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We had to struggle with the old enemies of peace: business and financial monopoly, speculation, reckless banking, class antagonism, sectionalism, war profiteering. They had begun to consider the Government of the United States as a mere appendage to their own affairs. We know now that Government by organized money is just as dangerous as Government by organized mob.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

DOV Tee Shirts \$20

Register for our Zoom Meeting

2020 Dues Still Only \$20!



VOTE BLUE NO MATTER WHO



Dear Neighbor,

During these times of uncertainty, I am committed to working for you and your family and ensuring that your voice is heard.

So far, we have seen disorganization, confusion, and a breakdown of communication from the administration to state, local, and Tribal entities suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic. I have heard from too many Arizonans unable to apply for the unemployment benefits or small business loans they were promised.

Right now, I am working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives, as well as with state, local and Tribal leadership to ensure that the voices of Arizona families are not left out of our next legislative package.

New legislation to address the fallout from the coronavirus must guarantee additional funding for hospitals and health care professionals, increased access to personal protective equipment (PPE), a fix to the Paycheck Protection Program and an infusion of funds to the Small Business Administration.

The administration must amend its current competitive bidding structure between states and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and exercise its ability to produce additional supplies and kits to ensure that areas hit hardest by this virus, such as the Navajo Nation, do not have to fight for access to testing kits.

Testing, testing, testing. Until we have the capability to test all potentially infected people, we will not understand the full scope of this viral spread, hindering our ability to make an informed decision on when to reopen our nation.

As this public health crisis unfolds, I remain laser-focused on hearing from Arizona families on what is and isn't working, and what your federal government can do to better support you.

As always, if you need assistance with a federal agency or program, or have a question or a suggestion, reach out to any of my offices. We will get through this, together.

Sincerely, Tom O'Halleran



Call to Action: Vote-by-Mail and Saving U.S.P.S. *by Kim Challenger, Candidate for Pima County Recorder**

VOTE-BY-MAIL: The COVID-19 pandemic has made it crystal clear; vote-by-mail is vital to the safety of our election's process. The Arizona Legislative Republican majority has consistently blocked all vote-by-mail legislation. I'm contacting my legislators requesting all vote-by-mail options and urge you to do the same.

In the meantime, our Pima County Recorder, F. Ann Rodriguez is taking steps to increase the vote-by-mail numbers by sending out mailers to all voters not on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL). Her office has increased outreach efforts and has communicated with the Democratic Party leadership on outreach opportunities.

This is not a partisan issue, this is a safety issue for both voters and poll workers. 80% of voters choose to vote-by-mail, regardless of party affiliation. Requesting a ballot is easy. You can call the Recorder's Office at 520-724-4330, or go online at recorder.pima.gov (Pima County Recorder) or azsos.gov (AZ Secretary of State)

SAVING U.S.P.S.: Time is running out. The current administration wants to privatize our postal service and is using the pandemic as a tool to do just that. Our postal service delivers not only vote-by-mail ballots but lifesaving medications, pension checks, and, most recently, economic stimulus checks. If not funded, we will lose this 200-year-old vital service. Call your U.S. Senators and Representatives and let them know that you support our postal service.

Be safe, call your representatives, and VOTE!

*Kim Challenger serves as Assistant Chief Deputy Recorder for Pima County, is a Certified Elections Officer, and is currently on administrative leave in order to run for office.

Servant Leadership

by Kevin E. Kubitskey, Candidate for Pima County Sheriff



After 21 years of decorated service in the Pima County Sheriff's Department and a proud member of this community I have chosen to retire and continue my campaign knowing I will bring integrity back to that office. Choosing to run for the office of Pima County Sheriff comes from a series of observed issues of bullying, retaliation and an atmosphere of being led through fear and intimidation. An atmosphere of coercive behavior and fear that has now branched out to those that support my campaign. This comes at a great personal loss but is necessary to show my passion to protect and stand for the men and women of the department that serve this community. Standing by the men and women of the department is what a true servant leader does and in return this will empower them to serve the community with pride and commitment. So as I finish the last day of an honorable career serving the people of Pima County, I humbly sit and think about how I will devote my future efforts towards winning the election for Pima County Sheriff and lead with courage and integrity. I will be the first Sheriff of Pima County to operate under a servant leader platform. This has caused tremendous research and an outcome that will lead to the first ever, Woman Chief Deputy (Undersheriff) in Pima County History. Together, we will bring both cultural and gender diversity back to the command structure of the Pima County Sheriff's Department. With servant leadership, transparency and diversity in place, we will be able to move forward and bring safety and needed change for the benefit of the community. A partnership for the people that is chosen by the people. Vote Kevin E. Kubitskey for Pima County Sheriff



STRONGER TOGETHER IN PINAL & PIMA COUNTIES: ADDRESSING the WATER SITUATION

by Linda Patterson, Candidate for State Senator

Our sources of water are severely threatened. Our understanding of just how bad it has been made clear in recent news. Experts reveal:

- the Colorado River, one of our most reliable sources of water, is dwindling. Phoenix is preparing for a future without it.
- groundwater wells are being drilled to new lows.
- aquifers, some of which are already depleted, are being considered as future sources of water. A dangerous option for us.
- The recommendation from the research experts is that Arizona **must retain** 18% of its water resources in 2020 in order to regain aquifer and depleted supplies.

As reports about AZ water have become more serious, competition for this limited resource is playing out. Many cities and towns are attempting to address this situation now, without regard to neighboring areas. Who wins? And, who will lose?

The conversation needs to change to what will best serve the common good. We must come together to share concerns and ideas based on the science of our time and reality for our future, including a discussion of the local needs of constituents.

