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In a democracy, every citizen, regardless of his interest in politics, "holds office." Every one of us is in a position of responsibility, and, in the final analysis, the kind of government we get depends upon how we fulfill those responsibilities. We, the people, are the boss, and we will get the kind of political leadership, be it good or bad, that we demand and deserve.  
*John F. Kennedy*

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**BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



**NOVEMBER ZOOM MEETING - Guest Speakers Raquel Terán & Charlie Fisher**



**Raquel Terán, Democratic Party Chair**

Raquel represents the residents of Legislative District 30 in the Arizona Senate and serves as the Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party.

Before she was elected to office, Raquel was a community organizer who advocated for Arizona communities against the infamous SB1070 "show me your papers" law.

For the last 14 years, she has been an advocate for civil rights, labor rights, immigrant rights, women's rights, and health care for all.



**Charlie Fisher, Democratic Party Executive Director**

Charlie has been active in local and state-level politics and advocacy since 2013.

He started his career in environmental advocacy and worked in a Government Relations firm before moving into working on campaigns, such as now-Congressman Greg Stanton's mayoral reelection campaign and the light rail expansion campaign in Phoenix. He has managed legislative campaigns, worked for the Arizona Education Association, and fought to protect the Affordable Care Act with Children's Action Alliance.

He joined the Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee and the Arizona Democratic Party's legislative program in 2017 and served as the ADLCC Executive Director for the 2018 and 2020 elections.

## **Sinema Redux** by Tom Meconi

Let's start with a song:

"How Do You Solve a Problem Like... Kyrsten"  
(Sung to the tune of "Maria" by Rogers and Hammerstein in *The Sound of Music*)  
How do you solve a problem like our Kyrsten?  
How do we get the one we voted for?  
Was Big Pharma always hiding `neath her tutu?  
It's way past time to show her out the door.

Now please join us for a trip on "progressive" Kyrsten`s way back machine:

- "Until the average American realizes that capitalism damages her livelihood while augmenting the livelihoods of the wealthy, the Almighty Dollar will continue to rule." (2002)
- "He's (Joe Lieberman) a shame to Democrats. I don't even know why he's running. He seems to want to get Republicans voting for him – what kind of strategy is that?" (2003)
- "The most liberal member of the Arizona Legislature" (self-description, 2006)

Meanwhile, back on earth in real time, she's hanging with Mitt Romney and wearing a ring that literally says "F@&k Off", which just about wraps up how she feels about the suckers who voted for her.

So, returning to our musical question, How Do You Solve a Problem like Kyrsten? The answer is obvious. Scream and holler until 2024, then PRIMARY her, her ring, and her tutu with an actual Democrat.

To start now:

Initial funding for the Primary Sinema PAC came from Way to Win.

<https://www.primarysinema.com/page/about>

Two dozen public officials and activists in Arizona launched their own campaign to build a pot of money that will eventually be released to a candidate who challenges Sinema.

<https://www.crowdpac.com/campaigns/404047/either-sinema-votes-to-end-the-filibuster-or-we-fund-a-primary-challenger>

The Run Ruben Run campaign is a project of Nuestro PAC, which is focused on Latino mobilization and was founded by a former top advisor to the presidential campaign of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

<https://runruben.run/>

## **There Ought to be a Law** by Dee Maitland



Skinhead parent threatens School Board Member



Parents disrupt School Board Meeting



Woman calls Mask Mandates Child Abuse



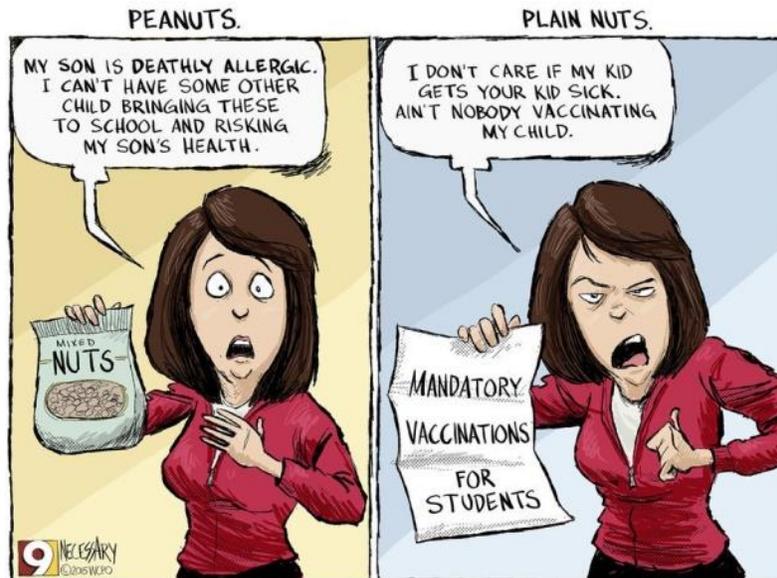
Woman accuses Mother of Rape for Masking Child

