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The right to vote and to have that vote counted is democracy's threshold liberty. Without it, nothing is possible, but with it, anything is possible. I will defend the right to vote and our democracy against all enemies — foreign and, yes, domestic. The fundamental right to vote is the right from which all other rights flow.

Joe Biden

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DEMOCRATS DELIVER!



APRIL ZOOM MEETING – Featured Guest Speaker: Gabriella Cázares-Kelly



Gabriella Cázares-Kelly, Pima County Recorder

Gabriella became the first Native American to hold a countywide office in Pima county. As County Recorder, she oversees voter registration, early voting, and document recording.

Gabriella is a former school teacher and community organizer. She is one of four women who co-founded Indivisible Tohono, a grassroots community organization that provides education and civic-engagement opportunities for members of the Tohono O'odham Nation. She was inspired to run for office after encountering many systemic barriers preventing Arizonans from registering to vote. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

Her many accomplishments since taking office include getting approval for Vote Centers and e-Poll Books for the 2022 elections, making all recorded documents viewable online, winning a lawsuit for an early voting site on tribal reservations, and championing voting rights during the Washington D.C. Week of Action.

Gabriella will be describing her office's readiness for the 2022 elections as well as pertinent voter information.

Go to <https://www.recorder.pima.gov/> where you can check your voter status and access your new precinct and legislative district information by entering your street address.

Additional Guest Speakers: Bonnie Heidler, Matthew Kopec & Randy Gold

Bonnie Heidler, chair of the Pima County Democratic Party

The former chair of LD10 Democrats, Bonnie is a successful fundraiser and organization builder. Under Heidler's leadership, Democrats flipped a State House seat, amassed \$10,000 for the 2020 election, increased the number of PCs from 96 to 127 overall, and grew the volunteer base to 800.

She has a long career as a high-tech project manager and small business owner. She holds a degree in psychology and a Master's in Public Administration. Bonnie describes herself as "a champion of fundraising, voter outreach, and volunteer recruitment. That's exactly what I plan to continue as Chair of PCDP."

Matthew Kopec, Candidate for Amphitheater School Board

A native of Tucson and proud product of public schools, Matthew is a current member of the Amphitheater Public Schools Governing Board. He holds a degree from the University of Arizona in Political Science & Sociology and currently works as a Council Aide for the City of Tucson.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center, a nonprofit dedicated to helping children who have been victims of abuse and neglect. He is also a Board Member of La Paloma Family Services, the children's foster care and group home provider of La Frontera. In addition, he is also a board member for local non-profit Literacy Connects.

Randy Gold, Political Activist

A lifelong never-foregoing-any-election Democrat, Randy's grassroots political journey commenced in early 2004 and consumed most of his life for the better part of the next 14 years, working within the extensive Southern California Democratic club network and its connections to local, state, and national politics, and to the community at large.

A native New Yorker, Randy earned an MBA at UCLA, then made Los Angeles his permanent home for the next 30+ years, working in various capacities within the software industry. In 2018 he and his wife Jean moved to the Tucson area and shortly afterwards they became members of the Democrats of Oro Valley. He plans on helping us turn LD17 blue.



Ketanji Brown Jackson
116th Justice of the Supreme Court

Just 8 Months Left to Save Our Democracy by Dee Maitland

If we don't keep our seats in the US House and Senate and increase our number of seats in the Arizona House and Senate in November all our good intentions and horror at what Republicans are proposing will be relegated to cocktail party chatter for the next decade. For just 8 months we all need to focus on winning in November. We need to loudly and daily talk about all the good we have done and how Republicans only want to assure that their donors get to profit from our tax dollars and our nation's resources. They want no funds to go to healthcare, education, food, housing, or infrastructure unless they have a way to profit from it, such as building walls or providing vouchers for their private schools. Basically, they want us starving, homeless, suffering, or dead. Here is our plan for the next 8 months:



[Click here to see the rest of the cartoon...](#)

LET'S GET READY for the 2022 elections!

