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History has never been kind to those who have sided with voter suppression over voters' rights. And it will be even less kind to those who side with election subversion. Democracy is who we are, who we must be, now and forever. Let's stand in this breach together. Let's spread the faith and get this done.
Joe Biden

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LET'S MAKE SURE DEMOCRATS DELIVER!



JULY ZOOM MEETING – Speakers: Marco Lopez, Adrian Fontes, Sandra Kennedy & Laure Kuby

Marco Lopez, Candidate for Governor



After serving two terms as mayor of Nogales, Marco subsequently served as Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce where he oversaw critical trade relationships in the state.

Later, Marco was appointed to serve in the Obama Administration, where he oversaw a \$13 billion budget and 60,000 people. In 2011, started his own small business. Over the past ten years his company has brought high speed internet to 1 million low-income families and is on track to create 15,000 jobs in Arizona. He believes that anyone who works hard and treats people with respect can make it here in our state.

Adrian Fontes, Candidate for Secretary of State



Adrian spent his career as a prosecutor advocating for justice and fighting for the vulnerable and disadvantaged in Colorado, Maricopa County, and the Arizona Attorney General's office.

Subsequently, Adrian became the first Democrat elected to the Maricopa County Recorder's office in 50 years, where he revolutionized the voting system by making elections more accessible and more secure than ever before. Working with political and community organizations across the spectrum, he increased registration by 500,000 voters.

As a former Marine, an attorney and an elections administrator, Adrian has spent his whole career fighting for justice and democracy.

Sandra Kennedy, Candidate for AZ Corporate Commissioner



As a current Corporation Commissioner, Sandra believes there's still more work to do to protect the public, fight corruption, increase transparency, and protect Arizona's most vulnerable residents. She is beholden to the people, not utility monopolies nor special interests.

Previously, Sandra served in the Arizona House of Representatives for six years, where she co-authored Arizona's first Domestic Violence Bill. Subsequently, she served three terms in the State Senate.

She was first elected to the Corporation Commission in 2008 as fierce consumer advocate promoting solar energy and was re-elected in 2018 to restore integrity and transparency to the Commission, lower unjustified utility rate increases, and create more solar and renewable energy in Arizona.

Lauren Kuby, Candidate for AZ Corporation Commissioner



Lauren, a two-term council member and former vice-mayor in Tempe, has spent her career standing up to special interests and fighting for consumer, environmental, and worker protections in Arizona. She is a senior sustainability scientist at ASU and a recognized national champion for climate action and clean energy.

Lauren holds positions at the University's Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation and the Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and Family. She served on the board of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association from 2015-2020. She works with cities, small businesses, and nonprofits to create sustainable economic solutions that connect the dots between housing, health, food access, and transportation.

2022 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

- July 5: Last day to register to vote for Primary Election
- July 6: Early ballots mailed
- July 6 - 29: In-person early voting
- July 22: Last day to request a ballot by mail
- July 26: Last day to request replacement ballot
- July 26: Recommended last day to mail ballot
- July 30 & August 1: Emergency Voting
- August 2: Election Day! Vote Centers open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m

www.recorder.pima.gov/ElectionCalendar



Democratic Candidates in the August 2 Primary

US Senate CD 6 – Mark Kelly

US House CD 6 - Kristen Engel, Daniel Hernandez

AZ Governor - Katie Hobbes, Marco Lopez

AZ Secretary of State - Adrian Fontes, Reginald Bolding

AZ Attorney General - Kris Mayes

AZ State Treasurer - Martin Quezada

AZ Superintendent of Public Instruction- Kathy Hoffman

AZ Corporation Commission - Sandra Kennedy, Lauren Kuby

AZ Senate LD 17 - Mike Nickerson

AZ State House LD 17 - Dana Allmond, Brian Radford

Non-partisan Candidates in the August 2 Primary

Oro Valley Town Council - 4 Incumbents, 4 Challengers

Ways to Make a Difference

Help Mike Nickerson the AZ Senate candidate for LD17 is running as a clean elections candidate. Use the link to help Mike.
<https://www.mikenickersonforaz.com/get-involved>

