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No matter where they live most Americans vigorously oppose Trump's unprecedented dishonesty, authoritarianism, and economic policies that favor the rich and impoverish working families. It is inconceivable that our Democratic Party surrenders dozens of states to right-wing Republicans, including some of the poorest. That's why I am going to West Virginia. **Senator Bernie Sanders**

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**Speakers: Linda Lyon, John Dougherty & Paige Humphrey**



### Linda Lyon, Board President of Save Our Schools

Linda served 12 years as an Oracle School District Governing Board member during which time she served as Board President of the Arizona School Boards Association.

She is now the Board President of Save Our Schools Arizona Network and writes about education and other subjects on SubStack @LindaLyon.

Linda retired as a Colonel from the Air Force in 2007 and moved to Tucson a year later with her wife Hollace. She loves to fly fish with her dog Shilo.



### **John Dougherty, Executive Director for Save the Scenic Santa Ritas**

John has worked on protecting the Santa Rita Mountains from open pit mining for more than 15 years as a consultant to Save the Scenic Santa Ritas.

John previously worked as an investigative journalist for over 25 years, focusing on politics, economics, environment, and corruption.

John is excited to bring his investigative reporting background to executing a strategic plan to stop Hudbay Minerals from constructing a mine in the headwaters of a rare Sonoran Desert watershed that provides a renewable source of water to Southern Arizona.



### **Paige Humphrey, Outreach Coordinator for Save the Scenic Santa Ritas**

Paige Humphrey holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Kansas State University, where they studied the impacts of abandoned mine sites on the tallgrass prairie ecosystem.

Following a move to Tucson in 2018, Paige has worked in environmental education and has led environmental justice and community action programs for youth in southern Arizona.

Paige is ready to blend their scientific understanding of mining impacts on the environment with their educational skills to organize our community in opposition to Copper World.



## Across the District with Arizona State Legislative Representative, Kevin Volk, LD17

While the 2025, 57<sup>th</sup> Arizona  
Legislature has officially adjourned,  
there is still a great deal of work to do  
on behalf of Legislative District 17.

2 Events  
on  
8/16/25

**Event #1: Pima Community College - East**  
8181 E. Irvington, RM, L101  
11:15 - 12:30 pm Registration  
12:30 - 2:00 pm Event  
Pre-register at <https://mobilize.us/s/c/Rs41b>

**Event #2: Pima Community College - Northwest**  
7600 N. Shannon, RM A207, Tucson  
3:45 - 4:00 pm Registration  
4:00 - 6:00 pm Event  
Pre-register at <https://mobilize.us/s/2Y6hQy>



**Join Rep. Kevin Volk to discuss issues that  
are important to you.**

Attendees are encouraged to bring supplies to help *Youth On  
Their Own*, a non-profit supporting high school graduation  
and success for children experiencing homelessness.

Join the challenge to help youth. Learn more at  
<http://bit.ly/4nUf8Or>.



**Take Action! Visit our website to learn more.**

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## **Boycotting Matters** *by Lisa Vaughn*

The Boycott and Build group of Indivisible Tucson Action Alliance focuses on how the money we spend influences the world we live in, including who gets elected. We don't just buy the product or service being sold, we also buy whatever values the company and its owners hold. Buy from a business like Jim Click that supports Ciscomani with their profits? That purchase supports the creation of the world laid out in that big ugly bill. So, our message is simply this: **You vote every time you spend money. Choose wisely!**

### **IF YOU DECIDE TO BUY**

Find the best option that can both meet your financial needs while also supporting businesses that best support democratic principles, your community and other issues you value like the environment, fair wages, worker conditions, etc. Look for companies like B-Corps that adhere to certain human rights, social justice, and environmental standards. Learn more about them here: <https://www.bcorporation.net/en-us/>.

**BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL FOR THE HYPE:** Feeling the pressure to buy because you think something is a great deal and won't last. Things are not always as they appear. For example, some Amazon Prime deals are actually not all they are made out to be as is discussed here: <https://popular.info/p/prime-day-is-a-scam>

### **CHECK OUT TUCSON REPAIR CAFE**

Repair cafes are not just a great way to get something fixed versus throwing it out and buying new, but they are great community builders. And community building is an important key to resisting authoritarianism. Check out all of Tucson Repair Cafe's upcoming events and important details on attending [here](#) and then watch [this video](#) about how it all works.

