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The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

DOV Tee Shirts \$20

2020 Dues Still Only \$20!

JUNE ZOOM MEETING: Speaker Chris Nanos, Candidate for Pima County Sheriff



VOTE BLUE NO MATTER WHO



THE ONLY THING “GREAT” IS FROSTED FLAKES, AND THEY’RE \$4.00 A BOX by *Tom Meconi*

Ah the good old days when all we had to worry about coming out of the white house was racism, misogyny, bigotry, fraud, emoluments, incitements of violence, kids in cages, obstruction of justice, witness intimidation, porn stars, impeachment, and lies and lies and lies. To that list we can now add the unnecessary deaths of thousands of Americans who, instead of science-based guidance through the worst pandemic in modern history, received misinformation, chaos and more lies. Add also the minority communities who, already suffering a disproportionate amount of sickness, death and economic hardship, are called thugs who should be shot in the uproar following another senseless death of an African-American at the hands of a white police officer.

Our country's future lies with America`s voters and we must do all that we can to ensure that even in this time of pandemic isolation we do all we can to get out the vote. Wearing a DOV blue “VOTE” tee shirt may seem inconsequential in the face of the chaos but if we each turn one head, send one new voter to the polls, encourage one Republican to vote blue, we can stop this on-going train wreck. Contact Tom at tmeconi@sbcglobal.net to order your shirts, now \$20.00 each or two for \$35.00. And, to pitch in, contact any of the following:

- Field Team 6: <https://fieldteam6.org>
- Request to Speak: apps.azleg.gov/RequestToSpeak
- Arizona Ground Game: azgroundgame.org
- * Mobilize America: mobilize.us
- * Arizona Advocacy Network: azadvocacy.org

In Response to a Friend Living Abroad Regarding the State of our Politics by *Dee Maitland*

I believe that since the Reagan administration there has been a deliberate, well-funded conspiracy on the part of capitalists (such as the Koch Brothers), conservatives, and Evangelical Christians. I just finished a class at UA on the 1970's which supports this conclusion. The origin of our current situation is the 1971 Powell Memorandum to the US Chamber of Commerce which exhorted big business to become actively involved in politics, media, law and education. Businesses became major political donors, purchased all types of media companies, formed the Federalist Society to vet conservative judges, and formed campaigns to privatize public education.

I first realized their horrific impact on education in 2008 when the FDIC was deliberately looking for Keynesian economists. Graduates in economics were no longer being taught about Keynes's theories that formed the roadmap for government’s role in saving the country after the Great Depression. The result has been generations of intelligent college graduates believing the propaganda: that taxes should be minimal because government is inept if not downright evil; that trickle-down economics works (although there hasn’t been one piece of evidence to support it in 50 years); that businessmen know best (we can attest otherwise); that the poor are poor by choice and/or lack of character; and that public education is a failure.

Democrats did not realize the steady drip...drip...drip for a long time, and never had the financial depth necessary to combat it once they did. Plus it is extremely difficult to fight a firmly held belief. I believe that Trump, as the quintessential end product of all this propaganda, perfidy and greed, is bringing this all into focus. So, on good days I have hope. But we are going to have to fight it with well-marketed rhetoric. Here is a link to an article that shows how the conservatives do it: nytimes.com/2020/05/18/opinion/tara-reade-believe-all-women.html

We must learn how to fight their propaganda as relentlessly as they put it out. So keep the faith that good will triumph. And make sure you get everyone you know to vote and vote Democrat. No sitting this election out.



Bill Mundell Candidate for Corporation Commissioner

I want to return to the Commission, where I served as a Commissioner for nine years and Chair for two years, so I can help Commissioner Sandra Kennedy protect consumers from unjustified rate increases, stop dark money spending by APS/Pinnacle West and other utilities and combat climate change by making Arizona the “Solar Capital of the World”.