Dana Allmond and **Brian Radford**, the two AZ House candidates for LD17 can also use volunteer help. Use these link(s) if interested. <https://www.allmond4az.com/volunteer/> <https://www.radfordforaz.com/contact/>

LD17 AZ Democrats

Sign up for the LD17 D's email <https://ld17azdemocrats.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6e1e05c3d1922443bad3293db&id=41233d0e77>

Contact **Sue Anderson** of LD17 Dems about volunteer opportunities svanderson227@gmail.com

Pima County Democratic Party

Attend or spread the word about PCDP events <https://pimadems.org/events/>

Mission for Arizona

Virtual volunteer opportunities (use sign up links below)

Phone banking <https://www.mobilize.us/missionforaz/event/461675/>

Hotline to answer voter questions https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCVhhYu1_Nzj526Ym2YezfSM-o4FLIUf-6Q1ZTaSkvzxC-Q/viewform

In-Person Mission for Arizona Volunteer Opportunities (use sign up link below)

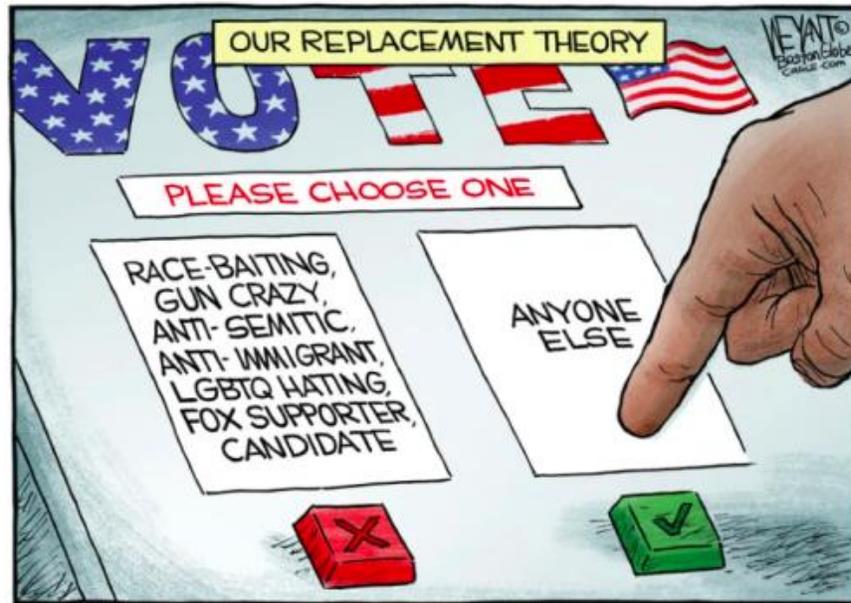
Poll Observer, Boiler Room worker to resolve on-the-ground issues around election day, Ballot Process Observer to observe all parts of ballot process to flag any issues

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCVhhYu1_Nzj526Ym2YezfSM-o4FLIUfF-6Q1ZTaSkvzxC-Q/viewform

Vote Forward

Write letters to voters. Writing letters to voters is one of the most effective ways to help increase election turnout. And you can do it right from home. How to sign up: https://votefwd.org/?_kx=Mnxbe5IUegwnkU0si2vxG7A3RPK5fl-w-vHQLbvCDYw%3D.LqnJRK

Write A Letter to the Editor in support of our candidates.



The Worst of Leach by Dee Maitland

Leach's voting record on gun bills has been appalling.

- Leach voted YES on bill that eases the automatic restoration of firearm possession rights after people get out of prison.
- Leach voted YES on bill that forces Arizona colleges and universities to allow permit holders to carry concealed guns on campuses.
- Leach voted YES on bill that bans registration and buyback laws, bans taxes on firearms and gun equipment, and preemptively prohibits any bans of assault weapons, ammunition & bump stocks.
- Leach voted YES on bill that allows a property owner to use physical or deadly force if they reasonably believe it immediately necessary to prevent criminal damage to their property.
- Leach voted YES on bill that allows parents to bypass gun-free zones at public schools and keep loaded and unlocked weapons within reach in their cars while dropping off and picking up children.
- Leach voted YES on bill that would require public schools to provide students with firearms training between grades 6 & 12.
- Leach voted YES on bill that would allow people with concealed permits to bring guns into libraries, community center, public pools, state museums, the DMV, government offices, block parties, marches, and street fairs.
- Leach voted YES on bill that prohibits banks from discriminating against firearm manufacturers and dealers.