THE 2022 ELECTION IS CRITICAL.

We will elect:

- A new Governor
- All members of the AZ State Legislature
- All AZ members of the US House of Representatives
- A US Senator (**Mark Kelly**)
- Corporation Commission members
- School Board members

WE ARE SO CLOSE.

Democrats will gain a majority in Arizona if we elect:

- Just **two** more State Representatives
- Just **two** more State Senators
- A **Democratic** Governor

WHY VOTE for DEMOCRATS?

Elected Democrats in AZ have and will:

- Protect voting rights
- Protect public education and keep college tuition costs down
- Lower prescription drug costs and ensure health care for all
- Protect the environment by investing in renewable energy
- Work to establish a living wage for all Arizonans

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE ELECTION DATES

- PRIMARY ELECTION August 2, 2022
- GENERAL ELECTION November 8, 2022

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Find your niche:

- Write postcards
- Make phone calls
- Drop flyers
- Register new voters
- Write letters to the editor and opinion pieces
- Drive candidates going door to door
- And **OUST VINCE LEACH FROM OFFICE!**

LEACH IS A SCORGE ON THE BODY POLITIC



After suffering for a decade in LD11, a safe Republican district that produced the likes of Mark Finchem, we now must suffer for another decade in a safe Republican district engineered by Independent Redistricting Commissioner Mehl for his chum Leach. We cannot let The Leach benefit from this gerrymandering. There isn't enough room here to provide a detailed point by point summary of every awful thing The Leach has done since 2014, so let's start with the degrees of separation between The Leach and Putin's war crimes.

- 1) The Leach is now a board member of the 2022 American Legislative Exchange Council and is the Chair of the ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force.
- 2) ALEC writes legislation sabotaging abortion rights; protecting corporations from product liability and personal injury claims; penalizing banks that attempt to divest from fossil fuel investments; forbidding the teaching about racism in schools (CRT); and suppressing voting rights in a myriad of ways. All have been introduced in the Arizona Legislature by one or more of our 30 ALEC legislators and have received support from The Leach.
- 3) ALEC describes itself: *The American Legislative Exchange Council is America's largest nonpartisan, voluntary membership organization of state legislators dedicated to the principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism.* In other words, they want government funds and protections going to corporations, not people. Founded by corporations, ALEC receives 98% of its funding from them and the Koch Industries.
- 4) Koch Industries is a privately held corporation with subsidiaries involved in the manufacturing, refining, and distribution of petroleum, chemicals, fiber polymers, minerals, fertilizer, pulp and paper products, as well as chemical technology, commodity market trading, and investments. Koch Industries is everywhere and has strong ties to the Russian petroleum industry.
- 5) Koch Industries and The Leach, by association, enable Putin's attack on Ukraine and subsequent war crimes.



We will be starting a **Worst of Leach** column in the next issue. Please send your contributions to us for inclusion. Slogans and bumper sticker ideas are also welcome. Thank You!

Welcome to LD 17 *by Mike Dayton*

Welcome to our new Legislative District 17. We are no longer LD 11.

LD17 covers parts of Picture Rocks, Marana including Dove Mountain, Oro Valley, SaddleBrooke, and SaddleBrooke Ranch, reaching across the mountains to Tanque Verde, down to Rita Ranch.

One bit of good news: it may be easier to win in LD 17. Formerly, the voter registration spread was 15 points favoring Republicans in LD 11. Now the spread is 8.8 points favoring Republicans. With enough effort, we might be able to overcome these odds.

LD 17 organized and elected officers: Larry Waggoner is chair, Susan Anderson is vice-chair, and Kay Schriener is treasurer. They will meet the third Wednesday of the month.