In 2006, I co-authored the REST Rules. These rules require Arizona’s utilities generate 15% of their electricity from renewable energy sources. At the time, they made Arizona a leader in the installation of rooftop solar. I enthusiastically support Commissioner Kennedy’s proposal to increase the percentage to 50% by 2028.

When I ran for the Commission in 2016, utilities spent millions to defeat me. Why? Because I had a history of voting to decrease utility rates, including rates for TEP. If appropriate, I will do it again.

I started my public service career fighting corruption in Chandler and later became Presiding Judge of the Chandler Municipal Court. I want to continue my public service by stopping the corruption at the Commission which has led to unjustified rate increases.

I next served as Chair of the Environment Committee of the House of Representatives where I wrote numerous laws protecting our environment, including the state’s first recycling law, a law preventing Arizona from becoming the nation’s dumping ground for hazardous waste and laws protecting our rivers, mountains and native plants. I want to return to the Commission, so I can once again protect our environment by making sure we have clean air, safe and sustainable water and a healthy community with good paying jobs.

I ask for your vote in November. You can follow me on Facebook at Bill Mundell for Corporation Commission and my website, Mundell2020.com. If you give me the honor and privilege of returning to the Corporation Commission, I won’t let you down.



Brian Radford Candidate for Pima County Board of Supervisors for District 1

Greetings fellow neighbors, I’m Brian Radford and I am a lifelong Democrat who is running for Pima County Board of Supervisors for District 1. I am excited to be running for the very first time and I am very optimistic about the future of District 1 and Pima County. Although there are many challenges this year, I feel we can all work together as a community to raise our voices and achieve greatness.

I am retired from the State of Arizona, Department of Corrections, where I held many positions with various responsibilities including Associate Deputy Warden. I am familiar with departmental budgets and policy and procedures as well as incident management and cognitive and mental health treatment. My background and experiences will serve us all well, as we look at budget shortfalls and other challenges presented currently by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Again, I am very excited to have this opportunity to serve my fellow neighbors as their voice on issues impacting District 1 and all of Pima County. Thank you!



Gabriella Casares-Kelly Candidate for Pima County Recorder

My interest in the Pima County Recorder’s office began nearly 8 years ago, when I began registering voters after work and on my lunch breaks from Tohono O’odham Community College. I was surprised by how complicated the process was for rural voters, voters living on tribal lands and college students. I was registering voters who didn’t have physical addresses or didn’t have a State ID because the closest Motor Vehicle Division was more than an hour and a half drive away and often, they didn’t own a car.

I began researching the history of voting in Arizona and the policies that make voter registration accessible. I realized something very profound: My grandmother, a dedicated and avid voter, was not born with the right to vote. My late grandmother, Catherine, was born here in Arizona in 1918, but because she was born a member of my tribe, the Tohono O’odham Nation (formerly The Papago Tribe of Arizona), she was not considered a citizen of the United States until 1924. My grandmother was only able to register after two World War II combat veterans, Harry Austin and Frank Harrison returned home to the Fort McDowell Yavapai reservation and were denied the right to register to vote. They sued the State of Arizona in 1948 and Native Americans won the right to vote! My grandmother was 30 years old. However, that didn’t stop voter discrimination tactics from being used against Native Americans and other people of color at polling locations. Barriers to voting such as literacy tests and intimidation tactics were still prevalent until the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But voting still wasn’t fully accessible for my grandmother who only spoke our traditional language, until 1975, when the Voting Rights Act was expanded to include translation services.

When we discuss who votes and who doesn’t, we must understand that not everyone is beginning at the same starting line and some populations may need additional accommodations. I am running to be the next Pima County Recorder, an office that oversees voter registration, early voting, and document recording. I will make voter registration easier, faster, and more accessible for all Pima County Residents. I am interested in issues that impact rural voters, voters who live in tribal communities, latinx voters, college students who are often discouraged from voting, elders who struggle with voter ID laws and people with felonies who often don’t know their rights.

