

*“One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals. And so when I hear about negative and false attacks, I really don’t invest any energy in them, because I know who I am.”*

**Michelle Obama**

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### *United States Senate Candidate Kyrsten Sinema to Speak*



Kyrsten knows firsthand the challenges everyday Arizonans face. Born in Tucson, Kyrsten went through some tough times growing up. Her family struggled to make ends meet, and for a while they were even homeless. But they got by thanks to family, church, and hard work. Kyrsten’s childhood experience showed her the power of hard work and the importance of helping others.

Education was Kyrsten’s ticket to a better life. With the help of student loans, academic scholarships, and financial aid, she went to BYU and then ASU, where she now teaches as a proud Sun Devil.

After graduating, she worked with students and families in Arizona who faced some of the same challenges she did. Kyrsten’s commitment to service led her to the Arizona Legislature, where she passed a law to help veterans get in-state tuition at all Arizona public universities, cracked down on sex trafficking, and advocated for children’s health care and education.

Now Kyrsten works every day to deliver for Arizona families – expanding access to quality, affordable health care, helping veterans get the benefits they’ve earned, creating good-paying jobs for Arizonans, and keeping Americans safe at home and abroad.

Kyrsten feels a duty to serve and give back to the communities and country that gave her so much. She got her shot at the American dream, and she’ll keep working to make sure all Arizonans get theirs too.

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### ***Make Plans Now to Attend!***

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual LD11 Spring Fundraiser is set for May 5 at the Sun City Oro Valley Activity Center. Money raised from this event helps to fund the CD1 and LD 11 Democratic Headquarters in Oro Valley. This office gives us a presence in the northwest area of Tucson and is a valuable resource for all the candidates. The fundraiser is always filled to capacity as candidates and attendees alike enjoy the opportunity to converse with other like minded Democrats while enjoying great food and fun at the same time!

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### ***Why Pima County Needs a Sales Tax***

Next week the Board of Supervisors will begin discussion of a resolution to implement a half penny sales tax to fund the repair of roads in Pima County. A unanimous vote by the board will be required to pass this resolution. To understand the need for this tax, it is important to understand how road repairs are funded. A portion of the Vehicle License Tax (VLT) and all of the allocated HURF funds support the Pima County Department of Transportation. Currently this amounts to approximately \$56 million per year. Of this, about \$19 million is for debt service on the 1997 HURF Bonds and \$15 million runs the DOT. That leaves about \$22 million to repair county roads. Current estimates to bring all county roads up to at least fair condition range from \$500 million to \$1 billion. It doesn’t take much to see that current funding is inadequate to get the job done.

This doesn’t include the cost of ongoing maintenance of traffic lights and signs, guardrails and road striping, all of which are critical for the safety of Pima County residents. District 1 (Oro Valley) Supervisor, Ally Miller contends that we do not need the revenue, that we just need to prioritize our spending. She frequently cites the monies being spent on soccer fields and the Kino Sports Complex which are restricted and can only be used for the specific purpose for which they are intended, so, unavailable for road repair anyway. Granted, we can find some financial savings in the county’s \$1.3 billion budget but no where near what it will take to improve Pima County roads.

Please contact Supervisor Miller and tell her to support a half penny sales tax to be used exclusively to repair county roads and to repeal the twenty-five cent property tax levied for the same purpose. Her number is 520-724-2738.

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

## ***Now is the Time!***

By Ralph Atchue, Candidate, Arizona Senate, LD11



The headlines sweeping across the nation's newspapers as well as network and cable news stations are filled with protests by women, students and teachers. D.C. and state capitols are being swarmed by Americans who are demanding change. Elected politicians, who are typically deaf and immune to such public demonstrations, seem to be now paying some attention. Turning that attention into meaningful legislative action depends on 2018 election results.

The dominant issues of public education funding and gun reform have become part of the debate here in Arizona. At this point, it appears that our Republican governor and majority led state legislature will do their best to pay lip service to the issues and then brag about it.

They will leave teachers and other education employees without any significant raise, facility and operation expenses woefully under funded and 85% of Arizona's students left with scraps. Their fiscal priority will always be tax cuts. They will campaign on a twisted story highlighting the pennies they restore of the billions they've stolen over the last two decades.

They will leave open the loophole that allows convicted domestic abusers to legally purchase assault rifles and be able to turn them into machine guns. In this session, they have already weakened regulations securing guns from vulnerable children. Yet, their campaigns will glow about their half hearted efforts on gun reform as being somehow meaningful.

Arizona's GOP is pushing an agenda meant to consolidate its political power and dominance. By continuing to promote the influence of Dark/Dirty money as well as block local governance, they are turning democracy into a sham.

Governor Ducey and state representatives Leach and Finchem are too deep in the pockets of lobbyists to even hear voters. Our raised voices and protests might annoy them but will not achieve the desired results. The only significant remedy is to elect Democrats to state wide and legislative offices.

The historic energy we see across our country, the wave of demand for change that inspires us has got to lead us to action. I ask you to get involved, get active - 2018 is our time - if we seize the moment!

Find out how: [www.Atchue4AZSenate.com](http://www.Atchue4AZSenate.com)

**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.*

### **No May Meeting**

LD11 Spring Picnic  
Saturday May 5, 2018  
4-6 pm • Sun City Activity Center

### **Meet Your 2018 Candidates!**

Doors Open at 3:30 pm  
Come socialize! Meet new friends!



# LD11 7th Annual Spring Fundraiser

*Saturday, May 5, 2018  
Doors open at 3:30 PM  
Program from 4 to 6 PM*

**Sun City Activity Center**  
**1495 W. Rancho Vistoso Blvd, Oro Valley**  
Meet your 2018 Candidates for US Senate, US Congress,  
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mushroom caps, with all the fixin's,  
Delicious salads & side dishes  
+  
Scrumptious desserts, drinks and popcorn,  
provided by the LD11 Clubs**

**Bring a few extra  
dollars \$\$\$ for pass  
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