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This November we will choose to be a nation of hope, unity, and optimism, or a nation of fear, division, and darkness. I believe America will move forward to a future of possibilities. We have a chance to build back in a way to make our nation better for everybody. Everybody. There's nothing beyond our capacity, not a single thing we can't do when we do it together. **Joe Biden**

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DEMOCRATS WILL DELIVER!



OCTOBER ZOOM MEETING – Guest Speaker: Vivian Harte



Vivian Harte, Member of the League of Women Voters

Vivian Harte is a former President of the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson and is currently the Chair of the League's Speakers Bureau. She taught college classes in sociology and writing at Pima Community College and the University of Phoenix for over 14 years. She currently teaches online classes on assertiveness, self-confidence, and teamwork to students worldwide and does individual coaching as well. She is the co-author of *Self-Esteem for Dummies* in the *Dummies* series. Vivian has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Indiana University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Arizona.

The national League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association by Carrie Chapman Catt, a leader of the women's suffrage movement. The convention was held just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson (LWVGT) was established in 1941 by a group of 34 women. The League's priorities include voter registration; analyzing local, state, and national issues; and educating the public on local government and ballot issues.

In keeping with their goals, Vivian will educate us on the ten propositions that will appear our November ballot.

Democrats of Oro Valley 2022 Election Slate

The opposition has nominated such extreme candidates that it has become imperative to vote a straight Democratic ticket.

Our democracy is in peril, and only resounding defeats will turn the tide against MAGA's right-wing hysteria.

Our Democratic Candidates:

Mark Kelly	for U.S. Senator
Kirsten Engel	for U.S. Representative in Congress District 6
Katie Hobbs	for Governor of AZ
Adrian Fontes	for AZ Secretary of State
Kris Mayes	for AZ Attorney General
Martín Quezada	for AZ State Treasurer
Kathy Hoffman	for AZ Superintendent of Public Instruction
Sandra Kennedy	for Corporation Commissioner (2 seats open)
Lauren Kuby	for Corporation Commissioner (2 seats open)
Mike Nickerson	for AZ State Senator LD17
Dana Allmond	for AZ State Representative LD17
Brian Radford	for AZ State Representative LD17
Gary Harrison	for Pima County Clerk of the Superior Court



Amphitheater Unified School board has 2 seats open.

Matt Kopec - incumbent - has been endorsed by Save Our Schools AZ

Susan Zibrat - incumbent - is a supporter of public schools

Arizona Supreme Court Judges (all Governor Ducey appointees)

We are only providing a list of judges we recommend that you vote **Not to Retain**

Hon. James P. Beene **NO Not to Retain**

Hon. Justice William "Bill" Montgomery **NO Not to Retain**

Pima County Superior Court Judges (all Governor Ducey appointees)

Hon. Janet Calkins Bostwick **NO Not to Retain**

Hon. J. Alan Goodwin **NO Not to Retain**

Hon. Peter Hochuli **NO Not to Retain**

Hon. Cynthia Kuhn **NO Not to Retain**

Hon. Laurie B. San Angelo **NO Not to Retain**

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

Proposition	VOTE	Subject	In a nutshell
128	NO	initiatives	Gives the Legislature unchecked power to change or supersede citizen initiatives by a simple majority vote and is a direct attack on the voter protection act.
129	NO	initiatives	Limits initiatives to a single subject/title which would make it harder for citizens to enact laws through ballot measures. This would also make initiative efforts more expensive.
130	NO	property tax	Allows the AZ legislature to allow certain property tax exemptions. It makes veteran disability tax exemption commensurate with level of disability. This is not a 'clean' bill since it creates an open door for other property tax carve-outs that will hurt local government budgets (i.e., proposal 310)
131	NO	government	Creates another state office, Lieutenant Governor, who will run on joint ticket with governor & will change the order of succession in AZ. This would allow a Governor to leave office early and protect a seat for the incumbent party.
132	NO	initiatives	Requires a supermajority of 60% to pass a citizen led funding initiative (i.e., school funding) which would make it nearly impossible to pass one.
209	YES	Predatory Debt Collection Protection Act	Shields assets and belongings from medical creditors by protecting up to \$5,000 held in a bank account, \$15,000 in household goods, and vehicles worth up to \$15,000 (or up to \$25,000 for drivers) and adjusts amounts for inflation. It also lowers the cap on medical interest to 3% from 10%.
211	YES	Voters' Right to Know Act	Requires any group spending over \$50,000 on statewide elections or \$25,000 on local elections to disclose the source of all contributions over \$5,000. AZ's answer to Citizens United.
308	YES	tuition	Allows in-state tuition for postsecondary education for non-citizen residents, Dreamers, who currently pay 150% the cost of in-state tuition. The applicant is required to have graduated from an AZ high school and lived in AZ for at least two years. Passed with bipartisan support.
309	NO	voting	Requires date of birth and voter identification number for mail-in ballots which will impose unnecessary burdens and add confusion to the process. There is no single data base that contains all the possible identification numbers. Any error could invalidate a ballot.
310	YES	fire districts	Creates a .1% sales tax for twenty years to fund fire districts (support emergency services, personnel, and facilities throughout Arizona). Fire districts serve unincorporated areas and only receive property tax funds which were decimated when the corporate tax was lowered. Passed with bipartisan support.

