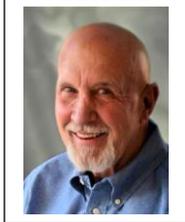


Who will govern the governors? There is only one force in the nation that can be depended upon to keep the government pure and the governors honest, and that is the people themselves. They alone, if well informed, are capable of preventing the corruption of power, and of restoring the nation to its rightful course if it should go astray. They alone are the safest depository of the ultimate powers of government.

Thomas Jefferson



Brian Bickel Candidate for Pima County Treasurer

Background: Born and raised in Michigan, Brian relocated to Arizona in 1972 after his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam from March 1970 - March 1971. Subsequently, he was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma; while there he met his wife Susan. He enrolled in the U of A in 1973, graduating with degrees in microbiology and medical technology in 1976. Shortly thereafter he moved to Lubbock, Texas where he completed a clinical internship in Medical Technology in 1977. While working as a Medical Technologist, he earned a Master of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at Texas Tech University.

Career: In 1996 he began a career transition into hospital administration and moved to Barstow, California where he was the Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Barstow Community Hospital. During the next sixteen years he served as the CEO at several hospitals around the country, ending his career as the CEO at Southeast Arizona Medical Center in Douglas, Arizona. After moving to Tucson in the spring of 2013, Brian became involved in local politics and ran for Pima County Supervisor, losing a close race as a Democrat in a Republican district.

Personal Statement: I am firmly committed to improving the life of everyone, and as the Pima County Treasurer will work diligently to bring clarity, transparency, and fiscal responsibility to the office.

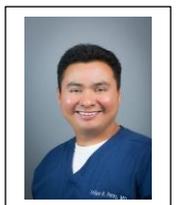


Linda Patterson Candidate for LD11 State Senate

Background: Linda studied Secondary Education Teaching and Learning at Washington State University; earned her Master's Degree at Oregon State University; studied School Administration at University of Oregon; and studied High School Reform at Stanford University's School of Humanities and Science.

Career: Her lifelong career in education began as a High School Government Teacher in Dallas, Oregon, 1976-1981; followed by Post-High School Intervention Counselor in Eugene, Oregon, 1981-1996; Asst. Principal at N. Eugene HS, 1996-1998; Asst. Principal at Sequoia HS District, 1998-2002; Asst. Principal at Klamath Falls City School District, 2003-2005; Asst. Principal in Gresham, Oregon, 2005-2006; and, ultimately, Principal at Catalina Magnet High School, 2006-2009.

Personal Statement: Those who live in Arizona deserve a state government that serves them in all capacities. I am a citizen, not a politician. I strongly believe if we elect a legislature that sets priorities to meet the needs of people, we can change things for the better. I promise I will listen to you and serve your needs.



Dr. Felipe R. Perez Candidate for LD11 State Representative

Background: Felipe was raised in a rural and low-income community in Arizona. At the age of 15, he discovered his passion for medicine after spending a summer as a student volunteer at a local hospital. Despite significant economic challenges, he used that passion to excel in academics. He earned an AA degree from Arizona Western College, earned a BS in both General Biology and Biochemistry from U of A, where he also participated in scientific research in ecology and physiology. In 2002, Felipe was accepted into the U of A College of Medicine, specializing in Family and Community Medicine. In 2006, he enrolled in Scripps Family Medicine Residency Program in Chula Vista, CA, where he completed his residency training. He chose Scripps for their advancements in medicine and their devotion to the community and underserved populations.

Career: Upon completion of his residency in 2009, Dr. Perez began to provide and continues to provide care for the underserved at Community Health Centers in Tucson. In 2013, he spearheaded Arizona's first Graduate Medical Education Teaching Health Center, which aims to recruit and train more primary care providers in Arizona.

Personal Statement: My first mission as your representative will be to see to it that all children in Arizona can end up where I have, without having to start out the way I did. My next mission is to bring some practical and independent thought to our state government. Each of us, as a community, face common challenges, and I want to help meet those challenges on your behalf.

We Need To Do the Pivot

by Dee Maitland

In the 2016 election no matter what the topic, Republicans would pivot to: Bengazi, Bengazi, Bengazi; Obama's a Muslim; Hillary's a crook. These lies and innuendos were said so many times that 33%+ of U.S. citizens came to believe them. To save Arizona from LD11's reprehensible legislators Vince Leach and Mark Finchem, we too need to practice the Pivot. Fortunately, we do not have to lie to have snappy comebacks. Their odious track record so far:

Leach:

- sponsored ideas to overturn local election results (i.e. Bisbee plastic bag ban) and to make ballot initiatives more difficult.
- opposes any effort to outlaw Dirty Money and add transparency measures by local governments.
- ran dirty campaign ads that lied about Ralph Atchue's positions on border security and taxes.
- advocates using taxpayer money to pay for student tuition to private religious schools.
- supported \$5.5 million in taxpayer funding for the Koch "Freedom Centers" at UA, ASU, and NAU.

Finchem:

- wants to sell off parts of the Grand Canyon for private interests.
- proposed a bill to fire teachers who teach "controversial" topics
- told blatant lies about terrorists coming across our southern border
- described the Charlottesville shooting as a "Deep State Operation facilitated by the media and Democrats"

In every conversation we need to practice the Pivot, keeping these affronts uppermost in the minds of the voters. To win in 2020 we need to drip, drip, drip away at their edifice, and, thereby, save our democracy, our State, and our loved ones from these "dark forces."

Our tee shirts were a big hit at the recent Field Team 6 voter registration drive, which was a terrific success with 111 Democrats registered during just two morning drives! If you have ordered a tee shirt, it can be picked up at the next meeting or by simply contacting Tom Meconi at meconi@sbcglobal.net. Tee shirts will also be on sale at every meeting, or can be ordered by contacting Tom. Changing the world never looked so good!



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
Sept 9, 2019
6:30 pm • OV Library

Speaker: Eva Putzova
CD1 Candidate

Come early at 6:15 and
make new friends!