



Democrats of Oro Valley

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The American people have spoken and proven once again that democracy is who we are. States across the country saw record voter turnouts. Democrats had a strong night. We had the best midterms for governors since 1986 and lost fewer seats in the House than any Democratic President's first midterm election in the last 40 years. Young people of this nation voted in historic numbers again and they sent a clear and unmistakable message that they want to preserve our democracy, protect personal rights, and address climate change and gun violence. *Joe Biden*

2022 Dues Still Only \$20

Guest Speakers: Bonnie Heidler, Chair of Pima County Democratic Party, Larry Bodine, President of Democrats of Greater Tucson, and Dana Allmond, candidate for LD 17 House Representative

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES WHO RAN EXCELLENT CAMPAIGNS. **DECLARED WINNERS** as of Saturday 11/12

Mark Kelly US Senate



Kirsten Engel US House



Katie Hobbs AZ Governor



Kris Mayes Attorney General



Adrian Fontes Secretary of State



Martin Quezada Treasurer



Kathy Hoffman Sup of Inst



Sandra Kennedy ACC



Lauren Kuby ACC



Mike Nickerson AZ Senate



Dana Allmond AZ House



Brian Radford AZ House



Gary Harrison County Clerk



Susan Zibrat Amphi SB



Matt Kopec Amphi SB



More results at <https://results.arizona.vote/#/featured/33/0> & <https://results.arizona.vote/#/featured/33/11> (Pima County)



PROPOSITIONS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UNFORTUNATE *by Dee Maitland*

As of Saturday, November 12

THE GOOD!

Prop 128 which would have given the legislature unchecked power to change or supersede citizen initiatives by a simple majority **failed**.

Prop 209 which stops predatory debt collection by protecting homes, bank accounts and vehicles from being seized **passed**.

Prop 211 the Voters' Right to Know which we knew before as Outlaw Dirty Money **passed** with 72.5% of voters saying "YES!"

Prop 308 which will give Dreamers in-state college tuition rates **is still undecided**.

Prop 309 which will require mail-in ballots to include birth dates and voter ID, such as driver license numbers, and put voter privacy at risk **is still undecided**.

THE BAD

All the anti-voter initiatives were put on the ballot by the Republican legislators

Prop 129 will require initiatives to be single subject. For example, Outlaw Dirty Money would have had to have multiple petitions because it addressed more than one way to hide political donations **is still undecided**.

Prop 132 will require a super-majority (60%) of the vote on initiatives to pass **is still undecided**.

THE UNFORTUNATE

Prop 130 sounds good because it gives property tax exemptions for veterans. Unfortunately, it also allows the legislature to give out other exemptions without checking with voters. Remember, tax reductions require a 50+1 vote while tax increases require 2/3 **passed**.

Prop 131 establishes the office of Lieutenant Governor, allowing the Governor to override other departments such as giving the LT oversight of the Secretary of State action **is still undecided**.

Prop 310 creates a .01% sales tax to fund fire districts in support of emergency services, personnel, and facilities, an important measure when you consider the amount of land covered by these districts and the continuing drought that sparks wildfires **is still undecided**.

DOV Works for You by Chair Mike Dayton

The Democrats of Oro Valley, your local democrats club, has been busy working for you. DOV has tried to deliver to you the best information possible about candidates, political action, pending initiatives, and the availability of petitions. We did that through our very informative once a month Zoom meetings, superb guest speakers, DOV Newsletters, petition signings, support of our local candidates, and house parties. I would like to emphasize the importance of the DOV Leadership Council and their efforts to keep you informed.

Jackie Marshall, DOV Newsletter Editor Extraordinaire, is a writer, proofreader and editor who has provided up-to-date information on important issues and commentary on important dates, speaker bios, and Biden's monthly successes. Our newsletter receives accolades statewide and articles are shared with other Democrat groups to continue the information cycle. Jackie is also the chair of the letter writing committee that has gotten 100 letters to the editor published this year, more than doubling previous efforts.

Dee Maitland, the Emcee of our DOV meetings, is our very informative and sometimes outspoken writer on topics regarding our country and state, candidates, the Kochs, plus other pertinent information. She has delivered a variety of well-informed guest speakers: Vivian Harte from the Leagues of Women voters, Katy Hobbs, Kathy Hoffman, Adrian Fontes, Kirsten Engel, Kris Mayes, Martin Quezada, Lauren Kuby, our local candidates Mike Nickerson, Brian Radford, Dana Almond, Matt Kupec, Larry Wagoner, and Tim Stellar.

