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*Lyndon B. Johnson*

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## **AUGUST ZOOM MEETING: Speaker Katie Hobbs, Secretary of State**



**VOTE BLUE NO MATTER WHO**



### **Katie Hobbs, Secretary of State**

Secretary Katie Hobbs has led a life of service. Beginning as a volunteer at her church and then continuing with her job as a social worker and chief compliance officer at one of the largest domestic violence centers in the U.S., the focus of her life has been to help others to gain security, to be heard, and to create better lives.

That fundamental motivation inspired her to run for Secretary of State, after serving in the Arizona House of Representatives and Arizona Senate as minority leader. Now, she brings her years of experience to the Office of the Secretary of State to ensure that it runs productively, and that Arizona elections are secure, fair and efficient.

Secretary Hobbs has a Bachelor of Social Work from Northern Arizona University and a Master of Social Work from Arizona State University. She has been a professional social worker since 1992. Prior to being elected to the legislature, she worked in the areas of domestic violence, behavioral health, and homelessness.

She has been honored with dozens of awards for her service. Most recently, she was named the League of Cities and Towns Legislative Champion for two consecutive years (2017 and 2018).

### **Our actions made a difference!**

*by Dee Maitland*

The impartiality of applicant selection to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) has been preserved!

In our last newsletter we wrote about rule changes proposed by Chief Justice Robert M. Brutinel for the Commission on Court Appointments (CACA). The most egregious change would have allowed individuals and organizations to anonymously submit confidential comments about applicants. I am happy to report that in response to all the letters submitted to the Chief Justice, he reversed his decision.

Also in response to letters to the Governor regarding the imbalanced in makeup of CACA, he has finally recommended the appointment of 3 Democrats and 1 Independent to the Commission. These appointments need to be approved by the legislature which is not in session and, if approved, would leave Republican representation at 62.5%, which is double what they should have, but it is a start.

Phone calls, cards and letters work! Keep up the good work! Thank you! 🙌🙌

## Our Winning Candidates

by Dee Maitland

Congratulations to JoAnna Mendoza and Dr. Felipe Perez for winning their primaries. They are two excellent candidates to represent us.

While ALEC member Vince Leach is doing everything possible to prematurely reopen our economy, spread hate and shun masks, Felipe is saving lives.

JoAnna is a former marine who should be able to take on faux cowboy Leach, NRA aficionado Mark Finchem, and Bret Roberts, the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the Leach-Finchem-Roberts Gang of Koch funded Trump worshipers. Our biggest risk for the election is the ballot telling you to vote for 2 of the 3 candidates (Perez, Finchem, Roberts). You do not have to vote for the maximum number of candidates. In this case, you should vote for only one candidate, Democrat Perez, otherwise, you are helping to elect Republicans. For example, **Holly Lyons could have been the winner** in 2018, if we all voted for just her. Here's the math:

Candidate	Votes	Remove Holly voters assuming second vote split equally between the men	Adjust	Results	
Finchem	48,563	$37,992/2 = 18,996$	-18,996	29,567	
Roberts	46,697		-18,996	27,701	
Holly Lyons	37,992		0	<b>37,992</b>	<b>WINNER!</b>

Let's get our ground game going. We can win!

## We Have a Shared Responsibility

by Jacolyn Marshall

Covid-19 threatens each and every one of us, including children and young adults. With a long incubation period of 11.5 days on average, it spreads its contagion far and wide before symptoms appear and long before self-isolation or hospitalization occur.

One example of just how rapidly the virus spreads was reported in Time magazine, May 25, 2020. Due to their sophisticated contact-tracing program, South Korea was able to identify the source of a new outbreak, an outbreak that halted their country's reopening. The source: one Covid-positive, pre-symptomatic 29-year-old who frequented several nightclubs one evening, infected 102 others, and would be responsible for as many as 5,500 potential new cases.

The most clot-producing disease in our lifetime, Covid causes tissue damage throughout the body. Its large vessel clots have caused a record number of strokes and heart attacks, in addition to blockages in the lungs, kidneys, and legs. Some of these attacks prove fatal, others lead to long-term disability. Nothing like the flu, even mild cases last two to three weeks, severe cases four to six weeks or longer. Although most will survive their bout with the virus, for some their health has been so compromised that hospitals are reporting they are returning due to complications caused by the virus. Every Covid victim now has a pre-existing condition.