### **GO AMAZON DRY CONTINUES**

Please keep making efforts to shift your dollars away from Amazon and toward local businesses or national chains like Costco that have been willing to stand up to Trump. You can find details on the Go Amazon Dry event (sponsored by Target Majority, an NYC based Indivisible group) on [mobilize](#). Their [toolkit](#) includes a [spreadsheet of alternatives to Amazon](#).

Boycotts have been successfully used in the past to resist. They have truly changed history! The great thing about boycotting is you can do it from the privacy of your own home, completely risk free. And you can start today and do it every day. You do not need to wait until November 2026 to make your voice heard. Vote with your dollars each day as an act of resistance against this administration's actions. Stop supporting the businesses and owners who support Trump, Ciscomani and others who are harming our country.

Questions? Contact Lisa Vaughn @ [lisahappy@proton.me](mailto:lisahappy@proton.me).

## **The Power of Protests** by Leah Greenberg, co-founder of National Indivisible

For the would-be dictator, success depends on projecting power and creating an aura of inevitability. They need you to believe that Trump is the new normal, that the MAGA movement will be in power for the long haul, that the only rational move is to go along, keep your head down, and protect your own interests.

We've seen over the last seven months what happens when this aura of inevitability goes unchallenged. Institutions -- from state governments to businesses to civil society to higher education to media -- start to fall in line, do what Trump tells them, and/or go silent. Here's the thing: The aura of inevitability is a lie. It's all a lie. Power in American society doesn't derive from the top down. Trump's grasp is brittle, and he's overreaching dramatically. He will only succeed if everyone agrees to believe the lie.

Or, as our friend Reverend Barber says: A king is only a king if we bow down.

Countering the aura of inevitability requires a hundred different tactics and strategies. It looks like making an example of Target for obeying in advance and getting rid of its DEI policies. It looks like protesting and toxifying Elon Musk until he bows out of government. It looks like students at Georgetown making a list of Big Law collaborators and organizing their peers to steer clear. It looks like federal workers refusing to obey illegal or unethical orders. It looks like building the muscles and the relationships for collective action. In short, it requires a countless number of people in a countless number of places to do something that the Trump regime doesn't want them to do, or to NOT do something the Trump regime wants them to do. That's how we shake off the aura of inevitability and halt the autocratic breakthrough.

For that to happen, people need to feel like we're part of something bigger. We need to understand that we're part of a movement. We need to feel like we will win.

Mobilization:

- **changes the narrative.** A massive show of popular opposition everywhere in the country can disrupt Trump's effort to project strength. It shows that resistance is big, powerful, growing, and everywhere.
- **brings new people.** A mobilization of this scale and scope reaches people who aren't yet engaged and helps to draw them into a cycle of action and relationships on the ground.
- **fosters community.** When you show up, you realize that not only are you not alone - you're part of something enormous. And that helps to build the shared sense of identity we'll need for the path ahead.
- **spreads courage.** After the nationwide Hands Off! protest, we heard from people in positions of power within institutions -law firms, universities, and elsewhere - who told us they were emboldened by protests to push back on pressure from the Trump regime. As we often say, courage is contagious.





## **Lest We Forget** by Dee Maitland



We must never forget just how horrible Republicans Leach, Keshel and Wadsack represent our gerrymandered district. And, of course, Mark Finchem who is now terrorizing Flagstaff. All proof positive that there is no such thing as a decent Republican in our district. Here is a collection of news articles and opinion pieces to keep them fresh in our memory.



### **UPDATED: Arizona Senator Vince Leach Flings MAGA White Nationalist Fecal Matter Again**

July 24, 2025 by [David Gordon](#)

<https://blogforarizona.net/arizona-senator-vince-leach-steps-in-maga-white-nationalist-fecal-matter-again/>

Leach stupidly denounces foreign born legislators. “As AZ Mirror reported, four of the six foreign born legislators at the Arizona Capitol are Republicans. Nine of the 32 House Representatives in Washington D.C., including Arizona CD6 **Juan Ciscomani** is foreign born.”

