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Every child must be encouraged to get as much education as he can take. We want this not only for his sake – but for the nation’s sake. Nothing matters more to the future of our country: not military preparedness – for armed might is worthless if we lack the brain power to build a world of peace; not our productive economy – for we cannot sustain growth without trained manpower; not our democratic system of government – for freedom is fragile if citizens are ignorant.
Lyndon B. Johnson

2022 Dues Still Only \$20 **DOV Tee Shirts \$20**

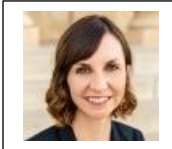
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 **BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE** 

MARCH ZOOM MEETING –Guest Speakers: Kathy Hoffman & Terry Goddard



Kathy Hoffman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Superintendent Kathy Hoffman was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in November 2018 and assumed office in January 2019. Superintendent Hoffman has spent her entire career working in public education, first as a pre-school teacher and then as a speech-language pathologist. She began her career in the Vail School District in Southern Arizona before joining the Peoria School District.

Her experience as both an educator and advocate for students with disabilities informs her vision for public education. Throughout her career, she has fought tirelessly for equal access to high-quality public education regardless of a student’s race, gender, or zip code.



Terry Goddard, Founder of Stop Dark Money

Terry Goddard, former attorney general of Arizona and founder of Stop Dark Money will speak on the Voters' Right to Know Act, formerly known as Stop Dark Money. Terry has been working on this important issue for the past three years and will speak to the importance of getting this on the ballot and passed this year. He will be joined by Chris Hawkins, the Southern AZ coordinator for the Act.

You can check out petitions out at the Pima Dems office at 4639 E. 1st or many locations in the Tucson central area. Please give Chris Hawkins a call at 650-766-4257 or email her at ChrisAZorganizer@gmail.com for more information and **join our 5:30 ZOOM every Tuesday night** to ask questions, share successes, and hear about our events and their locations. The Festival of Books is coming up and you are welcome to come join us as we canvass the festival!



The Arizona Fair Elections Act Removes Barriers to Voting

- Protects the rights of voters to **vote by mail**: to remain on the popular, bipartisan permanent early voting list (PEVL) and prohibits politicians and bureaucrats from removing voters from the PEVL for missing a few elections.
- Extends **in-person early voting** through the day before election day and allows voters to vote at any polling location in their county.
- Protects the rights of Tribal voters by requiring Tribal input on the location and hours of polling places and protects voters with disabilities by ensuring the availability of a variety of voting methods, including curbside voting.
- Ensures Arizona voters' registration is updated when they sign up for driver's licenses, state identification cards, or a change address at the MVD. This safe, hassle-free process ensures that Arizona voter information is accurate and up to date.
- Eliminates outdated deadlines by making voter registration available through election day. Protects the right to offer food and hydration to people waiting in line at polling places.

Safeguards Elections Against Partisan Interference

- Prevents the state legislature from overturning presidential election results. The people, not the politicians, should decide who wins elections.
- Protects the privacy of ballots and guards against ballots and other election materials being turned over for improper uses.
- Provides additional funding sources for basic elections infrastructure.

Fights Corruption and Promotes Better Representation

- Combats corruption by prohibiting lobbyists from giving certain gifts to politicians, including banning lobbyists from paying for lawmakers' travel and expensive meals.
- Reduces the amounts that any one individual or PAC may contribute to candidates.
- Reduces the power of special interests by increasing Clean Elections funding for candidates who agree not to take corporate funding or large private contributions.

Protects Our Right to Pass Our Own Laws

- Protects ballot measure petition signatures from being disqualified for frequently abused technicalities, so that voters maintain the right to decide for ourselves.

How We Pay for It

- The measure is paid for by increasing the lobbyist registration fee from \$25 to \$50, increasing the minimum income tax for large businesses from \$50 to \$150, and restoring the \$5 tax donations to Clean Elections.



LWV ARIZONA Endorses Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections Ballot Measure

In light of the failure to pass federal legislation to protect the freedom to vote and the state legislature's relentless attempts to restrict voter registration, to make it harder to vote, to pass laws to intimidate voters and poll workers, and to promote election sabotage and subversion, Arizonans will need to act to ensure our freedom to vote is a promise that can be realized by everyone.

