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One of the challenges of a democratic government is making sure that even in the midst of emergencies and passions, we make sure that the rule of law and the basic precepts of justice and liberty prevail. *Barack Obama*

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**Jonathan Mosher**  
**Candidate for Pima County Attorney**

**Background:** After graduating from the University of Iowa, College of Law with High Honors in 1994, Jonathan served as a law clerk with the Arizona Supreme Court. He then spent nearly a decade in private practice specializing in environmental litigation with the Los Angeles offices of two international law firms. Jonathan is a member of the Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona

**Career:** Jonathan has been a lawyer for 25 years and a prosecutor for 15 years. As Chief Criminal Deputy of the Pima County Attorney’s Office, he has been responsible for the day-to-day supervision and management of the Criminal Division, which consists of almost 70 attorneys. Previously, as Chief Trial Counsel, he oversaw the office’s homicide prosecutions and officer-involved shooting reviews, while also prosecuting homicides, cold cases, violent felonies, sexual assaults, and crimes against children. Before that, he was the Felony Training Supervisor, responsible for training of all felony prosecutors. Jonathan has lectured at training seminars for prosecutors throughout Arizona and the nation. He has received statewide awards for his victim advocacy (2009) and as Felony Prosecutor of the Year (2011). He also received the Board of Directors’ Advocacy Award (2017) from a national prosecutor’s association for his prosecution of *State v. Watson*, a case that was featured on Dateline NBC’s “*Secrets of the Desert*” episode.

**Personal Viewpoint:** My mission as County Attorney will be to protect public safety, secure justice for crime victims, and implement smart criminal justice reform. Every person in our community deserves a safe place to live, work, and play. Our system must deliver justice and fairness for victims and our community, as well as for those accused of crimes.

**ALEC in LD11**

*by Dee Maitland*

ALEC (American Legislation Exchange Council) held its annual meeting in Scottsdale December 4–6 2019. The meeting had 752 attendees; 198 (23.3%) were from 44 state legislatures; the remaining attendees (76.7%) were conservative lobbyists. Of those attending, 26 (22.5%) were our legislators, along with 27 representatives of other Arizona organizations. Governor Ducey addressed the Council, as did Betsy DeVos, who thanked ALEC for its efforts on behalf of private schools.

The ALEC motto is: Limited Government, Free Markets, Federalism. The organization writes model legislation that is anti-regulation, anti-worker, anti-consumer, anti-environmental protection, anti-gun control, pro-voter suppression, and pro-privatization of government responsibilities, such as providing education and maintaining prisons. To date, 209 ALEC-written bills have been introduced in Arizona, with 57 becoming law. LD11’s two representatives, Finchem and Leach, are active members of ALEC and attended the December meeting.

A lawsuit has been filed, under the State Open Meetings law, by lawyers representing a coalition of groups (including Puente, the Center for Constitutional Rights, and the People’s Law Firm, among others) challenging the legality of Arizona legislators meeting in closed-door sessions with lobbyists at ALEC. Hopefully, this lawsuit will give us insight into which ALEC bills are being proposed during this legislative session by Finchem and Leach.

If we want to improve and protect our public schools, champion ballot initiatives, and ensure voting rights, we must remove Finchem and Leach from office.

**It’s Tax Lien Season**

*by Brian Bickel, Candidate, Pima County Treasurer*

During the month of February, all of the County Treasurers in Arizona conduct tax lien sales, auctioning off properties for delinquent property taxes. This is important to all Arizonans for a number of reasons, but the primary concern is community blight. These properties, many of which are vacant, are prime targets for vagrants and drug dealers.

In 2018, Maricopa County sold approximately 50% of its tax lien properties with over 6,000 bidders. Pima County sold just over 25% with 52 bidders! Maricopa County conducts their auction online, Pima County requires that you be physically present. This significantly reduces interest and participation from out of state investors.

What does this mean for the County? We put fewer properties back on the tax rolls. There is an increased probability that these properties will become places of greater criminal activity. And we have neighborhoods with blighted properties that bring down the value of everyone’s property.

We need a County Treasurer that is willing to make the changes that will bring Pima County into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! I am running for Pima County Treasurer and would appreciate your support and your vote in 2020!

Over the past seven months, I have traveled throughout Legislative District 11, listened to our residents, and have concluded there are important issues which concern and unite us. One of these issues is very prominent in our lives - the desire to obtain accessible and affordable healthcare. Currently, the healthcare system in Arizona is neither healthy, caring, nor systematic. It is inefficient and unfair. Most of us are frustrated and confused. Every year it costs us more and more to pay for healthcare. Millions of us are uninsured or underinsured. Catastrophic health costs dictate that we are merely one day away from financial ruin caused by Medical Bankruptcy. Even worse, the man in the White House talks of eliminating Medicare while the man in the Governor’s Mansion proposes a budget that will not take care of the disabled or impoverished. We are in a healthcare crisis.

We can do better. When elected to the AZ State Senate I will be ready to collaboratively meet with like-minded legislators who are no longer willing to acquiesce to the for-profit pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. We must:

- Eliminate the waste of private insurance in the processing of claims, the exorbitant CEO pay, the malpractice settlements and the unjust denial of legitimate claims
- Eliminate fraud-involved billing.
- Eliminate the abuse of predatory pricing in pharmaceuticals, hospitals, clinics.
- Eliminate the forces of Dark Money and Special Interests that are much too prevalent among some of our State legislators.

I realize this will take commitment, passion and hard work. I am ready to lead this effort! When we turn our legislature Blue, we can climb this mountain. We can utilize public pressure, in an alliance with committed legislators, to eliminate the hold that waste, fraud and abuse have on our healthcare system

Every citizen and every committed legislator, working together, can reverse the increasing downward trend of the healthcare system that exists in Arizona. We are in crisis. I promise you that I will give you my best in these efforts to improve our healthcare system - for all Arizonans.

*“Take care of the patient and everything else will follow.”* Thomas Kierk. MD

IT’S TIME

by Tom Meconi

In nine months we will have a new president. Just think, the next generation of Americans will not live under the rule of the criminal, wants-to-be dictator. This can only happen, however, if we turn our anger and angst into steely-eyed resolve and action. A blue DOV “VOTE” tee shirt is a good start, letting the world know we’ve had enough and how to fix it. But it’s only a start. Canvassing and phone banking are starting; post cards, letter and emails can go out daily; and on February 10th and 11th Field team 6 takes to the streets again to register Democratic voters. Almost 1,300 voters were registered in Arizona in one weekend in January. **1,300 !!!** With your help we will continue to turn our blue wave into a tsunami. Please consider signing up for the February event at [www.mobilize.us.ft6/event/153157//](http://www.mobilize.us.ft6/event/153157//). If the shifts are full contact Gil at [gwier001@gmail.com](mailto:gwier001@gmail.com). And don’t forget to wear your tee shirt!



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HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK  
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

\* 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.

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

*\* Please bring any of these items to DOV for distribution to our disabled veterans: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and paperback puzzle books.*

*\* Please – no candy.*

March Meeting

Monday, March 9  
6:30 pm • OV Library

Speaker: Holly Lyon  
Moving Forward

Come early at 6:15 and make new friends!