Jean Meconi, our DOV secretary, is the deliverer of current DOV Notes and Action Alerts to your email box. She has coordinated the petition signature drives and tabling activities. She has put together timely and informative memes for our Facebook pages. She is a letter writer, an educator, and she worked diligently for our BLUE causes. She coordinated our Get Out the Vote postcard effort that resulted in mailing over 5000 postcards.

Evelyn Lathram, our DOV liaison, travels between the State and Local organizations, including LD 17, Pima County Democrats and Arizona State Democrats. and she attends all club meetings in Saddle Brooke, Sun City, DOV Mountain, Picture Rocks, and Marana. Evelyn reports back with information that can affect our lives and gets the correct message out to you. Evelyn also manages our DOV website and Facebook page.

Chris Dayton, our treasurer, collects dues and pays our bills that include liability insurance, Go Daddy fees, Gloo Factory printing, Office Depot supplies, and postage. She corresponds with members and organizations regarding money spent and owed. She files with the State to keep us legal and in compliance with the laws of Arizona.

I would like to recognize these individuals for their hard work and dedication to our Democrat cause. Our goal is to keep you informed and help you make the right decisions regarding our candidates, our state legislation and initiatives, and our schools.

DOV members like you. I can't tell you how grateful I am for your support of DOV. Thank you to for sharing our newsletters and our voter slate, for participating in our postcard project, and for sending kind words, cards, and messages our way. Thank you for your dues and donations. Your efforts, your dedication, and your hard work keep our club afloat.

Together, we are the **Democrats of Oro Valley**.



Senator Raphael Warnock of GA Needs our Help *by Jean Meconi*

The race for the United States Senate seat in Georgia will go to a runoff. The Republican GA legislature reduced the runoff length from nine weeks to four. A shorter window is thought to curtail Democratic get out the vote efforts & limit the grassroots funding needed.

Neither candidate surpassed the 50% threshold to win the race outright on Tuesday, November 8th. Depending on the outcome of Senate races in AZ & NV, voters in Georgia could again decide which party has the Senate majority. Speculation abounds that if Tim Ryan hadn't run out of money at the end of his campaign, he would have been going to the Senate chamber instead of the Hillbilly Elegy guy from OH.

We know you have been overwhelmed with requests for donations, but please consider even a nominal contribution to Reverend Warnock's election bid.

Donate at: <https://warnockforgeorgia.com/> OR <https://www.georgiablueverified.com/>

Senator Raphael Warnock, whose victory in a 2021 runoff helped Democrats gain control of the Senate and made him the first Black senator from Georgia, is being challenged by Herschel Walker, a former football star and Trump-backed Republican.

Latest results from 27m ago		>95% OF VOTES IN		NYT
Candidate	Party	Votes	Pct.	
 Raphael Warnock*	Democrat	1,941,473	49.42%	
 Herschel Walker	Republican	1,906,229	48.52	
Chase Oliver	Libertarian	81,174	2.07	
Total reported		3,928,876		
*Incumbent				
Timing of results				
There's a possibility that the high-profile Senate race won't be decided until a Dec. 6 runoff election, which will be triggered if no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote.				

Want to do more? From Patricia Brown, Sun City Oro Valley Democratic Club:

Vote Forward has begun a letter-writing campaign to get the vote out in Georgia! This race is extremely critical for Democrats in the U.S. Senate. Here is what you need to do to participate:

Go to www.votefwd.org and register. (There are a few questions to answer, including one asking what non-partisan message you would write within the template letter provided by the organization.) The organization will review your registration before approving your participation. Then download a letter, include your message written in blue ink, and mail as soon as possible.

The Club has postage for you to use (please contact Debbie Carr-Taylor: debbiecarrtaylor@gmail.com; 734-255-6725). All you need are envelopes and a blue pen!

Please help one last time this year!!