The provisions of the Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections ballot measure are aligned with the League of Women Voters positions on voting, elections, the influence of money in politics, and restoring funding for the Clean Elections Commission.

How you can get involved and ensure passage of this measure.

Go to AZFE.org/sign

- Find out where to sign a petition
- Find out where you can attend an event

Go to AZFE.org/volunteer

- To volunteer to circulate petitions
- To volunteer to host an event

About the Ballot Measure:

- Name: ARIZONANS FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS
- Type of measure: Statutory
- Filed: February 7, 2022
- Due Date: **July 7, 2022**
- Signatures Required: **237,645**

First, our enormous thanks to Fitz for so many years of wisdom and humor. May his retirement bring him joy and may our paths continue to cross. *by Dee Maitland*

Now this:



The QAnon Insurrectionists are Coming to Oro Valley!

In the style of #!\$?er Carlson "I'm just asking":

- Has Bannon moved to Oro Valley to set up an operation to thwart the will of Arizona voters in 2022 and get even for Trump's loss in Arizona?
- How were Finchem and Leach involved?
- Did IRC Commissioner Mehl gerrymander LD17 because he received permits and government funds for his development company from Leach and his friend the Mayor of Marana?
- Is there a chance Finchem will be indicted for his part in the January 6th insurrection?
- Can we do enough to protect ourselves and our country from the Republicans' lust for power?

If we all act together, I believe we can because we must.

Candidates Corner

Oro Valley and Marana are now part of **LD 17**. These candidates are eager to represent you and are hoping for your support in getting them elected.

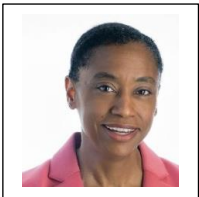


Mike Nickerson, Candidate for Arizona State Senate

Legislative District 17

Mike Nickerson, chair of Saddlebrooke Dems, is running for State Senate to restore integrity to Arizona's political system. He wants to make sure the voices of all Arizonans are heard through their uncensored vote. Mike began his political life as a republican doing volunteer work for a variety of candidates, he later worked on John Anderson's independent presidential campaign in 1980. His diverse background and perspectives gained from his involvement in all three parties makes him uniquely qualified to understand the importance of consensus building.

After completing his PhD at Syracuse University, he embarked on a lifelong career as a pastor. In 1986 he moved to Arizona, served on the Governor's Task Force on Values in Education in 1989, became President of United Theological Seminar in 1996. Mike4AZ@gmail.com Website and Facebook page coming soon.



Dana Allmond, Candidate for Arizona State House of Representatives

Legislative District 17

Dana Allmond is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, a graduate of West Point, and a lifelong advocate for the needs of veterans. She strongly believes that District 17 deserves a dedicated public servant who fights to protect democracy and not political opportunists who fight to overthrow it. She believes our country is at a crossroads, threatened by a clear and present danger by those who promote the fantasy that the events of January 6th represent reasonable political discourse.

Dana is Chair of the Southern Arizona Veteran's Mental Health Advisory Council and member of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System Veteran and Family Advisory Council. She lives by the code of honor she swore as a West Point cadet. She will fight for the people of Arizona. She will fight for funding public education, rebuilding our infrastructure, and most importantly, restoring honor and integrity to the political discourse. dana@allmond4az.com www.allmond4az.com/www.facebook.com/allmond4az



Brian Radford, Candidate for Arizona House of Representatives

Legislative District 17

Brian believes Arizona faces several significant challenges in the years ahead. He is committed to protecting voting rights and access to the ballot. He is committed to fully funded public education and the expansion of STEM and special education programs. He also supports measures that will lower prescription drug prices and improve health care access. Arizona must address water scarcity and future water management through conservation and reclamation efforts while seeking better ground water management for future growth and balanced land usage and development.

Brian graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Kent State University. He was an elementary school teacher working with special education students and later served as an Arizona Corrections Officer and Case Manager working with mental health offenders. He is a proud parent of foster children.

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LD 11 Chair Report by *Catalina Hall*

I am saddened that this is my last meeting, so I want to pay respect to all the people who helped me this last year.