I support same day voter registration, automatic voter registration and automatic voting rights restoration for people with felonies. I am also in favor of initiatives that encourage voter trust and confidence, such as receiving a text receipt when your mail ballot is received for processing. I am a proponent for practical solutions such as voter drop boxes where voters can submit their early ballots, and will work to implement a fully accessible website that allows our low vision and blind constituents to access data through the use of E-readers.

It is time for a new vision in Pima County. Help me make history!

For more information, please visit my website: www.GabriellaForRecorder@gmail.com



Suzanne Droubie, Candidate for Pima County Assessor

2020 has been a difficult year for us all. From battling through the global coronavirus pandemic to expressing our outrage over the inexcusable acts of racial injustice perpetrated in our country. Society is slowly starting to reopen, yet there is still a lot of uncertainty over what our new normal will look like.

The economic impact on our friends and neighbors who own the local businesses that make up the heart and soul of Pima County is devastating, and this impact will dictate policy and procedures as we move forward. It must also be assured that these new policies will not have the adverse effect of transferring additional tax burden onto the homeowners.

The main responsibility of the Assessor's Office is to value properties for property tax purposes; however, understanding how those values affect the bigger picture is imperative. COVID-19 has had a destabilizing effect on our market that has caused fluctuating market values that will need to be immediately addressed. Raising and lowering property values has a direct impact on the revenue base that funds our community, and those funds have now been severely stressed.

Now, more than ever, we need an Assessor who will work proactively with the other county officials to ensure a balance is maintained so our valued services and safety are not put at risk. We need an Assessor with the experience, knowledge, and empathy necessary to guide us through the next several years. I am the only candidate with over 24 years of experience, in mass assessment, appraisal, real estate, management, and customer service. Seven of those years were spent inside the Pima County Assessor's office and on the litigation team.

By voting for Suzanne Droubie on August 4th, you are putting your trust in the most experienced, knowledgeable, empathetic and service-oriented candidate! Learn more about Suzanne at www.suzanneforassessor.com

If your property has sustained any damage as a result of recent protests, please contact me at suzanne@suzanneforassessor.com, and I will assist in the filing of a claim with the Assessor's office and stay with you through the process.



Your General Plan is Our Plan by Tim Bohlen, Candidate for OV Town Council

Oro Valley is a great place to live. And this is no accident. Oro Valley residents have always had significant input in to the future direction of our Town. Oro Valley residential input has helped guide our Town from a population of several hundred at our founding to the Town of close to 45,000 we live in today.

In 2016 the voters approved our current Your Voice Our Future General Plan. The Plan is the result of months of work done by a large group of our residents and the Town Government.

Our campaign believes the 2016 General Plan amendment process is not being followed. As a result, the will of the majority of residents is effectively being ignored. Non-resident contributors to our opponents and allies such as Southern Arizona Homebuilders Association, and land owners Rodger Ford and Herb Kai have a financial interest in approval of amendments they propose. These land owners seek to bring rapid residential growth to a Town with a fixed water supply and fixed road network to maximize profits on land speculation. The required analysis demonstrating why these General Plan amendments improve the stability of our Town is simply are not being provided. No supporting analysis was provided for the three amendments approved at the end of 2017. No analysis has yet been provided in support of the two in 2020 amendments, the first for redevelopment of much of the Vistoso Golf Course and the second in the request to rezone the Silverhawke Block 5 from Commercial to R-6 residential.

Please stand with us and stand for the 2016 Your Voice Our Future General Plan. Insist that the General Plan amendment process be followed as documented. Please support Town Council candidates such as Bill Garner and myself Tim Bohlen who will seek to ensure we follow the 2016 General Plan.



Bill Garner, Candidate for OV Town Council

As a citizen of Oro Valley for over 13 years I have seen our town grow from a few homes and businesses in the early 2000's to the many development projects and homes we endure today. I believe we have lost a little bit of our charm and character and by instilling a couple of fresh ideas we can maintain the vibrant nature that makes Oro Valley that special place to call home.