The Best of Biden by *Jacelyn Marshall*

Health & Safety

- CDC reduced the blood-lead reference value to identify more children exposed to the potentially negative effects of lead and provide focus for public health officials on lead reduction efforts on the highest risk communities.
- Biden signed an executive order directing the Health Department to find ways to lower drug costs in addition to the Inflation Reduction Act that requires Medicare to negotiate prices of drugs starting next year.
- USDA announced changes in the way chicken and turkey meat is processed to reduce food contamination, including testing flocks for bacterial disease and enhanced monitoring for salmonella during processing.
- FDA approved new Covid updated bivalent boosters for elementary school-age children ages 5 to 11.
- Education Department reminded universities that federal law requires them to protect their students from discrimination due to pregnancy, including pregnancy termination, and the Health Department is promoting family planning services with \$6 million in new funding.
- Pentagon announced a new policy that will provide travel funds and support for troops and their dependents who seek abortions who are based in states where they are now illegal.
- Pentagon announced suicides across active-duty military decreased over the past 18 months due to increased attention by military leaders and new programs aimed at the problem.
- Biden administration announced an \$8 billion national strategy to end hunger in the US by 2030 which includes the CDC providing food service guidelines for all federal facilities.
- WH convened a summit with agencies and advocates to devise a national plan to expand hepatitis C treatment availability by streamlining testing and lowering costs.
- Biden administration announced \$4.5 billion is available through a low-income home energy assistance program to help with heating costs during what is expected to be a brutal winter.
- Biden administration announced the number of US veterans experiencing homelessness dropped by 11% since 2020, the biggest decline in more than five years.
- CMS opened an investigation of an alleged denial of an abortion to a Missouri woman experiencing a medical emergency which violates the federal Emergency Treatment and Labor Act.

Economy

- IRS announced larger standard deductions for 2023 and revised all seven federal income tax bracket levels upward to allow people to shield more of their money from taxation in response to high inflation.
- Treasury Department sanctioned individuals and companies connected to Mexico's Sinaloa drug cartel, freezing their property and interests in the US and barring Americans and US companies from doing business with them.
- SSA announced an 8.7% increase in benefits for 2023, the largest cost-of-living adjustment in more than 40 years.
- The White House hosted a summit to speed up construction projects tied to the infrastructure law and improve coordination with mayors and governors who directly account for 90% of the spending.
- Biden administration announced new Labor Department regulations that will reclassify thousands of people who were incorrectly labeled as contractors rather than employees, curtailing their access to benefits and protections.
- Biden administration announced chipmaker Micron will invest \$100 billion over the next 20 years to build a NY plant that is expected to create 9,000 factory jobs.
- Biden administration announced 8 million student loan borrowers had applied for debt relief and encouraged other eligible individuals to apply.
- US reported solid hiring continued in September with an additional 263,000 new jobs and another drop in the unemployment rate to 3.5%, matching a 50 year low. Despite a rise in borrowing rates, violent swings in the stock market, and inflated prices, consumer spending – the primary driver of the US economy – remains resilient.
- Treasury Department announced the budget deficit for 2022 plunged by \$1.4 trillion.
- Biden administration announced Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is targeting bank overdraft and bad check fees or so-call junk fees, that will save Americans an estimated \$3 billion annually.
- Commerce Department announced the GDP, the broadest gauge of economic output, grew 2.6% from July-September due to stronger exports, consumer spending, and a healthy job market.
- Energy Secretary announced Poland has chosen the US government and Westinghouse to build their first nuclear power plant to reduce coal consumption and gain energy independence, creating 100,000 jobs for Americans.
- Inflation shows signs of abating due to a normalizing of supply shortages, a fall in used car prices for four straight months, a fall in clothing and medical care costs, and a slowing of food price increases.

Environment & Climate Change

- Biden administration awarded \$2.8 billion in grants to build and expand domestic manufacturing of batteries for electric vehicles in 12 states to slow climate change and increase US manufacturing.
- EPA is investigating whether Mississippi state agencies discriminated against the state's capital city by refusing to fund improvements for its failing water system which left Jackson without running water for days.
- Biden toured hurricane-ravaged areas in Florida, pledging federal help to rebuild homes, businesses, and lives.
- EPA awarded grants for projects to monitor air quality in 37 states, focusing on minority communities and other areas overburdened by pollution with funding for 132 projects.