### **Senator Vince Leach, the Worst Legislator in Arizona**

July 11, 2022 by [Michael Bryan](#)

<https://blogforarizona.net/senator-vince-leach-the-worst-legislator-in-arizona/>

### **You Do Not Want Wendy Rogers, Mark Finchem, and Vince Leach Shaping Policy in the Arizona Legislature: Vote Blue on Tuesday**

November 3, 2024 by [David Gordon](#)

<https://blogforarizona.net/you-do-not-want-wendy-rogers-mark-finchem-and-vince-leach-shaping-policy-in-the-arizona-legislature-vote-blue-on-tuesday/>



## **Which of your lawmakers voted to protect their license to speed? I'm naming names | Opinion**

Laurie Roberts

Updated March 14, 2025

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/laurieroberts/2025/03/14/arizona-lawmakers-speeding-hcr-2053/82376011007/>

## **Arizona Republican state senator demands police erase speeding ticket, claims legislative immunity**

By [Peter Valencia](#), [Dennis Welch](#) and [Jason Sillman](#)

Published: Feb. 4, 2025 at 6:01 PM MST|Updated: Feb. 6, 2025, at 6:56 PM MST

<https://www.azfamily.com/2025/02/05/mark-fincham-wants-prescott-speeding-ticket-dismissed-cites-legislative-immunity/>

## **Attorney wants off of former Sen. Wadsack's lawsuit over speeding ticket**

[Howard Fischer](#)

Jul 25, 2025 Updated Jul 25, 2025

[https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/article\\_7533b900-9321-474b-a802-503c9b203d32.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/article_7533b900-9321-474b-a802-503c9b203d32.html)

## **Justine Wadsack and Wendy Rogers Like to Appear with Traitors and White Nationalist-Anti Semites**

November 10, 2023 by [David Gordon](#)

<https://blogforarizona.net/justine-wadsack-and-wendy-rogers-like-to-appear-with-traitors-and-white-nationalist-anti-semites/>

## **Where Does Arizona Senator Justine Wadsack ACTUALLY Live? Not in LD 17.**

November 9, 2023 by [Michael Bryan](#)

<https://blogforarizona.net/where-does-arizona-senator-justine-wadsack-actually-live-not-in-ld-17/>

## **QAnon/MAGA Fascist Sens. Wendy Rogers And Justine Wadsack Are Boosting White Supremacist Kyle Clifton In Rogers' Attempt To Smear A Reporter**

April 30, 2023 by [AZ BlueMeanie](#)

<https://blogforarizona.net/qanon-maga-fascist-sens-wendy-rogers-and-justine-wadsack-are-boosting-white-supremacist-kyle-clifton-in-rogers-attempt-to-smear-a-reporter/>

## **Tucson lawmaker wants voters to revisit new abortion law**

[Howard Fischer](#)

Feb 12, 2025 Updated Feb 26, 2025

[https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/article\\_c60cfac8-e8a6-11ef-a290-b352b7974a25.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/article_c60cfac8-e8a6-11ef-a290-b352b7974a25.html)

## **‘The most important district to flip’: Democrats aim to turn a red Tucson district blue**

Posted Oct 26, 2024, 11:56 am

Jerod MacDonald-Evoy

[https://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/102624\\_ld17\\_flip/the-most-important-district-flip-democrats-aim-turn-red-tucson-district-blue/](https://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/102624_ld17_flip/the-most-important-district-flip-democrats-aim-turn-red-tucson-district-blue/)



## **Judges: Losing GOP candidate Finchem must pay legal fees for 'groundless' lawsuit**

Howard Fischer Capitol Media Services

Jun 13, 2024, Updated Jul 19, 2025

[https://tucson.com/news/state-regional/government-politics/article\\_af876f30-29be-11ef-8143-1376d6a6ab4b.html](https://tucson.com/news/state-regional/government-politics/article_af876f30-29be-11ef-8143-1376d6a6ab4b.html)

