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Hope is not blind optimism. It's not ignoring the enormity of the task ahead or the roadblocks that stand in our path. Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits us if we have the courage to reach for it, and to work for it, and to fight for it. Hope is the belief that destiny will not be written for us, but by us, by the men and women who are not content to settle for the world as it is, who have the courage to remake the world as it should be.

Barack Obama

DOV Tee Shirts \$20 Meeting Time 6:30 2020 Dues Still Only \$20!



VOTE BLUE NO MATTER WHO



Holly Lyon

Retired Air Force Colonel and Former Candidate for LD 11 Representative

Throughout her Air Force career of 26 years, Holly traveled the world, worked for NATO, and retired from the Pentagon as a Colonel. In 2008, she moved to Arizona and immediately became active in the greater Tucson community. Holly revived the SaddleBrooke Democratic Club, increasing its membership to almost 450. She assisted in building the infrastructure for the redistricted Legislative District 11, by helping draft its new by-laws and charter, and concentrating on growth and collaboration among its many Democratic clubs. She served as campaign manager for the first Legislative Senate candidate Jo Holt in the new LD, and twice ran for LD 11 Representative. In 2018, Holly knocked on thousands of doors, traveled thousands of miles throughout the widespread suburban and rural district, and raised more campaign funds than any candidate in the history of LD 11. Holly went on to serve as the Vice-Chair of LD 11, was an active member of the Pinal County Democrats, and became the Senior Vice-Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party. Holly continues to offer her support, and hard-earned wisdom to candidates, clubs, and other Democratic organizations throughout the State.

Focused on Health Care

by Tom O'Halleran



Arizona families I talk to are driving long distances to receive the health care they need, struggling to afford their prescription drugs, and dealing with the constant worry that the administration's partisan attacks on Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act will strip their care away from them.

Last year, I voted to pass the Lower Drug Costs Now Act. This important legislation would lower the cost of prescription drugs by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices directly with drug companies and make those prices available to Americans with private insurance. The bill would also cap out of pocket costs for seniors. Included within final passage were my initiatives to expand Medicare to cover vision services for the first time in the program's history.

If passed, this bill would provide relief to hundreds of thousands of Americans. Currently, we are forced to wait as the Senate sits on this important legislation.

I will not sit idly by as families across our state are forced to choose between the care and medications they need and putting food on the table. I will continue to fight to protect access to quality, affordable health care for all Arizonans, preserve Medicaid for our most vulnerable, and safeguard the ACA and those with pre-existing conditions from partisan attacks

The AZ Corporation Commission

by Shea Stanfield



Armed with a healthy skepticism of future lawmakers' commitment to the public welfare, the authors of the 1910 Arizona Constitution penned Article 15, which established the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), thus created our fourth branch of government. Today the ACC has 5 elected, not appointed, commissioners guided by the current mission statement "To Power Arizona's Future." The responsibility of the ACC is to grow Arizona's economy; ensure safe, reliable, and affordable utility services; enforce an ethical securities marketplace; and maintain a responsive government agency. The Commissioners establish policy, render judgments, and advocate on behalf of Arizona residents. They are the "hub of the wheel," setting policies, rules, and standards for renewable energy, and overseeing resources to ensure residents of Arizona have a safe, healthy, and sustainable future. In short, our lives depend on ACC Commissioners to do their job for us. With the majority of the sitting commissioners funded by dark money interests, the ACC is no longer protecting our health and welfare. It is important for us to elect Democratic Clean Elections commissioners who are dedicated to our quality of life issues rather than profits of corporate interests. This year, three of the five commission seats are open, I am running for one of them. Please do your research, visit my website www.sheastanfield.com to sign my nominating petition, donate seed money, and contribute \$5.00 to Clean Elections. Together we can make a difference and set a new course for Arizona's sustainable energy future that includes all of us.

Only eight more months to go and they will pass in the blink of an eye. Before you know it, the election will be over and the last place any of us will want to be on November 3rd is sitting with head in hands wondering if there was anything more we could have done. Over the next month there are numerous opportunities to prevent this. From registering voters with Field Team 6 at the Festival of Books (3/15) and 4th Street Art Fair (3/20-22), to petitioning to outlaw dirty money throughout the month, to canvassing and phone banking for various causes and candidates, the opportunities to act are limitless and many can be found at Mobilize America's website, mobilize.us. And one of the easiest things we can do to show our solidarity with those who demand change is to wear our blue DOV "VOTE" tee shirts proudly. Get some shirts for friends and family members so that they can be part of the blue wave as well.

Felipe R. Perez Wants to be Your Doctor in the House

Dr. Perez is running for the Arizona State House of Representatives from LD11 because he has a vision for Arizona. Let's begin with healthcare. The demand for access to quality healthcare in this state is in crisis. Arizona ranks 44th in the nation in number of Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) available to its citizens. In urban areas, the ratio is 80 PCP's to every 100,000 people and in our rural areas it is an appalling 10 PCPs to every 100,000. This is unacceptable. Only 40% of our PCP positions are filled – 60% remain unfilled and many of our great PCPs are nearing retirement.

Felipe has innovative plans; he's been addressing this issue for 11 years. He created a successful program to train PCPs right here in Tucson, one that has become a model for the nation. But Arizona needs seed money and resources to increase programs that address this need. We can train doctors here in our communities and encourage them to stay. Felipe can make it happen, and apply this proven medical model to address other needs in the state.

Innovation paired with hard work make things happen. Just as he is working with American Association of Teaching Health Centers to train doctors, he has his sights set on other challenges to build a stronger Arizona. He supports a diverse, clean economy that increases the prosperity of the state with good jobs that support communities and draw new businesses to diversify our economy. Let's take advantage of our natural resources – sun, wind, water– to fuel a new economic boom.

Felipe supports a fully funded educational system that prepares all children for competitive futures in a fast-changing world. Our educational system can draw people and businesses to Arizona, not force them to look elsewhere.

Let's leave no one behind as we move toward a prosperous, innovative Arizona. Together, we'll make Arizona strong. Go to www.perez4arizona.com to volunteer, donate, share your ideas and see the platform in more detail.



**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 our disabled veterans: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and paperback puzzle books.*

** Please – no candy.*

**April
Meeting**

Monday, April 13
6:30 pm • OV Library

**Speaker: Laura Conover
Candidate for Pima
County Attorney**

Come early at 6:15 and
make new friends!