Across the nation militant parents are challenging and attacking school board members and other parents for supporting masks and Coronavirus vaccines. Teachers have been assaulted. Here in Vail, a father and his buddies brought zip ties to perform a citizen arrest of the principal for following the guidance of her school board. The anger, violence, and bullying has been terrifying to teachers, students, and school board members.

What can be done to bring civility and sanity back? First, we have to admit that these activists are bad parents. Consider what they are teaching their children: you should not read and carefully consider what experts say; you do not have to respect people who have different opinions or uncomfortable facts; yelling, cursing, threatening, name calling and hitting are acceptable ways to get your way; you have no responsibility to keep the community safe and healthy; perceived rights come with no responsibility.

If these people behave like this in public, how are they behaving at home? We may safely assume they are not raising children to be thoughtful, empathetic, generous, kind, or respectful. Multiple studies show bad parenting on the part of adults often results in their children demonstrating anti-social behaviors and aggression, poor resilience, lack empathy, difficulty with trust and relationships, and depression. While these anti-vax parents are yelling that masks mandates are child abuse, they are the ones abusing children by filling their homes with unreasoning anger and hatred toward others.

Now that we know vigilantism and bounty hunting are legal based on the Supreme Court response to the Texas abortion law, there ought to be a law that allows decent citizens to sue egregiously bad parents. The penalty for being found to be a bad parent will be passing mandatory classes in parenting and anger management or removal of their children. Citizens who bring the lawsuit will receive a financial reward and court costs will be borne by the bad parents. All of us would benefit by not allowing future sociopaths and psychopaths from being created by these people. If we had such a law, America would be the better for it.



## **The Chair of Independent Redistricting Commission is Not Doing her Job** by *Dee Maitland*

In 2000 Arizona voters passed Proposition 106 establishing the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC). It became a beacon to the nation for establishing fair voting districts by limiting partisan gerrymandering. The genius of the law is that it gives the chairmanship to a demonstrated independent selected by the four opponents.

At the Thursday, October 28 meeting, we witnessed Chair Ericka Neuberg fail in her responsibility to stop partisan gerrymandering by supporting a map proposed by Republican Commissioner Mehl designed to benefit Vince Leach.

On Thursday, despite expressing strong support for competitive districts, Chair Neuberg supported the Mehl's elimination of one such district. She engineered approval of 9.2, which is now Approved Draft Map 10.0. She explained her preference two ways. First, she was impressed by a joint letter from Marana Mayor Ed Honea and Senator Leach expressing a preference for the LD17 district to include Vail. Second, she repeatedly said she wanted to ensure that "center right" voters stood a chance of electing a candidate of their choice. These are two very wrong statements. First, the intent of Prop 106 is clear: **the commission should not consider legislator preferences**. If this were the first time she considered legislator input it could be forgiven. However, the League of Women Voters of Arizona had to write a letter condemning her plan to meet with state legislators and get their input. Fortunately, even the partisan members of the commission knew enough to vote down her proposal. Second, where is she finding "center right" voters that need protecting? Arizona Republicans are now nationally renowned and unified in championing the Big Lie, advancing voter suppression bills, and attending insurrections. It's incredulous she could believe that the hundreds of red-shirted old people loudly railing against diversity considerations and competitive districts represented the "center right". They were a MAGA rally.

Marana and Oro Valley have suffered for 10 years in safe Republican LD11 which is now infamous for electing Representative Mark Finchem, an Oath Keeper, Fraudit supporter, January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection attendee, and candidate for Secretary of State. The district has also repeatedly elected Senator Vince Leach who sued the 2010 IRC against having competitive districts all the way to the Supreme Court. He is an active member of ALEC advancing voter suppression legislation and is now encouraging the Attorney General to withhold significant funds from the City of Tucson for mandating masks. For the good of the State and the nation these men should face strong competition in elections.