As your State Senator, I will listen to your ideas, concerns and even your fears. I will gain an understanding of what you need and want and represent your views. I will not accept Special Interest or Dark Money that could cloud my judgement about this matter because we must return to a better way of solving problems. I will represent YOU, in the State Senate.

If you would like to receive our Campaign Newsletter, filled with great resources and campaign news, please leave your email address at lindapatterson4statesenate@gmail.com. Or visit www.LindaPatterson4AZStateSenate2020

If you support my candidacy, I need to ask you for your immediate support! As a Clean Elections Candidate, I have agreed that I will not accept one cent of Special Interest in money. In order to qualify for as a Clean Elections Candidate with the State of AZ, I must provide the Clean Elections Commission with 454 verified \$5 donations from residents in LD11. We need to get these donations to the commission by the end of next week. Please help! Here is how to connect at az.gov, E-QUAL. Or go to LindaPatterson4StateSenate2020@gmail.com and request an Official Clean Elections form.

Importance of Citizens Clean Elections Commission by Shea Stanfield, Candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission



Many of the voters who participate in the Arizona election process have heard the phrase "a Clean Elections Candidate." As I travel the State during my campaign I've noticed confusion around what it actually means to be a Clean Elections Candidate so I decided to do a short informational piece on the importance of Clean Elections in our election funding process.

The Citizens Clean Elections Act passed by voters in 1998 and is administered by a five member, non-partisan Commission. The Act established a system for voter education, clean funding for candidate campaigns and campaign finance enforcement. The purpose of the Act is to restore citizen participation and confidence in our political system, improve the integrity of Arizona State government and promote freedom of speech under the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions.

The programs Clean Elections offers are:

- Voter Education: The Commission has a voter education plan, developed annually in consultation with election officials and stakeholders. It focuses on educating voters about the logistics of voting as well as voting informed.
- Public Funding: The Commission provides an optional public financing program to qualified statewide and legislative candidates. They must meet certain requirements, among them collecting a certain number of \$5 qualifying contributions and agreeing not to accept contributions from PACs and corporations.
- Campaign Finance Enforcement: The Commission enforces the Clean Elections Act, including the public financing program, and has the authority to assess civil penalties on both participating and non-participating candidates.
- Clean Elections Fund: The voters of Arizona established the Citizens Clean Elections Fund, which is comprised from:
 - 1) 10% surcharge on all civil penalties and criminal fines,
 - 2) civil penalties paid by candidates, and
 - 3) \$5 qualifying contributions collected from participating candidates.

I am running for the Arizona Corporation Commission as a Clean Elections Candidate. For me to qualify for State funds to run my campaign I need 1800 individuals to donate a qualifying \$5. I don't need to tell you how important it is to keep monopoly corporation money out of a race to elect individuals that regulate them. Please visit my website, www.sheastanfield.com, to donate \$5.00 today. Thank you!



Voting Rights Republican Style

by Dee Maitland

The recent election in Wisconsin showed us the barriers and risks to life Republicans support to prevent voting by mail.

LD11 state Senator Vince Leach and Representative Mark Finchem both believe that voting by mail ensures voter fraud.

The coronavirus is creating a conflict between “shelter-in-place” and the imperative to vote in our democracy. We are being warned that virus protective measures might be required as late as August and November when we are scheduled to hold primary and national elections.

We are very fortunate to live in Arizona during this pandemic. We already have the systems and equipment in place to allow voters to social distance while voting. Called the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL), it allows individual voters to receive ballots in the mail and have their votes counted by returning the marked ballots to the county recorder either by mail or in person at designated drop off locations. Signing up is easy through your recorder’s website or at <https://servicearizona.com/>. This will ensure voter health and safety and minimize the number of people who must risk their health and safety by staffing polling places.

Health protection is now added to the many reasons for receiving an early ballot by mail: work complications; lack of a polling place nearby; long lines at polling places; illness; lack of transportation; bad weather; and ballot complexity requiring more time for thought. For those who worry that this method is less secure than voting at polling places be assured the recorders have the equipment to verify signatures and will contact voters should there be a mismatch to assure authenticity. In 2016 75% of the 2.7 million Arizona voters used PEVL. There were only 7 cases of voter fraud and most were snowbirds voting in two states. Our system is safe and secure.

Besides signing up for PEVL, please also contact Governor Ducey and legislators to request they protect us and poll volunteers by having ballots mailed to all voters for the next two elections. Thank you.

HOPE

by Tom Meconi

Apparently Trump and the Covidiotos have decided that the pandemic glass is half empty, not half full, and they expect us all to drink from it. Well, not all; primarily people of color and/or limited means. This way the hedge fund managers, CEOs, and the like who have access to tests and health care in general, can start raking in the cash again. They have no problem with social distancing; they’ve never had a problem avoiding us common folk. While meat packers and factory workers, not to mention our heroic health care workers, must work in close quarters, those that generate millions without breaking a sweat wring their hands and tell us many more must die in order to save ~~our country~~ their bank balance.

So where’s the hope, you ask? It’s on the front of a bright blue tee shirt and the message is clear: **VOTE!!!** While we are ahead in most of the polls, no lead is safe enough given the lengths the GOP will go to suppress the vote. They will pass ID laws, purge the voting rolls, close voting precincts in poor and non-white communities, and, as we learned in Wisconsin, they will make us risk a horrible, mortal disease in order to cast our constitutionally guaranteed ballot. So put on your blue tee shirt* and contact any of these kindred organization to see how you can help assure fair, open elections this November.

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

*If you need another VOTE tee shirt, or would like to improve the sartorial and/or political demeanor of a loved one, drop me a note at tmeconi@sbcglobal.net. And if you must go out, make sure you wear your mask, and your tee shirt!

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 paperback puzzle books.*

June Zoom Meeting

Monday, June 8
6:30 pm

Chris Nanos,
Candidate for Pima
County Sheriff