Immigration

- At a WH ceremony honoring Hispanic heritage, Biden acknowledged that immigration has defined us as a nation and should be celebrated. His administration has worked to reunite migrant families separated during the previous administration, eliminated barriers in the asylum system, and reduced chaos along the US-Mexico border. He has pledged to do everything he can to allow dreamers to stay in the country they call home, provide a pathway to citizenship, and create a haven for those fleeing persecution.
- US Customs and Border Protection officials say changes to their processing system deserve credit for increased efficiency and improved communication with Mexican officials to manage the flow. Although they are encountering more migrants than ever, there is no turmoil.

Justice

- Biden issued pardons for thousands of Americans convicted of simple possession of marijuana, noting that too many lives have been upended because of a failed approach to the use of marijuana.
- DOJ is conducting a criminal investigation into the discovery of more than 100 top-secret records seized in an FBI search of Trump's Florida property on August 8.
- DOJ announced nearly 900 Capitol insurrection-related arrests are moving through the court system, making up to 40% of all appearances in the DC Court calendar. Multiple new arrests are being made each week, and more rioters have been identified but not yet charged.
- DOJ announced 412 people pled guilty to the January 6-related crimes, another 26 who pled innocent were found guilty at trial, and more than 2,000 new cases are expected to be filed.
- DOJ has recruited prosecutors and investigators from across the country to sift through evidence and bring cases to court; likewise, public defenders from nearly every state have been recruited to represent defendants.
- DOJ's civil rights division personnel and US Attorney for Arizona monitored polls on election day in 5 counties: Maricopa, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, and Yavapai to ensure compliance with federal voting rights laws.

Government

- Biden administration announced a national security strategy aimed at countering China and Russia's aggression while ensuring domestic investments that will prepare the US compete in the decade ahead.
- Bureau of Reclamation advised Ducey to remove unauthorized shipping containers along the border and abandon plans to add more, noting they are on federal property and land belonging to the Cocopah Indian Tribe and therefore are in violation of federal law and a trespass against the US.

International Relations: Ukraine

- US will send \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine, including large amounts of ammunition and highly mobile Avenger Air Defense Systems, and Ukraine's president Zelenskyy is open to peace talks with Russia agrees to the return of all occupied lands, compensation for war damage, and prosecution of war crimes.
- US ambassador to the UN Thomas-Greenfield reiterated US steadfast support for Ukraine as she seeks to renew the UN-brokered deal allowing Ukrainian grain exports across the Black Sea.

International Relations: Other

- US showcased firepower drills across the northern Philippines to bolster the defensive capabilities of the US alliance with the Philippines and Japan, ensure a rapid response to crises throughout the Indo-Pacific, and deter China's growing aggression.
- Biden will meet with China's president Xi at G20 Summit to discuss efforts to deepen lines of communication, manage competition, and work together where interests concerning the international community align.
- US Navy held joint drone drills with the UK in the Persian Gulf as surveillance operations continue.
- US imposed sanctions on Asian people and firms accused of helping N Korea procure fuel for missile launches.
- Pentagon conducted military exercises involving 1,600 US and South Korean flights of 240 warplanes, the largest show of force to date.
- Biden announced that after months of US-mediated talks, Israel and Lebanon agreed to end their maritime boundary dispute that has lasted since Israel's establishment in 1948.

DOV Holiday Party

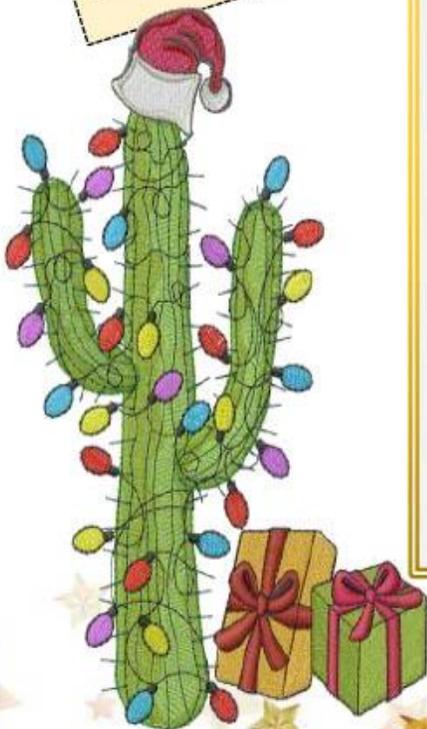
When: Monday, December 12th at 5pm

Where: El Molinito 10180 North Oracle
Oro Valley

Cost: \$15.00 collected at the door, cash or checks only; bring extra dollars for the raffle