## **Finchem sanctioned over ‘baseless’ Arizona election suit**

By [JONATHAN J. COOPER](#)

Published 3:53 PM MST, March 6, 2023

<https://apnews.com/article/finchem-lawsuit-sanctions-2022-election-arizona-7e7567bdbe90f4c4ab6d4567a128bd0f>

**We must do everything we can to ensure Democrats win LD17 in 2026!**





## **Trump Unpopular at Home and Abroad** by Heather Cox Richardson, 6/12/25

While President Donald Trump is trying to project strength by ordering a federalized National Guard and the Marines into Los Angeles, a new Quinnipiac poll of American registered voters out today reinforces that both Trump and his policies are unpopular. The numbers are remarkable.

The poll shows that 38% of registered voters approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president; 54% disapprove. Voters aren't keen on Trump's appointees, either. Thirty-eight percent of voters approve of the way Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is handling his job; 53% disapprove. Thirty-seven percent of voters approve of the way Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth is handling his job, while 46% disapprove. Thirty-eight percent approved of the work billionaire Elon Musk did, while 57% said it was either "not so good" or "poor."

More voters disapprove than approve of Trump's handling of immigration issues (43% approval to 54% disapproval), deportations (40% approval to 56% disapproval), the economy (40% approval to 56% disapproval), trade (38% approval to 57% disapproval), universities (37% approval to 54% disapproval), the Israel-Hamas conflict (35% approval to 52% disapproval), and the Russia-Ukraine war (34% approval to 57% disapproval).

Voters are opposed to the budget reconciliation bill the Republicans have dubbed the "One Big, Beautiful Bill" (and Democrats have called the "Big, Beautiful Betrayal") by 53% to 27%. While the measure cuts almost \$800 billion out of Medicaid over the next ten years, only 10% of registered voters believe the federal funding for Medicaid should decrease.

There is little good news for the administration in economic numbers, either. Yesterday, the World Bank, an international organization of 189 countries, joined the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in concluding that Trump's trade war would cut U.S. economic growth sharply. The World Bank estimates that growth will fall by half in 2025 compared to 2024. In 2024, U.S. economic growth was 2.8%; in 2025, the World Bank predicts growth of just 1.4%. It forecasts that Trump's trade wars will cut global economic growth from 2.8% in 2024 to 2.3% in 2025.

The administration's policies continue to gather opposition. When questioned about Trump's undermining of the traditional nonpartisanship of the military, Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell told the journalists: "Believe me, no one needs to be encouraged to boo the media. Look no further than this query, which is nothing more than a disgraceful attempt to ruin the lives of young soldiers."

More than 90 scientists at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, signed and another 250 supported anonymously a letter sent to Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and NIH leader Jay Bhattacharya that said: "[W]e dissent to Administration policies that undermine the NIH mission, waste public resources, and harm the health of Americans and people across the globe." It said the leaders of NIH and members of Congress who oversee it are prioritizing "political momentum over human safety and faithful stewardship of public resources."

*Politico's* Lisa Kashinsky, Calen Razor, and Mia McCarthy reported that of the 50 Republican members of Congress they surveyed, only 7 said they planned to go to the June 14 military parade in Washington, D.C. Although the parade is in honor of the 250th anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Army, the chairs of the House and Senate Armed Services committees do not plan to attend. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), who has criticized Trump's budget reconciliation bill said: "I love parades, but I'm not really excited about \$40 million for a parade. I don't really think the symbolism of tanks and missiles is really what we're all about. All the images that come to mind are Soviet Union and North Korea."