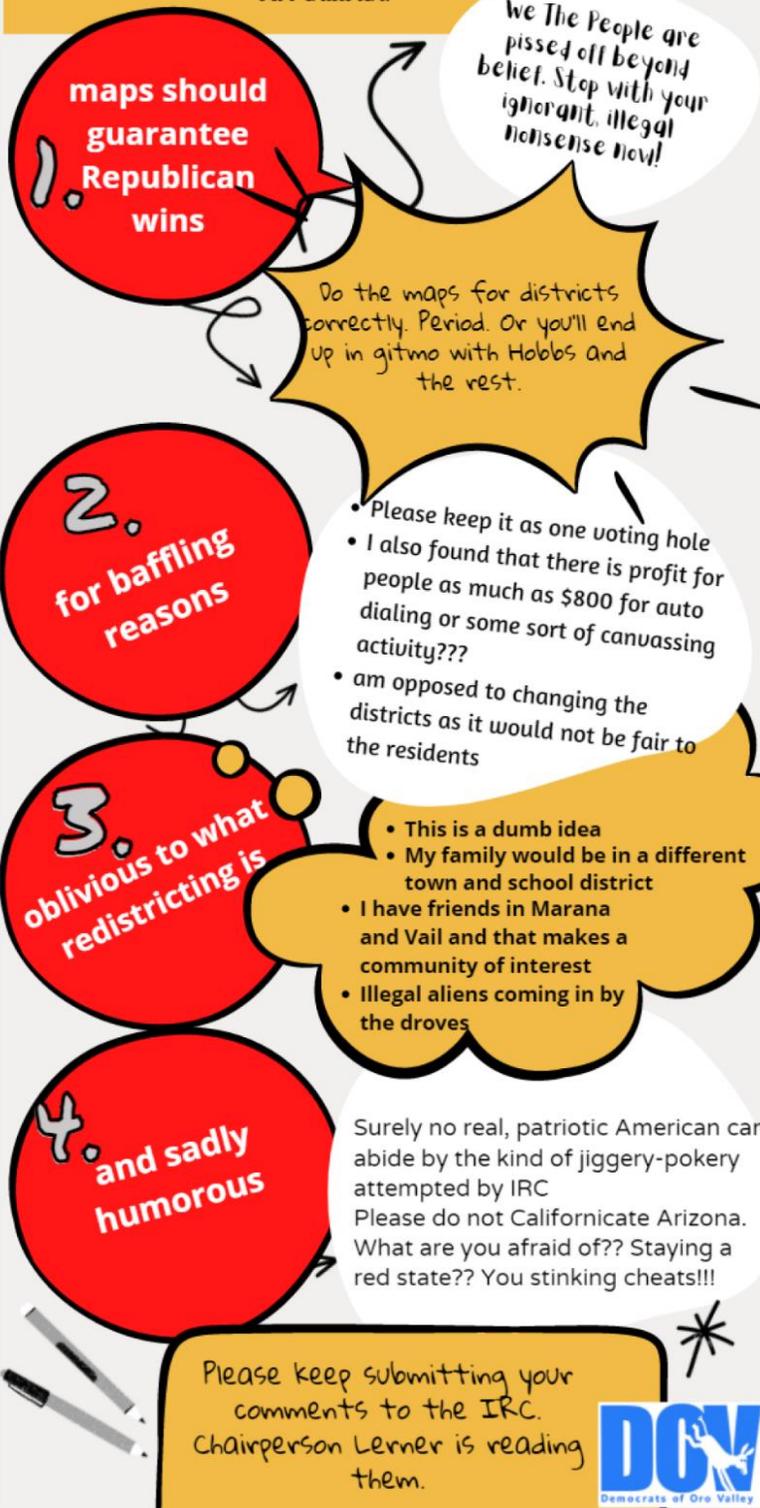
Competitive districts inspire voter confidence and participation. They encourage all parties to advance their best candidates who must run on their merits, not party affiliation, and they ensure politicians are held accountable for their actions. In a state where voter registration is almost equally divided between Democrats, Republicans and Independents, competitive districts ensure Independents truly have a voice and a choice. Ideally, this would mean 10 districts for each group of voters. The 5 competitive districts as proposed in 9.2 are far too few and no better than the map the 2010 commission produced. The state has changed in the last decade. Arizona voters elected Democrats for President, both Senate seats and Secretary of State, and our legislature has only a slim one-vote advantage for Republicans in both houses. If the IRC can't create more competitive districts, they should at least give Democrats an equal or greater number of safe districts.