Leach is spearheading the effort to ban drag shows as part of the Republicans culture war against transgender youth.

What are they going to do about their members who were part of Harvard's Hasty Pudding Club which is notorious for their men in drag? Grover Norquist is listed as a "notable" alumnus along with Henry Cabot Lodge, Archibald Cox, and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. Should we search Harvard yearbooks to determine if any of the 14 Republican Harvard graduates in Congress ever dressed in drag? We know disgraced Republican Congressman Madison Cawthorn favored women's lingerie. What should be done with them?

What are they going to do about all the movies where men dress as women? Will they punish the actors? Over fifty films feature men dressed in drag, including *Some Like It Hot*, *The Nutty Professor*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Psycho*, *Silence of the Lambs*, and *Tootsie*. Republicans will also have to ban Shakespeare. During Shakespeare's time all the roles were played by men. Modern female actors disguise themselves as men in plays such as *The Merchant of Venice* and *As You Like It*. Oh, dear! Will women who prefer wearing slacks not be allowed to teach? Practice law? Provide health services? Serve food?

Who will they attack next? Men like Leach should be vilified and voted out of office now! To paraphrase Pastor Martin Niemöller:

First Republicans came for the immigrants
And I did not speak out
Because I was not an immigrant

Then Republicans came for women's rights
And I did not speak out
Because I was not female

Then Republicans came for the blacks
And I did not speak out
Because I was not black

Then Republicans came for voting rights
And I did not speak out
Because I did not vote

Then Republicans came for the transsexuals
And I did not speak out
Because I was not trans

Then Republicans came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me



Spread the Word *by Jean Meconi*



Cassidy Hutchinson gave explosive testimony on June 28th during the House Select Committee hearing. Trump knew his January 6th plans could turn violent days before the event. He knew the mob was armed & wanted them armed because they posed no danger to him. He wanted to go with the rioters to the Capitol and then assaulted a secret service officer when he wasn't taken there. Afterwards, Trump didn't want to call the rioters off.

Are your fellow Americans paying attention? Polls show that a majority of Americans are getting some information about the hearings. Yet Republicans are still clinging to the belief that Trump did no wrong.

You can help amplify the January 6th testimony. Talk about the hearings with anyone who will listen. Talk about the hearings in public, so your conversations are overheard. Write letters to the editor ([AZ Daily Star](#), [Tucson Local Media](#), [AZ Central](#)). Share your thoughts and links about the hearings on social media. American democracy was and still is on the line.

What has been presented in the hearings thus far is convincing. The riot wasn't spontaneous. Trump directed it in a desperate last-ditch effort to cling to power.

The hearing of June 9th laid out the case against Trump and his co-conspirators. We saw new footage and testimony on how the Capitol police were attacked and overwhelmed. We learned that the Proud Boys reconnoitered the route from the Ellipse to the Capitol Building and then led the charge.

On June 13th, testimony emphasized that Trump knew his election fraud claims were false. "Team Normal" presented the facts to Trump but he preferred to listen to "Team Crazy". We also learned that Trump fleeced his followers out of money collected for court battles to prove the nonexistent election fraud. The quarter of a billion dollars collected was mostly funneled into Trump's political action committee, and Trump chose not to spend it on court battles.

The hearing of June 16th made the law clear. It was illegal for then Vice President Mike Pence to block the certification of President Biden's electors. Trump knew it was illegal. He was told repeatedly that it was illegal. Yet he pressured Pence to do it, pushed the lie that Pence could do it, and then directed the mob to take matters into their own hands when Pence followed the law instead. The mob that had been chanting "hang Mike Pence" got within 40 feet of him on January 6th.