Look Who's Running for Office *by Evelyn Lathram*

If you are interested in knowing who is running for office in 2022, you can find out by going to <https://apps.arizona.vote/electioninfo/elections/2022-primary-election/legislative/2520/32/0> for Legislative races. Click on the tabs to see Federal and State candidates.

All candidates who filed enough signatures to be on the primary ballot are listed with information from their Candidate Portal.

The Best of Biden *by Jacolyn Marshall*

Health & Safety

- Biden administration launched Covid.gov, a one-stop website to help people access tests, vaccines, treatments, and infection rates in one's area, and called on Congress to provide additional funding to ensure continued supplies.
- TSA extended mask requirements on planes and public transportation until mid-April, giving CDC time to develop new, more targeted policies that will consider the number of cases in the nation and local communities.
- FDA authorized a second booster of Pfizer and Moderna vaccine for those 50+ with weakened immune systems.

Economy

- Labor Department announced the lowest unemployment level in 52 years as the job market continues to show strength amid rising costs and an ongoing pandemic; those collecting jobless aid fell to another five-decade low.
- Biden urged US oil companies to increase production to offset the rising costs of gas. Most Americans support the US ban on Russian crude even if it means higher prices at the pump.
- Federal Reserve is set to raise borrowing costs enough to slow growth and tame high inflation, but not so much as to topple the economy into recession.
- Labor Department announced businesses posted another record number of 11.3 million job openings in January.
- Biden administration announced bringing factory jobs back to the US will help fight inflation.
- Biden ordered the release of 1 million barrels of oil per day from the nation's strategic petroleum reserve for six months to control energy prices until US oil companies increase their own oil production.
- Treasury Secretary called for more government regulation of cryptocurrency to police and ward off fraudulent transactions.

Environment & Climate Change

- Biden administration promised an average of \$500 per year in energy savings by powering our homes with safer, cheaper, and cleaner electricity from solar panels and heat pumps that are part of the Infrastructure Plan.
- SEC adopted proposals requiring companies to disclose greenhouse gas emissions they produce and their climate risks, including costs of moving away from fossil fuels as well as risks related to the impact of storms, drought and higher temperatures caused by global warming. The number of investors who want climate-risk information related to global warming has grown dramatically in recent years.
- EPA announced a federal plan that restricts smokestack emissions from power plants and other industries that burden downwind areas with smog-causing pollution.
- Biden administration announced new vehicles sold in US will have to average at least 40 miles per gallon by 2026 under new federal rules.

Immigration

- Biden administration shifted immigration arrests to those without legal status who have committed serious crimes, resulting in a 40% drop in overall arrests while those who committed “aggravated felonies” nearly doubled. Overall deportations fell nearly 70%, the lowest in Immigration and Customs Enforcement history.
- Biden administration unveiled new asylum protocols that empower asylum officials to grant or deny claims, easing burdens on immigration courts. Under the new rules, asylum officers could decide cases in as little as 90 days.
- Biden administration announced Afghan refugees who passed background checks and are already in the US will be allowed to stay for 18 months, allowing them more time to receive permanent residency.
- Biden administration urged allies in Latin America to improve their immigration controls and expand their own asylum programs. Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia could be safe havens under a regional approach to asylum.
- CDC will end a policy that limited asylum aimed at preventing the spread of Covid by mid-May, allowing officials additional time to increase staffing at the border.

Social Justice

- Biden administration urged local, state, and federal officials to do more to ensure Native Americans have equal access to ballots and called on Congress to pass voting rights legislation.
- Department of Justice has more than doubled its voting rights enforcement to ensure election officials are complying with federal law.
- VP Harris announced a plan to end racial and ethnic discrimination in the appraisal of home values to address the wealth gap that systemic inequality has perpetuated.
- Biden signed into law the first bill that specifies lynching as a federal hate crime with a 30-year prison sentence and fines for anyone conspiring to commit an act of lynching that causes death or injury.
- Defense Secretary announced a review of 20 military bases in US and Europe with a high risk for sexual assault. The review found assaults were caused by leaders who do not institute assault prevention policies and do not make prevention a priority.
- President Biden and DOJ warned states that laws and policies that prevent parents from following the advice of health care professionals regarding appropriate care of transgender minors may infringe on their rights protected by the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Justice