special guest David Fitzsimmons
Editorial Cartoonist & Columnist



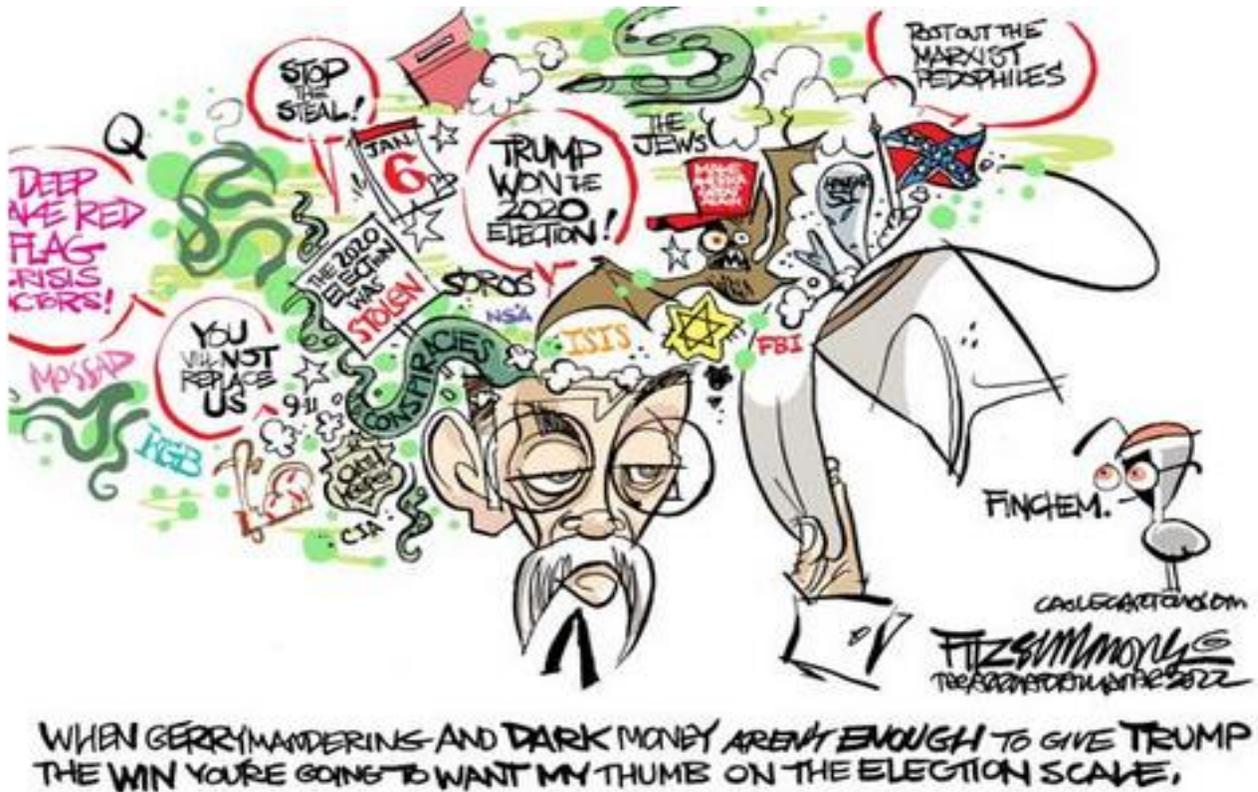
El Molinito Deluxe Dinner:
Build Your Own Shredded Beef Tacos
Mini Chicken Chimichangas
Calabasa con Queso
Refried Beans, Spanish Rice
Guacamole
Sour Cream
Hand-made Flour Tortillas
Chips & Salsa
Fruit Changa

Coffee, Tea, Water, Sodas and Lemonade provided
no host bar

Please RSVP to Chris at teachers12@q.com by December 4th

David Fitzsimmons will be our Guest of Honor at our Holiday Party!

We need to thank him for getting us through the tough times and perfectly capturing our nemesis Finchem...WHO ISN'T WINNING!!



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.*

December Holiday Party

Monday, December 12
5:00 pm

Location:
El Molinito Restaurant
10180 N Oracle

Enjoy:
Dinner & Raffle