On June 21st we were reminded of the tragic toll the election lies and coup pressure had on the recipients. Trump leaned on officials and destroyed the reputation and lives of ordinary election workers. The pressure campaign consisted of harassment, threats, promises of rewards and intimidation. The election lies had and are still having serious consequences.

The June 23rd hearing brought into sharper focus "Trump's Theatre of the Absurd." Trump's Department of Justice thoroughly investigated all election fraud allegations regardless of how farfetched. Every allegation was debunked. "Just say the election was corrupt and leave the rest to me and Republican congressmen," Trump then implored the DOJ. When this didn't work, Trump threatened to remove DOJ leadership and install his flunky Jeff

Clark. He only backed off when he was told that there would be mass resignations. After January 6th, his co-conspirators sought pardons for their illegal actions. This includes Arizona's Andy Biggs. It's intriguing that even though he didn't grant them, Trump is now dangling the promise of pardons if reelected.

The coup almost succeeded on January 6th. Trump still commands the core Republican base, conservative media as well as neo-Christian and fringe para-militia groups. The party of Trump remains a clear and present danger to American democracy. J. Michael Luttig, a retired federal appeals court judge and conservative legal icon, testified that the ex-president and his supporters "would attempt to overturn the 2024 election in the same way they attempted to overturn the 2020 election—but succeed in 2024 where they failed in 2020."

Republicans would like January 6th to be swept under the rug. Don't let them.

Spread the word.

The Best of Biden *by Jacolyn Marshall*

Health & Safety

- Biden administration flew in 22 tons of Nestle specialty formula from Switzerland to address the critical shortage.
- CDC authorized Covid shots for infants and preschoolers, making 18 million children eligible for vaccinations.
- Biden signed the broadest gun violence bill in decades, toughening background checks for young buyers, keeping firearms from more domestic violence offenders, and establishing red flag laws that allow authorities to deny weapons to dangerous people. Most of the \$13 billion cost will bolster mental health programs and aid schools.
- Biden met with Democratic governors to discuss alternative ways to protect abortion access, such as using federal veterans hospitals or military bases in states that restrict access.
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is assessing crash data to determine risks posed by automated vehicles and regulations needed to protect drivers, passengers, and pedestrians.
- Biden administration proposed new protections for the rights of LGBTQ students and victims of campus sexual assault under the Title IX women's rights law.
- FDA ordered Juul to pull its e-cigarettes linked to a national surge in teen vaping and addiction from its US markets.

Economy

- Labor Department reported US employers added 390,000 new jobs in May, extending a streak of hiring that bolstered the economy despite inflation and rising interest rates.
- Biden called on Congress to suspend federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months to ease financial burden for consumers.
- Federal Reserve announced it will raise interest rates fast enough to quell inflation, without tightening credit to the point of throttling the economy and causing a recession.

Environment & Climate Change

- Biden ordered emergency measures to boost crucial supplies to US solar manufacturers and declared a two-year tariff exemption on solar panels from Southeast Asia while US increases its domestic production.
- Interior Department announced it will phase out sales of plastic water bottles and other single-use products at national parks and other public lands to curb millions of pounds of unnecessary disposable plastic.
- Biden announced escalating federal assistance for New Mexico as it faces its largest wildfire in its state history.
- EPA announced that "forever chemicals" known as PFAS pose health risks even at levels so low they cannot be detected, such as non-stick and stain-resistant compounds that have been used in products since the 1940s.
- EPA urged states and territories to apply for infrastructure funds to address PFAS in drinking water, including technical assistance, testing, training, and installing treatment facilities.

- Interior Secretary announced US will add \$102 million this year for wildfire risk reduction, burned-area rehabilitation, and the establishment of an interagency wildland firefighter health and wellness program.
- Biden administration announced the Justice40 initiative is funding 14 environmental justice organizations to provide solar training, renovate homes to withstand extreme weather, and provide community markets to aid local farmers.
- Biden administration launched a formal partnership with 11 East Coast governors to boost the growing offshore wind industry, including manufacturing facilities and ports, and workforce training and development.