With no immunity to help us, no vaccine to protect us, and no cure to save us, Arizona should have been working hard to contain the virus. Instead our state closed late, reopened early, continues to lag in testing, has been slow in mandating masks and social distancing, and now, with cases still rising, is reopening our schools, which would expose over 1.2 million k-12 students, over 61,000 teachers, thousands of support staff, and every member of their respective households to Covid-19. The numbers, which do not include private and parochial schools, are staggering; the predictable rise in cases appalling. Rather than taking aggressive action to halt the spread of the virus, our Governor is once again making it worse.

With no coordinated response to the virus and no help in sight, it is up to each of us to stop its spread. We have a shared responsibility to deny Covid its next victims by wearing a mask and staying beyond its reach.

**CONGRATULATIONS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY WINNERS**

**U.S. SENATE**

**Mark Kelly**



**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DIS. 1**

**Congressman Tom O'Halleran**



**STATE SENATE LD11**

**JoAnna Mendoza**



**STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LD 11**

**Felipe Perez**



**PIMA CO. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIS. 1**

**Rex Scott**



**PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Chris Nanos**



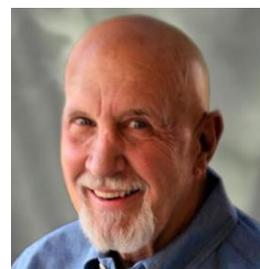
**PIMA COUNTY RECORDER**

**Gabriella Cazares-Kelly**



**PIMA COUNTY TREASURER**

**Brian Bickel**



**PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**Laura Conover**



**PIMA COUNTY ASSESSOR**

**Suzanne Droubie**



**CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**

**Bill Mundel**



**CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**

**Shea Stanfield**



**CORPORATION COMMISSIONER**

**Anna Tovar**



**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**Dustin Williams**



In the final sprint leading up to the General Election, please consider volunteering in any way you can to help elect all of these candidates up and down the ballot.

Contact their campaign offices directly or any number of organizations, such as Mission for Arizona, Field Team 6, Civic Engagement Beyond Voting, Mobilize America, Advocacy Network, and Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance to find out all the ways you too can help our candidates win in November. Now more than ever, all of us need to do our part.

The health and safety of our state, our nation, and our democracy depend on it.

## FACE MASKS! ACT BLUE! ACT NOW!

by Tom Meconi

There are less than 60 days until the deadline for voter registration and early voting starts only two days later, October 7th. So we are pleased to announce with a spirit of urgency, hope and commitment, our new "VOTE" facemasks and the opening of three new Democrats of Oro Valley Act Blue accounts.

Our first account, found here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dovdues>, is where we can all pay our dues and make what ever general donations we wish. Please note that it is not required to use any of the Act Blue accounts and payments by mail are still gratefully accepted.

The second account, found here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dovmasks> is specifically to order our new, DOV blue "VOTE" facemasks. Following up on our successful tee-shirt campaign, we thought we would expand our horizons to include facemasks which not only convey our central message of vote blue, no matter who, but allow us to do so safely. They are currently available for donations as follows: \$15.00 for 1, \$25.00 for 2, \$50.00 and for 5. They are union made and printed, 100% cotton and are flying off the shelf. They have been extremely popular and we have already gone through our first order. Don't hesitate, get yours now!

The third account, <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dovdonate>, will be for contributions for our upcoming postcard project. We hope to be mailing up to 6,000 postcards to Oro Valley Independents focusing on the LD 11 House and Senate race, by tying the scurrilous incumbents, Finchem and Leach, with Trump, McSally, and their failure to accept, let alone respond to the COVID pandemic. We estimate costs in the area of \$3,000. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, we still have some blue VOTE tee-shirts available, and you will be sartorially resplendent wearing it with your matching blue VOTE facemask. Contact Tom at [tmeconi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmeconi@sbcglobal.net) to make arrangements to get yours.



Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance members supporting Democrats of Oro Valley Vote Blue Mask Project

### OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS

#### HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

\* Please consider donating some non-perishable food items or making a cash donation to one of our local food banks during this stressful time.

\*The Democrats of Oro Valley care about the health and well-being of our community.

#### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

\* Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

*\*Please donate any of these items to one of our local veterans groups for distribution: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and puzzle books.*

### September Zoom Meeting

Monday, September 14  
6:30 pm

Guest Speaker:  
TBA