- Biden’s landmark appointment of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the US Supreme Court was confirmed. She will assume her office this summer.
- Treasury Secretary and US Attorney General, working with the FBI and other federal agencies convened a multilateral task force known as REPO to investigate and prosecute oligarchs allied with Putin and enforce economic restrictions imposed on Russia and its billionaires.
- Alabama man armed with a truckload of weapons at US Capitol riot was found guilty and sentenced to prison.
- Federal judge ordered the release of more than 100 emails from a Trump adviser to the committee investigating the insurrection at the US Capitol.

Government

- House approved a massive spending bill that will rush \$13.6 billion in US aid to Ukraine and its European allies.
- Congress passed legislation to overhaul the US Postal Service, ensure six-day delivery, and remove prepayment retirement requirements.
- Congress renewed and updated the Violence Against Women Act, including new protections for Native American, transgender, and immigrant women.

- Biden's budget seeks a minimum tax on the 0.01% of the wealthiest households with half coming from households worth \$1 billion+ which would cut the budget deficit by more than \$1 trillion over the next decade.
- Biden's budget calls for more money for police, public schools, health, and housing. His budget focuses on fiscal responsibility, safety and security, and investments to build a better America.
- Biden's American Rescue Plan is providing affordable housing with more than \$11 billion being committed to housing-related programs. States in the West, Midwest, and East have made significant commitments, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition. Southern states have not made any significant commitments.
- Biden commissioned the USS Delaware, a nuclear attack submarine, noting it would enhance national security for the US and our allies around the world.

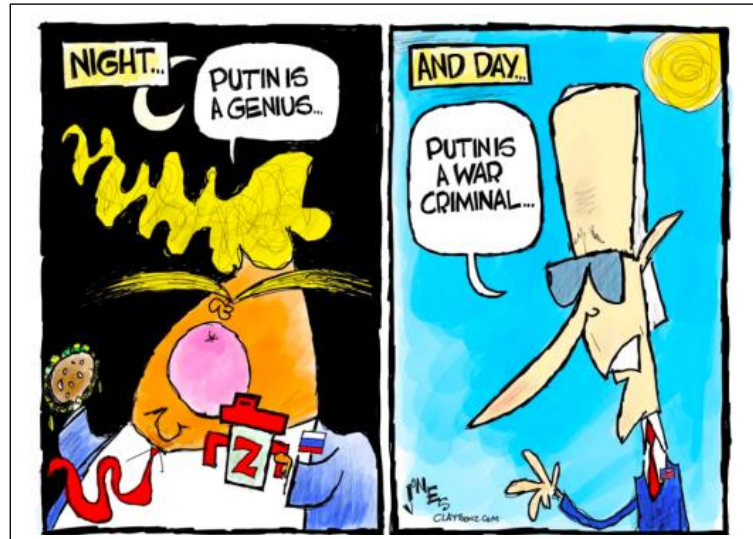
International Relations

- US Secretary of State used his three-nation tour of the Middle East and North Africa to reassure Israelis and Arabs of the Biden administration's commitment to the region's security by bringing the US back into the Iran nuclear accord and bringing Iran back into compliance with limits on its nuclear program.
- US imposed sanctions on five North Korean entities in response to two ballistic missile tests conducted in February and March.
- US, UK, and Australia formed a security alliance known as AUKUS to work together to develop hypersonic missiles amid growing concerns by the US and allies about China's military assertiveness in the Pacific.