It is time Chair Neuberg assumes the role of independent prescribed by Prop 106. We understand that Commissioner Mehl wants safe, white Republican districts, but 10.0 is very definition of what the Commission is there to prevent.

We must loudly condemn Chair Neuberg for failing to do her job when she supported Mehl's blatant partisan gerrymandering. Furthermore, we must loudly reject map 10.0 with its five competitive districts in favor of 9.0 with 6; or support any proposal that increases the number of competitive districts.

# This is who the IRC is listening to? \*

*This will help save Arizona and America from falling into this growing abyss of liberal racism, progressive socialism and critical race theory that helps brain wash our children.*



## **The Best of Biden** by *Jacolyn Marshall*

### **Health**

- Biden administration's mandates have resulted in a continued increase in worker vaccinations and a 93-99% vaccination rate across military branches.
- Biden administration detailed plans for children ages 5-11 to get vaccinated following FDA approval of kid-size doses of Pfizer shots.
- FDA and CDC approved Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters and the mixing and matching of different types, increasing their accessibility to millions.
- FDA proposed a new rule allowing Americans to buy hearing aids without a prescription, making them more accessible to 37 million who have mild to moderate hearing loss.
- FDA published new guidelines aimed at reducing sodium levels in 163 food categories
- Biden administration launched a broad strategy to regulate toxic industrial compounds (PFAS) associated with serious health conditions that are used in products ranging from cookware to carpet and firefighting foam.
- EPA is taking action to limit pollution from long-lasting PFAS chemicals that are appearing in drinking water systems, private wells, and food.
- DOD will clean contaminated sites throughout the country; the FDA will expand testing of the of the food supply; the Department of Agriculture will increase efforts to prevent PFAS contamination.
- Biden administration asked the Supreme Court to block the Texas abortion law while the fight over the measure's constitutionality is argued in the courts.
- Biden administration announced a far-reaching plan involving six federal agencies aimed at reducing the risk of suicides by the military and veterans through awareness campaigns, training programs, and increased availability of gun storage products.

### **Economy**

- Biden administration announced that the US is now creating an average of 600,000 jobs monthly, and weekly unemployment applications have dropped below 300 thousand for the first time since 2020.
- Biden finalized an agreement with the Port of Los Angeles to become a 24 hour/7days a week operation; the port along with Long Beach, accounts for 40% of all shipping containers entering the US.
- US Commerce Department announced that retail sales rose a seasonally adjusted 0.7% in September despite snarled global supply chains.
- US consumer confidence rose from 109.8 in September to 113.8 in October, after three straight declines due to the public's anxiety about the delta variant.
- Federal Reserve will impose broad restrictions on investments that officials can own, barring them from investing in individual stocks and bonds, and requiring them to disclose all financial transactions within 30 days.
- Biden has tasked US Commerce Secretary with ensuring the US will be a world leader in computer chip manufacturing, a necessary component in keeping the US as a world leader in economic and military power.
- Federal Trade Commission notified 700 companies that using fake reviews and other misleading messaging to promote their products will result in penalties up to \$43,792 for each violation.
- The Education Department will drop some of its toughest requirements in order to provide debt relief to thousands of teachers, social workers, military members, and other public servants.

### **Environment & Climate Change**

- Biden administration restored federal regulations guiding environmental reviews of major infrastructure projects such as highways and pipelines, which had been scaled back by the former administration.
- Biden restored Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in southern Utah that are considered sacred to Native American tribes.
- Biden restored protections to the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monument in the Atlantic, a conservation area off the New England coast that protects fragile marine life.
- Biden administration reinstated habitat protections for imperiled plants and wildlife with designated lands and waters critical for their survival.

- Biden administration issued a 40-page report on government-wide plans to protect financial, insurance and housing markets, specifically addressing their economic risks due to climate change.

### **Cyber Security**

- Biden administration conducted a meeting with 30 countries aimed at developing new cybersecurity strategies.
- Justice Department will take legal action under the False Claims Act against contractors who misuse federal dollars by failing to report breaches of their cyber systems or failing to maintain sufficient cybersecurity standards.

### **Social Justice**

- Biden issued a presidential proclamation creating Indigenous Peoples' Day, a significant effort to refocus Columbus Day to include an appreciation of Native peoples.
- The Justice Department announced a cross-government effort to investigate and prosecute redlining, the practice whereby banks discriminate against racial minorities and their surrounding neighborhoods.

