is a crucial time to work hard to build our Democratic base. We all must take on the task of engaging with our neighbors, friends and family members to spread the truth about Democratic values and commitment to the working families of AZ.

I will be attending as many Democratic Club meetings as possible over the next months - I look forward to seeing you and working with you in Oro Valley. November 2018 isn't all that far away - the work we put in now will bring us the outcome our state needs: #ElectDemocrats!!

## This and That for the Month of June

Needless to say, there is considerable political posturing as we move toward the 2018 general election. In addition to what Ralph mentioned above, some of the following is *rumor*, some is *speculation* and some we actually know! Steve Smith is running for CD1, I don't know of any other Republicans in this race at this time. Vince Leach is running for the State Senate in LD11, he is the only known Republican. Mark Finchum is running for reelection to the House and Paul Parisi of 4Tucson is considering running for the seat vacated by Vince Leach. I'll keep you posted! *From the Editor*

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To all who helped make the LD11 Fundraiser a success,

**Thank You!**



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.*

### July meeting

Monday  
July 10, 2017  
7 pm • OV Library

**Speaker  
To Be Determined**

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