Click on the proposition number to see how the proposal will look on your ballot.

Find more information about the propositions at: <https://azsos.gov/2022-ballot-measure-information>

A more detailed breakdown of each ballot proposal can be found at [CEBV](#)

Empowerment Scholarship Expansion *by Jean Meconi*



Save Our Schools AZ thought they had delivered 141,714 signatures to the AZ Secretary of State office on Friday, September 23rd, at 3 pm. The Goldwater Institute, a right-wing advocacy group, oversaw the scanning of the petitions at the Secretary of State's office. The Goldwater contingent announced that only 8,175 petition sheets were scanned which would leave SOSAZ short of the 118,823 signatures needed to put the universal vouchers on the 2024 ballot. Although there are 15 signatures lines on each petition, cross outs and blanks are frequent.

The Secretary of State's office has formally completed its review and reported that SOSAZ fell short of the signatures needed. Now the money give-away begins. Keep track of the vanity and frivolous items being purchased with your tax dollars here: <https://www.azed.gov/esa/esa-allowable-items>.

Voters overwhelmingly rejected a similar universal voucher in 2018. It is not yet known what next steps SOSAZ will take to counter this assault on public education funds.

However, we do want to celebrate the volunteers in our area who collected more than 3,000 signatures. **Thank you for supporting Save Our Schools AZ's petition effort to stop universal K – 12 school vouchers.**

"The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart". - Robert Green Ingersoll

And for all our "Get Out the Vote" postcard writers:



Katie Hobbs for Arizona Governor



Katie Hobbs' ten-fold plan will serve all Arizonans and improve our state. Here are a few highlights:

- 1) Water & Environment
 - Invest in a clean energy economy that diversifies our energy and lowers costs.
 - Secure and modernize Arizona's water supply with better conservation and management.
 - Protect Arizona's forests, parks, and reservoirs from the effects of climate change we're experiencing.
- 2) Abortion Rights & Reproductive Health Care
 - Repeal the 1901 law that criminalizes abortion and requires prison time for medical professionals.
 - Employ the power of the veto to prohibit efforts to further restrict women's reproductive freedoms.
- 3) Immigration & Border Security
 - Increase funding for sheriffs and local law enforcement to provide assistance on the border and ensure they have the necessary intelligence and resources to handle migrant crossings humanely and efficiently.
 - Provide community centers and hospitals in Yuma, Nogales, Douglas, and Pima County with additional funding to cover treatment for migrants while ensuring Arizonans are not denied care as well.
- 4) Government Transparency & Accountability
 - Require officials to divest from owning stocks and other assets that could be influenced by their legislation.
 - Institute tough new lobbying rules to increase transparency and stop corruption.
 - Eliminate wasteful spending and to make it easier to start a business, create jobs, and fix our schools.
 - Increase efficiency by making it easier for businesses to get what they need from state agencies in order to succeed.
- 5) Equity & Justice
 - Defend fundamental rights of all Arizonans, including their right to vote and full equality under the law.
 - Improve and defend access to women's reproductive health care, including their right to choose.
 - Recruit, hire, and elevate women and underrepresented members of our community, making our government more inclusive and ensuring equality across all of state agencies.
 - Increase funding for minority-owned and women-owned businesses and address inequities in wages.
- 6) Voting Rights & Election Security
 - Expand funding for the Secretary of State's Office and county election officials to conduct extensive public education campaigns about voting and increase the availability of vote centers.
 - Automatically restore voting rights for Arizonans who have repaid their debt to society.
 - Enhance election security by utilizing the National Change of Address list to maintain up-to-date rolls.
 - Provide additional resources for law enforcement agencies to monitor for threats to election workers.
- 7) Economy & Jobs
 - Establish a state child tax credit to reduce poverty and provide the essentials needed to raise a child.
 - Create a refundable tax credit for career and technical education opportunities to promote better jobs.
 - Permanently expand childcare assistance to eliminate one of the key barriers for working families.
- 8) Improving Education
 - Provide free early childhood education for students and affordable childcare for parents.
 - Provide educators with the resources they need and students with certified counselors and social workers.
 - Roll back universal vouchers, which are rife with fraud and were enacted against the will of voters.
- 9) Supporting & Uplifting Tribal Communities
 - Engage tribal leaders in discussions and policymaking to expand access to adequate health care, quality schools, voting centers, and water and sewer systems.
 - Increase and promote access to economic security for tribal communities.
 - Build a fairer and more accountable justice system to better protect and serve tribal communities.
- 10) Consumer Protection
 - Prohibit bid pharma from price gouging by instituting state Medicaid drug price negotiations.
 - Work with the legislature to ensure taxpayer funds are properly used and protect consumers from fraud.
 - Increase funding to ensure vigorous prosecution of anyone who perpetrates fraud against Arizonans.