### **Government**

- Biden administration has begun connecting with Gen Z voters, by including them in White House advisory circles and advocating policies to address millennial's concerns.
- Biden's released the information sought by Congress, noting that the Supreme Court ruled executive privilege cannot be used in a criminal investigation, such as the January 6<sup>th</sup> siege that attempted to overthrow our government.
- Biden paid tribute to the 150 officers who were injured and the 5 who died in during the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection, declaring that "because of you, democracy survived."
- Attorney General Garland condemned threats against school officials nationwide, citing the Justice Department's obligation to protect the American people against violence and threats of violence.

### **International Relations**

- Biden has been one of the driving forces behind the agreement of 136 countries who represent 90% of the global economy to impose a 15% minimum corporate tax rate designed to deter multinational companies from stashing profits in low-lax countries.
- US and Pakistani officials held talks concerning the ongoing evacuation of foreign nationals, providing funds to stave off an economic collapse in Afghanistan, and greater engagement with the Taliban Cabinet.
- US and Mexico laid out a new security framework to expand their crime-fighting capabilities and create programs to treat drug addiction, address its societal effects, and reduce gun trafficking.
- US has been one of the most vocal opponents of the military takeover of the Myanmar government. Along with the UK and EU, the US has placed sanctions on high-ranking military members and state-owned enterprises that are considered revenue streams for the military.
- US imposed new sanctions on Iran and announced new penalties against two senior Revolutionary Guard Corps members and two affiliated companies for supplying lethal drones to insurgent groups in Iraq, Lebanon, and Yemen.
- US remains committed to Taiwan and is actively cooperating in such areas as cybersecurity and supply chains. US support for Taiwan comes as tensions between China and the island remain high.
- Biden met with French President Macron, bolstering our alliance, agreeing to cooperate in the Indo-Pacific challenges ahead, combat counterterrorism in the Middle East, and address trade and economic issues.
- Biden attended G20 climate summit in Rome where the US and EU have agreed to 2050 as their deadline for reaching net-zero greenhouse emissions, while China, Russia and Saudi Arabia are aiming for 2060.
- Biden addressed the UN Climate Conference in Scotland where he advocated for immediate action to slow the intensifying effects of global warming.
- Biden, along with other world leaders from almost 200 countries, spent days involved in intense diplomatic negotiations aimed at developing strategies to slow climate change and adapt to the damage already underway.

## DOV pushes forward *by Mike Dayton*

We have been very active these past few months. DOV lead the petition-signature drive. Tom and Jean Meconi headed the round-up for the three education petitions, the three voter suppression initiatives, and the Dark Money petition. We are the forces of change.

We have had very impressive zoom speakers: October speaker was CD 1 Representative, Tom O'Halleran. He scared us all by saying that the 2022 election was more important than 2020 if we want to save our democracy. He encouraged us voters to continue to take on tough challenges and make the right decisions. September speakers were Dee Maitland and Betty Bengtson from the League of Women Voters. They explained their advocacy for a fair redistricting process and gave tips on how to advocate for preferred district maps. Our August speaker was Pima County Board of Supervisor, Rex Scott. He explained his work to ensure safe communities, nurture economic development, manage natural resources, and protect public health.

Every month Jacolyn Marshall writes the Best of Biden. This is to remind us how hardworking Biden has been and all that he has accomplished. Our DOV Newsletter receives accolades from around the state.

Dee Maitland is our very informative and outspoken writer on topics from the IRC Public Hearings to an article about how take back our country from Big Business and most importantly how to message Conservatives.

We have encouraged our members to sign candidate petitions online and donate to their clean election campaigns.

Currently DOV is aggressively working on an IRC campaign to have Oro Valley and Marana be included in a Pima County legislative district. We are frustrated in being in LD11 with 20,000 more Republicans than Democrats. It makes it impossible to elect our very qualified and very talented candidates. DOV LC members Evelyn, Dee, Jean, and Tom are actively involved and are advocating for you.

Tom Meconi has exhausted himself writing letters to Sinema and never gets a response. At least he is getting rid of some pent-up frustrations.

DOV is ending the year with a Zoom Holiday Party again this year. We are hoping the library will open up for the possibility of hybrid meetings sometime next year.

Enjoy a wonderful Holiday Season. Remember, the best way to save our democracy is to win in 2022!

### 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.*

### December Meeting

Monday, December 13  
6:30 pm

Holiday Celebration  
&  
The Year in Review