Immigration

- Biden administration's reversal of Trump's rule denying green cards to immigrants who use food stamps or other public benefits will stand as the Supreme Court dismissed the case, affirming that states could not intervene.
- Biden announced that 20 countries from Chile to Canada that attended Summit of the Americas have agreed to provide legal pathways to enter their countries, aid to their communities most affected by migration, and provide humane border management and coordinated emergency responses.
- Biden administration has committed \$314 million to assist countries hosting refugees and expanding their efforts to reunite Haitian and Cuban families.

Social Justice

- DOJ announced a sweeping civil rights investigation into the Louisiana State Police for its pattern of ignoring or concealing evidence of beatings of mostly Black men in at least a dozen cases over the past ten years.
- Ketanji Brown Jackson became the first Black woman to reside on the Supreme Court, making it the first time in its 232-year history four women will serve together on the nine-member court.
- Department of Veterans Affairs accredited the Navajo Nation's VA program, which allows them to provide service officers to assist their veterans in submitting benefit claims.

Justice

- January 6 House Committee announced they have uncovered enough evidence for the DOJ to consider a criminal indictment against Trump.
- House Committee subpoenaed unseen tapes shot by filmmaker Holder before and after the insurrection.
- DOJ filed a lawsuit to block Arizona from enforcing its voting law that demands proof of citizenship, as a violation of the National Voter Registration Act, and place of birth, as immaterial to whether someone is eligible to vote.

Cybersecurity

- Biden administration launched a task force dedicated to fighting online harassment, addressing issues such as preventing abuse and providing services for those targeted.

- Biden administration responded to cybercriminals' ransomware attacks last year with actions that included diplomatic, law enforcement, and intelligence efforts designed to discourage ransomware operators. Since then, ransomware gangs have shied away from targets in the US.

Government

- Biden's executive actions banning fast-action bump-stock devices and ghost guns have been enhanced by raising the age limit for buying semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21, making it a federal offense to import, manufacture or possess large-capacity magazines, and creating a program to buy them back.
- Democratic controlled US House of Representatives approved "red flag" legislation that would allow families, police, and others to ask federal courts to remove firearms from those at risk of harming themselves or others.
- Transportation Secretary advised airlines to stress-test their schedules to ensure they can operate all planned flights with the employees they have and add additional customer-service workers or face enforcement actions for failing to live up to consumer-protection standards.
- Biden presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to 17 honorees who have overcome significant obstacles to achieve impressive accomplishments in the arts and science, dedicated their lives to advocating for the vulnerable, and acted with bravery to improve their communities and the world.

International Relations: Ukraine

- US Treasury announced a multi-national task force designed to seize Russian oligarchs' wealth has blocked and frozen \$30 billion in sanctioned individuals' property and funds in its first 100 days in operation.
- Biden and Western allies attended a three-day summit focused on keeping economic fallout from the Ukraine war from fracturing the global coalition working to punish Russia's aggression.
- G-7 leaders announced new bans on imports of Russian gold to further isolate Russia economically and are looking at price caps on energy to limit Russian oil and gas profits.
- Biden announced a global infrastructure partnership designed to counter China's influence in the developing world. The initiative aims to leverage \$600 billion with fellow G-7 countries by 2027.

International Relations: Other

- Biden administration praised Saudi Arabia for getting key oil producers to step up production.
- Biden administration announced the US has restored a line of communication for the Palestinians to deal directly with the State Department rather than having to go through the American ambassador to Israel.
- US-led coalition forces captured a leader of the extremist Islamic State in a military operation in northern Syria.
- State Department officials traveled to Venezuela to bring home detained Americans and rebuild relations with the South American oil giant.
- Senior US officials arrived in Sri Lanka to determine how to help the island nation amid an unprecedented economic crisis and severe shortages of essential supplies.

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.*

August Zoom Meeting

**Monday, August 8
6:30 pm**

**Guest Speakers:
TBA**

**Topics:
Campaign Platforms,
Legislative and Primary
Reviews**