View her entire platform at <https://katiehobbs.org>

Why you can't engage with Republicans



Projection

A well-understood psychological mechanism in which a person or collective accuses another of doing what the accuser himself or itself is doing. Example: Accusing liberals of pedophilia when the real pedophiles are their Catholic priests, executives of the Southern Baptist Convention and candidates like Roy Moore.

Gaslighting

A form of psychological abuse in which a person or group causes someone to question their own sanity, memories, or perception of reality. People who experience gaslighting may feel confused, anxious, or as though they cannot trust themselves. Example: Hillary Clinton's emails versus Trump's absconding with Top Secret documents or comparing Black Lives Matter to the January 6th Insurrection. Democrat protests normally follow the teachings of Martin Luther King or Mahatma Gandhi; Republicans at Charlottesville and January 6th looked to Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, and Nazis.

Dissembling

To conceal one's true motives, thoughts, etc., by some pretense; speak or act hypocritically.

Example: advancing The Big Lie to stay in power.

☑ View our candidates in action
Share these links with friends who are undecided

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☑ Mike Nickerson for Arizona State Senator

View Mike's exceptional interview with the Arizona Daily Star [here](#).

☑ Dana Allmond for Arizona State Representative

View Dana's intelligent interview with the Arizona Daily Star [here](#).

☑ Brian Radford for Arizona State Representative

View Brian's excellent interview with the Arizona Daily Star [here](#).

View all 3 Democrat Candidates debating their Republican competitors Rachel Jones, Cory McGarr, and Justin Wadsack [here](#).



☑ Senator Mark Kelly for United States Senator

View Mark's debate with Blake Masters and Marc Victor on October 6 [here](#).

☑ Kirsten Engel for United States House of Representative for CD-6

View Kirsten's interview with Arizona Public Media [here](#) and with the Arizona Daily Star [here](#). Her opponent Juan Ciscomani has refused to debate.



Arizona State Offices

☑ Secretary of State Katie Hobbs for Governor of Arizona

View Katie Hobbs and Kari Lake's remarks at the Gubernatorial Candidate Forum [here](#).

☑ Adrian Fontes for Secretary of State

View Adrian's amazing debate with Oath Keeper Mark Finchem [here](#).

☑ Kris Mayes for Attorney General

View Kris' debate with Abe Hamadeh on Arizona Public Media [here](#).

☑ Martin Quezada for State Treasurer

View Martin's debate with current State Treasurer Kimberly Yee [here](#).

☑ Kathy Hoffman for Superintendent of Public Instruction

View Kathy's debate with Tom Horne [here](#).

☑ Sandra Kennedy and Lauren Kuby for Corporate Commissioners

View Sandra's and Lauren's debate with Republican candidates [here](#).

The Best of Biden by *Jacolyn Marshall*

Health & Safety

- CDC announced 4.4 million Americans have gotten the updated bivalent Covid booster shot.
- CDC's new director plans to restructure how the agency communicates with the public, eliminate bureaucratic redundancies, and improve interactions with other governmental agencies.
- Biden announced that Americans will pay less next year for their Medicare Part B plan for the first time in a decade and will be coupled with a historically high cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits.
- National Transportation Safety Board recommended that new vehicles in the US be required to have blood alcohol monitoring systems to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, one of the biggest causes of highway deaths.
- Biden announced a new federally funded study to research the efficacy of blood tests to screen against multiple cancers to improve early detection and cut cancer fatalities in half over the next 25 years.
- FDA approved the ALS drug for Lou Gehrig's disease based on very persuasive survival results. Pending approval by CDC, NIH will spend \$25 million to enroll patients in compassionate use programs of unapproved drugs.

Economy

- Transportation Department announced a new rule to prevent airlines from hiding the true cost of airline tickets, which may help consumers save money and encourage more competition to offer better fares.
- Biden announced a tentative agreement to avert a nationwide rail strike which emerged from a marathon negotiating session at the Labor Department which includes a 24% pay raise for union members.
- Biden warned oil and gas companies against increasing prices for due to Hurricane Ian along Florida's coastline.
- USDA announced new policies to encourage farmers to rotate two crops on one plot of land by changing insurance rules to lessen their risk and increase wheat production to lessen reliance on foreign producers and eliminate supply change issues.