To Aaron Essif, Corresponding Secretary, who we joked that he was our diversity on the board as the only man. But he is a fierce defender of democracy.

To Kelly Taylor, Recording Secretary, who should win a recognition from the volunteer secretaries like her and a hall of fame award for the best minutes ever.

To Misty Atkins, Second Vice Chair, who had the very tough job to keep on top of the IRC. She is a fierce defender of animals and the environment.

To Sue Anderson, First Vice Chair, who ran with the plan to welcome and train our PCs which grew another group, Mighty Marana. She also told the IRC off several times and stood in for me at meetings I was not able to attend.

To Kay Fitch, Marian Hill, and Maureen Salz, our reps to the PC Executive Committee. Kay, thank you for stepping up while in a three-household move. Marian, who always reported important moves in the county. Maureen, who also volunteered to help me make sure that the PC petitions would be collected.

To Leslie Clark who kept our website up to date and I should have thanked her every month.

To Betty Vos our newsletter editor and patient prodder of a forgetful chair.

To Robin Jenkins who took over the newsletter and was equally reliable.

To Past Chairs of LD 11, people who I will never forget for their leadership: Jo Holt, Tom Cuevas, Scott Baker, Mike Dayton, Maureen Salz and Steve Witthoef.

To Evelyn Lathram, Treasurer, Historian, and genius political guru. I will not tell you about the number of times she saved me from making simple mistakes and made me look smarter than I really am. Of course, we talked a lot each week. I am sincere when I say that we could be blunt with each other and no hard feelings. Maureen says she still does the same to her so I hope she will call me out for the rest of my life.

I can't name all the activists, Precinct Committee People, and guest speakers who helped us this past year but my heartfelt thanks to all of you too.

I will continue to be an active Democrat. My last and most important job is to make sure that all PC petitions and statements are given to the Election Department before April 1st. Do not wait to get those papers to me or to Maureen Salz.

Most of you will be in the new LD 17. Stay active and just do it! You have any questions, concerns or suggestions call or write Bonnie, the Chair of Pima County Democrats.

Those in the new LD 16 will be in a district that will cover most of Pinal County. Lisa Sanor, Chair of Pinal County Democrats, has a plan for us. She has already given me everything I need to start walking the district just like Ralph Atchue and the Casa Grande Dems.

We will all celebrate in November when we elect Democrats and turn Arizona blue.

Thank You!



SaddleBrooke Ranch

[Visit our website](#)

Tickets on Sale for Katie Hobbs for Governor Fundraiser Thursday April 21 3-5 pm

We are excited to have **KATIE HOBBS** who is running for Governor of Arizona come and speak to us at SaddleBrooke Ranch.

We will also hear from **ADRIAN FONTES** who is running for Secretary of State.

We will open up the party by hearing from our Pinal County Democrats Chair and Vice Chair Lisa Sanor and Eric Kadel.

Tickets are \$35 per person and will be sold two ways:

1). Via Act Blue at this Link: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/sbr-gov>

On Act Blue it is registered by the individual if Paying for Couple, each log in or if paying by one email account, use the Middle Name to indicate the Spouse (e.g. Robert Nancy Smith, the \$70 will indicate it is for two person)

2). Check Payable to "SBR Dems" and dropped off at Lock Box in Foyer at SBRanch or US Mail Matt Nelson: 31630 S. Summerwind Drive, Oracle AZ

DATE: THURSDAY April 21, 3:00 - 5:00 pm - Lobby will open at 2:45

MENU: Hot Hors d'oeuvres will be served buffet style & Cash bar

PLACE: SaddleBrooke Ranch Sol Ballroom, 59680 E Robson Cir, Oracle, AZ

RSVP early as there is limited seating - This is a prepaid event, no walk-in's can be accommodated.

Regardless of where we are public health wise in April, we encourage your wearing a mask, especially when visiting the buffet.

"A Champion for Every Arizonan"

A fearless advocate for Arizona, Katie is ready to bring transparency and accountability to the Governor's office and deliver real results for all of us.

Bring your checkbooks, there will be donation envelopes at the tables.

If you have any difficulties registering for this event, please contact Donna at SBR Dems@gmail.com or call [651-260-1060](tel:651-260-1060) leave a Voicemail.