US and Allies Respond to Russia's Attack on Ukraine

- Biden's executive action banning Russian oil, gas and coal imports to US will now become law, dealing another powerful blow against Russia's ability to fund its war on Ukraine.
- Due to economic and trade sanctions, Russia lost access to vital imports for its military gear and more than \$600 billion in assets in its central bank. The Russian stock market has yet to reopen since the sanctions began.
- Biden has not sent US troops to Ukraine though some have been deployed to neighboring NATO countries.
- Biden and Western allies pledged new sanctions on Russia and humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Biden announced the US would welcome 100,000 refugees and send Ukraine an additional \$1 billion in food, medicine, water, and other supplies.
- Secretary of Commerce outlined the historic economic blockade by the wealthiest nations in the world, outside of China, that has denied Putin access to cutting-edge semiconductors, telecommunications equipment, lasers, and sensors integral to war materiel.
- US and EU signed a data transfer privacy deal to pave the way for Europeans' personal information to be stored in US and provide relief to thousands of companies that face uncertainty about sending data between US & EU.
- Biden attended a trio of emergency war summits in Brussels followed by a trip to Poland that has accepted more than 2.2 million Ukrainians and has hosted thousands of additional US troops since Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014.
- Biden met with some of the thousands of US troops sent to assist with humanitarian aid and bolster US presence on Poland's border and met with Poland's president and humanitarian experts to mitigate suffering.
- Biden's visit to Poland underscored US commitment to protect Poland as a key NATO member on Ukraine's border and saluted their acceptance of refugees. Poland announced steps to end all Russian oil imports by year's end.
- US and NATO pledged new sanctions on Russian and more humanitarian aid for refugees.
- US and Ukraine, working with TikTok influencers and funding independent media outside Russia, united to combat Russia's propaganda by encouraging the use of software that circumvents their internet blocks.
- Biden administration has increased funding for the US Agency for Global Media that oversees Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America, making it possible for ordinary Russians to learn the truth about the war themselves. VOA broadcasters suggest thousands of Russians are listening.
- Through Biden's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the Alliance for Public Health is providing lifesaving medicines to treat HIV and opioid addiction in Ukraine.
- The US rolled out a new wave of financial sanctions against Russia, including targeting Putin's adult children, in addition to blocking two key Russian banks. The UK and EU followed suit by escalating campaigns to tighten economic pressures on Putin for war crimes in Ukraine.

- Key to the effectiveness of the sanctions has been the unity between the US and European nations. Germany and other countries are feeling pressured to join the US and Lithuania in blocking all Russian energy exports.
- UK froze assets against major banks, banned British investments in Russia, and pledged to end dependency on Russian coal and oil by year's end. EU plans to ban new investments in Russia and place an embargo on coal.
- US prohibited assets from two of Russia's largest banks from going through the US financial system and barred Americans from doing business with them.
- Biden will issue an executive order banning new investments in Russia by Americans, and the US Treasury is preparing more sanctions against Russian state-owned enterprises.
- The European Commission has proposed a ban on coal imports, targeting Russia's lucrative energy industry worth \$4.4 billion per year, and is already working on additional sanctions, including oil imports. The European Council suggested that an embargo on gas imports might also be required.



Note: Z is the Russian equivalent of the Swastika

Harvard Students to the Rescue

Two Harvard students launched a website to connect people fleeing Ukraine with those willing to take them in, generating offers of help and housing worldwide. Since launching UkraineTakeShelter.com more than 800,000 users have logged on to the website and more than 18,000 hosts have signed up to offer shelter and assistance to Ukrainian refugees.

Refugees use the website to find listings and get in contact with hosts. Those in immediate danger can enter their location to find offers of help nearest them. Prospective hosts indicate the languages they speak, how many refugees they can accommodate and any restrictions concerning you children or pets.

The website also provides steps ensure the protection of refugees from human trafficking and other hazards they might face.

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, toothbrushes, pocket novels and puzzle books.*

May Zoom Meeting

Monday, May 9
6:30 pm

Guest Speaker:
Larry Waggoner
Chair of LD17

Topic:
What's ahead for LD17