Environment & Climate Change

- Transportation Department announced all 50 states received approval to begin construction on a nationwide network of EV charging stations along interstate highways to spur widespread adoption of zero-emission cars.
- Biden attended the North American International Auto Show to promote the huge new climate, tax and healthcare law that offers tax incentives for buying electric vehicles and met with union workers, CEOs, and local leaders.
- EPA announced it's doubling the money available to states to buy electric school buses due to overwhelming demand by school districts eager to replace dirty diesel buses, reduce climate pollution, improve air quality, and reduce health risks, including asthma which effects 25 million children who ride the bus every day.

Immigration

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services is on track to process the most employment-based green cards in the history of the program which will take years off wait time for tens of thousands highly educated foreign citizens and alleviate labor shortages for companies seeking skilled workers in health care and other industries.

Justice

- DOJ announced that three Iranian citizens have been charged in the US with ransomware attacks targeting power companies, local governments, small businesses, and non-profits, including a domestic violence shelter.
- Three judges on the US Court of Appeals rejected arguments for an independent review of 100 classified documents seized by the FBI, opening the way for DOJ to resume its use of them in its probe.
- Biden and VP Harris attended Supreme Court Associate Justice Brown's investiture ceremony

Government

- Biden signed an executive order to increase national security in the government's review of foreign investments.
- Treasury Secretary unveiled plans for a modernized, responsive, and tech-savvy IRS, which will include hiring 5,000 new customer service representatives and digitizing paper returns.
- Biden nominated a new administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs who will oversee federal regulations across executive agencies, approve the collection of government information, establish statistical practices, and coordinate federal privacy rules.
- State Department released a cable that alleges Russia covertly spent more than \$300 million since 2014 to influence politicians and officials in two dozen countries to support policies and parties sympathetic to Moscow.
- Pentagon announced new programs to help service members with housing shortages, childcare, and cost of living, hoping to make the DOD the employer of choice to attract more young people to join the service.
- NASA released pictures of the asteroid strike that scientists hope will alter its orbit and establish a technique that could be used if a killer asteroid heads towards earth one day.

- Biden administration pledged \$60 million from the Infrastructure Plan to help Puerto Rico shore up levees, strengthen flood walls, and create a new flood warning system in the wake of Hurricane Fiona.
- FEMA announced the federal government arranged the largest search and rescue operation ever put in place before in the wake of Hurricane Ian, rescuing more than 1,000 people from flooded areas.

International Relations: Ukraine

- US will provide \$1.1 billion in aid to Ukraine with funds for 18 rocket systems to counter Russian drones.
- Biden addressed the UN General Assembly, declaring Russia violated its charter and condemning its seven-month invasion, its abuses of civilians, and its efforts to erase Ukraine and its culture.
- Secretary of State Blinken called on the UN Security Council to urge other nations to advise Russia to halt nuclear threats and end its war in Ukraine.
- US Navy Vice Admiral announced its most advanced aircraft carrier along will join ships from France, Germany, and Sweden for various exercises in the Atlantic to showcase American military capabilities and support for NATO, as a warning to Russia of the forces it will face if it goes beyond Ukraine or continues to escalate in Ukraine.

International Relations: Other

- Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden paid their respects to Queen Elizabeth II where she lay in state, attended a reception where they signed the official condolence book honoring her reign, and attended her state funeral.
- Biden met with world leaders during the UN’s annual assembly, asking allies to help the UN meet its \$18 billion target to replenish the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.
- US circulated a resolution for the UN Security Council sanctioning Haiti’s gangs who have destabilized the country.
- Biden hosted a two-day summit with leaders from more than a dozen Pacific Island countries aimed at countering China’s military and economic influence in the region, affirming our commitment to bolstering US presence in their region, and collaborating on climate change.
- US nuclear-powered aircraft carrier arrived in a South Korean port ahead of the two countries’ joint military exercise to showcase their strength against growing North Korean threats.
- Biden renewed his vow to defend Taiwan if China invades the island.
- Vice-president Harris met with Asian leaders, emphasizing US commitment to regional security, visited the Demilitarized Zone dividing rival Koreas, and attended the funeral of assassinated former Prime Minister of Japan.
- Biden administration announced that after months of quiet negotiations, American contractor held hostage in Afghanistan for two years was released.
- Biden administration transferred \$3.5 billion in frozen Afghan central bank funds to the trustees of the new Afghan Fund to address widespread hunger throughout the nation. The Taliban government has no access to the fund.
- Biden met with South African President for talks on Russia’s war in Ukraine, climate issues, and trade.
- Biden administration announced that seven Americans held in Venezuela for nearly five years were released.

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.*

November Zoom Meeting

**Monday, November 14
6:30 pm**

**Guest Speakers:
Newly Elected Democrats**

**Topic:
Celebrating Our Democratic
Victories**