******DUE TO SECURITY FOR KATIE - PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH, ANNOUNCE OR SELL TICKETS ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR NEXT DOOR- Feel free to share via email or mailing lists******

DOV Membership: RENEW or JOIN!

Help us get ready for the mid-term elections! Be informed about candidates. Get educated on issues at the State and the Federal level. Our DOV general meetings are scheduled on Zoom for the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. DOV provides an informative newsletter and current updates on important issues.

Please renew your general membership by mailing your \$20 check to:

Democrats of Oro Valley
P.O. Box 68186
Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Or pay your \$20 dues on-line through our [ACTBLUE](#) portal at [demsov.org](#)



The Democrats of Oro Valley want YOU!

We want **YOU** to join our dynamic and vital Democratic club. We have participated in community projects, petition and voter registration drives, getting out the vote during election periods, and testifying throughout the Redistricting process. Our monthly zoom meetings feature interesting and informative guest speakers, including current Democratic candidates running for offices up and down the ballot.

We want **YOU** to help us expand our Leadership Council. We need a media / tech specialist, a recording and corresponding secretary, and additional members-at-large. These positions require the ability to communicate, collaborate, problem-solve, and a commitment to upholding our democratic values.

If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact Mike Dayton, Chair of the Democrats of Oro Valley, at teachers12@q.com or call 520-742-3774.

Positive Political Action by *Lawrence Peters, Dove Mountain Democrat*

Mayor Honea:

As you know from past communications, I am a resident of Marana (The Highlands at Dove Mountain). I am very appreciative that each time I contacted you, you reached out to me.

I am writing because I am deeply troubled by bill **SB1003**, now subject to a striker, that our state Senator, Vince Leach sponsored.

As a striker, **SB1003** would force cities (like Marana) and counties (like Pima) to cut their property tax levy if they received money in 2021 from the American Rescue Act. The levy will completely negate the purpose of those funds.

I have read that Marana received money from various COVID bills and used the funds mainly for water infrastructure. So, I am mystified as to why our state senator wants to punish Marana and other municipalities for protecting and supporting its citizens by improving the infrastructure of such a vital resource. Something is very broken at the state capitol.

PLEASE, reach out to Senator Leach about the fiscal harm this bill will cause. He is likely to listen to you. Though I am a constituent, my entreaties fall on deaf ears because I am not a member of his party. Thank you.

The Best of Biden by *Jacolyn Marshall*

Health & Safety

- WH announced a new “test to treat” plan to provide free antiviral pills to pharmacies for those who test positive.
- Biden sought more Covid funding to ensure continued treatment for uninsured people.
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration approved adaptive driving beam headlights on new vehicles. The LED lamps lower the intensity for oncoming traffic and make pedestrian and bicyclists more visible at night.
- Biden pledged the federal government will fight against gun violence by working more closely with police and community leaders, providing them with the tools, the training, and the funding needed to protect their communities.

Economy

- Biden administration reported economic growth indicators during his first year in office: the economy grew 5.7%, the fastest rate in nearly 40 years; businesses added over 6 million jobs, the most in any one year under any president; unemployment fell to 3.9%, the largest one-year decrease in US history; retail sales rose 9%; and 5.93 million new businesses were created, a record high.
- Transportation Department announced clogged US ports received nearly \$450 million from the infrastructure law to ease supply chain congestion.
- Agriculture Secretary suggested some price increases have been the result of businesses taking advantage of the pandemic and supply chain disruptions to increase food costs.
- Biden signed an executive order urging the Federal Reserve to examine the risks and benefits of creating its own cryptocurrency. Treasury Secretary said the effort would promote a more inclusive and efficient financial system while preventing risks to financial stability and national security.
- Biden administration’s task force on organized labor issued a set of 70 distinct policy proposals to make it easier for federal workers and contractors to unionize.
- Biden announced a \$54 billion investment in technology companies to produce equipment for the electrical infrastructure which will lead to additional jobs, help eliminate supply chain issues, and keep inflation low.
- Biden announced his “Made in America” executive order that requires companies providing goods to the federal government to have 75% of their product content made domestically, up from 55%.