I plan to bring experience and sound decision-making to council. Having served on council from 2008 to 2016, I have a broad spectrum of understanding to ensure that when decisions are made, they are a reflection of the entire community. I am also not afraid to speak my mind or ask the tough questions that will be needed at the council because I want to be the voice of the community. In the end, I am always thoughtful, transparent and honest in my decision-making processes.

I have a five main points to my campaign that I believe will enhance Oro Valley and continue to maintain the high level of service we have come to expect from all of our town departments and personnel who serve you.

- **Adhere to the General Plan**
- **Advocate for Fiscal Responsibility**
- **Enhance and Maintain Parks and Recreation**
- **Ensure Transparency and Open Government**
- **Promote Economic Development**

I want to insure a balance on council as my approach is straight-forward: I look at the facts and make decisions that maintain the high quality community that is Oro Valley.

I welcome you to visit my web site www.garnerforovcouncil.com where you will find additional information about myself, as well as expanded information pertaining to my five key points.

I want to thank the Democrats of Oro Valley for this opportunity to learn a little more about me.

Finchem versus Dr. Perez

by Dee Maitland

LD11 Representative Mark Finchem has posted to his Twitter account the following: “The Nazis had a phrase which covered all abuses by the State: ‘Für Ihre Sicherheit’... It’s for your safety”. While Mr. Finchem infers that public officials who put in place stay-at-home and social distancing measures are Nazis, and cheers on the fanatical “liberty” picketers, his Democrat opponent, Dr. Felipe R. Perez is working long hours fighting to save lives. Mr. Finchem’s disregard for our well-being can also be seen in the ALEC bills he supports to lower taxes on the rich, dismantle public education, and restrict civic action. Furthermore, Mr. Finchem professes to believe that voting by mail leads to voter fraud. There have been no cases of voter fraud by mail. If you want a good man to replace a corporate-sponsored minion in our state House, sign up to receive your mail-in ballot through the PEVL (Permanent Early Voting List) at www.recorder.pima.gov...then VOTE for Dr. Felipe Perez!

Legislative District 11 Clean Elections Debate

Candidates: Linda Patterson, JoAnna Mendoza

Wednesday, June 17, 2020; 6:00 PM

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AZCCEC/live>

HOW ARE DEBATES COMPLYING WITH FEDERAL AND STATE COVID-19 MEASURES?

The Commission has taken steps to ensure a safe and convenient way for voters and candidates to participate in the 2020 Legislative Candidate Debates.

In response to COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and AZDHS and the Governor's Executive Orders, Clean Elections will host the primary election debates on a virtual platform. Candidates will participate in the debate via Zoom, and **voters will be able to view the debate via the Clean Elections YouTube page**. The debate will be live streamed and recorded for subsequent viewing. Clean Elections is creating dedicated channels for voters to submit questions for the candidates in real time. Our experienced team is ensuring all those who wish to participate and view the debate can do so in a simplified, accessible and safe manner.

CAN I SUBMIT A QUESTION FOR THE CANDIDATES?

Absolutely! Clean Elections sponsors the debates so voters can hear directly from the candidates on the issues that are important to them. You can email your question to Clean Elections by sending an email using the instructions below. Just be sure to indicate what district debate your question is for and if the question is for a particular candidate or everyone!

Please send questions with the district number and the words "Debate Question" in the subject line to:

ccec@azcleelections.gov.

HOW DO I WATCH THE DEBATE?

All debates will be live streamed on the Clean Elections YouTube Page <https://www.youtube.com/c/AZCCEC/live>.

WHAT IF I MISS THE DEBATE?

If you miss the live stream, the recorded debates will continue to be available on our YouTube page so you can watch at your convenience. Legislative District 11 Clean Elections Debate

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.*

July Zoom Meeting

Monday, July 13
6:30 pm

Laura Conover
Candidate for Pima
County Attorney