Environment & Climate Change

- Biden administration announced new domestic efforts to mine lithium and extract it from geothermal brine to power cars, electronics, and wind turbines. Lithium extraction has the potential improve domestic supply chain and accelerate the transition to clean energy.
- EPA is striving to meet Biden’s “Justice 40” goal of providing 40% of clean water benefits to disadvantaged communities. Funding for water projects will be given to states once their plans have approved by the EPA.
- US Postal Service announced it will add electric-powered mail vehicles to their fleet by next year.
- Biden administration released a screening tool to identify and aid disadvantaged communities long plagued by environmental hazards.

Immigration

- Biden administration proposed reversing a rule that denies green cards to applicants who receive certain government benefits that the previous administration used to limit legal immigration.

Infrastructure

- Biden announced that \$1 billion from the infrastructure plan will restore the Great Lakes harbors and rivers that have been polluted by industrial toxins, enabling agencies to finish their work at 22 sites.

Social Justice

- Biden nominated Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court, the first Black woman and first former public defender.
- Biden designated February as National Black History Month, which “serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history.”
- Biden signed legislation that bars employment contracts from forcing people to settle sexual assault or harassment cases through arbitration. It is retroactive, will nullify the language in contracts nationwide, and will allow people who were formerly denied legal action to do so.
- Biden is seeking increased funding for foreign aid programs that promote gender equality worldwide, which is in keeping with his Gender Policy Council that promotes gender equity throughout his administration.
- Biden administration awarded \$2.2 billion from the American Rescue Plan to 35 financially strapped transit agencies in 18 states.

Justice

- Biden ordered the release of Trump's WH visitor logs for January 6th to the House Judiciary Committee.
- House Judiciary Committee subpoenaed 6 more people in the fake GOP electors scheme, including AZ State Representative Mark Fincham and AZ Republican Party chair Kelli Ward.
- Justice Department launched a new initiative aimed at identifying companies that exploit supply chain disruptions to make increased profits in violation of federal antitrust laws.

International Relations

- Biden signed an executive order to deny Russia the opportunity to profit from violations of international law and consulted with allies and partners including Ukraine on next steps.
- Biden issued new sanctions, sent additional troops to NATO ally Germany, targeted Russia's financial system, blocked assets of large Russian banks, imposed export controls, and sanctioned business oligarchs.
- US moved to cut Russia's government from Western finance, sanctioned two of its banks and blocked them from trading in its debt on American and European markets.
- Biden moved troops to the Baltics as a defensive measure.
- US, EU, and UK agreed to crippling sanctions on Russia's financial sector, blocked its access to the global financial system, targeted \$600 billion in reserves in its central bank, removed key Russian banks from the SWIFT messaging system which moves billions around 11,000 banks worldwide, limited Russia's ability to support the ruble, and constrained its ability to import and export goods. The ruble fell more than 35% and triggered higher inflation.
- US and allies' retaliation against Russia with a series of financial attacks reflects a massive change in how conflicts can be waged in a world that is globalized, digital, and highly dependent on accessing money virtually.
- Pentagon spokesman revealed that Russia's attack has been plagued by inadequate planning, flawed tactics, a lack of air and ground coordination, supply problems, shortages of fuel and food, poor morale, and an unexpectedly vigorous and determined Ukrainian resistance.
- In his State of the Union address, Biden stated "people around the world see what's at stake and democracies are rising to the moment. The world is clearly choosing the side of peace and security."
- US and Egypt launched a joint effort to prepare for the UN climate change summit later this year.
- Secretary of State confirmed plans to open an embassy in the Solomon Islands, to increase its influence in the South Pacific and lessening China's influence in the region.
- Secretary of State met with his Japanese and South Korean counterparts to discuss the threat posed by nuclear-armed North Korea.
- Biden signed an order releasing \$7 billion in Afghan assets frozen in the US. \$3.5 billion will go directly to humanitarian groups to aid poverty-stricken Afghanistan and \$3.5 billion will go to victims of 9-11 still seeking relief for the terror attacks that killed thousands.

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.*

April Meeting

Monday, April 11
6:30 pm

Guest Speaker:
Gabriella Cazares-Kelly
Pima County Recorder

Topic:
Voting Centers & Update