## **Good News for Democracy** *compiled by Jacolyn Marshall*



### ***From the Associated Press:***

- **7/6:** Warren Buffett donated \$6 billion to five foundations, including the Gates Foundation and announced his gifts now equal \$60 billion, and 99.5 % of his estate will go to philanthropic causes.
- **7/7:** Zelenskyy announced Ukraine drones disrupted air travel in Russia and deals with Western partners will increase drone production.
- **7/7:** The BRICS bloc of developing nations condemned tariff increases that are inconsistent with the World Trade Organization rules, attacks on Iran and Ukraine, and Israel's military actions.
- **7/8:** A coalition of doctor groups and public health organizations sued the US government over the decision to stop recommending COVID vaccinations for most children and pregnant women.
- **7/9:** Trump administration dropped plans to allow continued use of the last type of asbestos in US manufacturing after a public outcry against it.
- **7/9:** An underwater turbine off Scotland's coast has been harnessing the power of ocean tides to generate electricity for six years, a durability mark demonstrating its commercial viability.
- **7/11:** Federal judge issued a ruling prohibiting Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship from taking effect anywhere in the US.
- **7/11:** EU officials struck a new deal with Israel to allow desperately needed food and fuel into Gaza.
- **7/11:** EU Data Protection Commission opened a privacy investigation into user data sent to TikTok as a follow-up to a previous inquiry that ended with a \$620 million fine.
- **7/13:** Europe's top human rights court ruled that Russia violated international law with atrocities in Ukraine; two US officials said the US resumed deliveries of certain weapons to Ukraine.
- **7/15:** EU trade ministers declared Trump's 30% tariffs "absolutely unacceptable" and will consider a new set of countermeasures in response.
- **7/18:** Ukrainian government is expanding its domestic arms production; US Defense Department is diverting five Patriot air defense systems ordered by Switzerland to aid Ukraine directly to them.
- **7/19:** Education Department will release \$1.3 billion in withheld grant money for after-school programs for low-income and rural families after 10 Republican senators implored Trump to do so.
- **7/19:** The Office of Management and Budget will review the rest of the Education Department's withheld grant money totaling \$5 billion for bias.
- **7/19:** Attorneys for Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide is suing HHS for cutting their Medicaid funding that provides contraception, abortion, and pregnancy health care services to vulnerable patients.
- **7/19:** Social media site Nextdoor announced a partnership with more than 3,500 local news providers who have contributed 50,000 news stories as it redesigns and expands its reach to their neighborhoods.
- **7/20:** "Good Trouble Lives on" protests against Trump's policies were held at more than 1,600 locations around the US in honor of the late Congress member and civil rights leader John Lewis.

- **7/22:** Federal judge blocked a Mississippi law banning DEI programs from public schools which violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments.
- **7/22:** 25 countries including Britain, Japan and a host of European nations issued a joint statement condemning the inhumane killing of civilians seeking food and demanding an end to the Gaza war.
- **7/22:** Social Spin Program trains community members to administer Narcan and offers incentives for people to attend its workshops on nutrition, vaccines, harm reduction and applying for aid.
- **7/23:** UN announced the global switch to renewable energy passed a “positive tipping point” where solar, wind, hydro power and electric vehicles are increasingly more widespread and cheaper.
- **7/24:** The Hague, the UN’s top court ruled countries failing to take measures to protect the planet from climate change could be in violation of international law and harmed nations entitled to reparations.
- **7/24:** A coalition of funders, including the Gates Foundation and Ballmer Group committed \$1 billion to develop AI tools for public defenders, parole officers and social workers to help manage huge caseloads.
- **7/26:** Leaders of France, Britain and Germany demanded Israel call for an immediate ceasefire and allow unrestricted aid to Gaza to end the humanitarian catastrophe.
- **7/26:** Talks between Iranian and European diplomats ended with both sides agreeing to meet again to end the deadlock over Tehran’s nuclear program.
- **7/26:** Federal judge issued the third court ruling blocking Trump’s birthright order nationwide.
- **7/26:** Several lawsuits and demands by educators, Congressmen and 10 Republican Senators prompted the Department of Education to release \$1.3 million for after-school and summer programs.
- **7/27:** Federal judge halted the mass cancellation of the National Endowment for the Humanities grants on the grounds their First Amendments rights were violated.
- **7/29:** Federal judge rule Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide must continue to be reimbursed for Medicaid funding to ensure access to healthcare including birth control, cancer screening, STI testing.
- **7/29:** Volunteers are showing up at immigration court hearings across the US to provide asylum-seekers and immigrants moral and logistical support and bear witness as they are taken away.
- **8/1:** Of the 4,700 National Guard troops and Marines sent to Los Angeles in June to deal with protests over Trump’s immigration crackdown, only 250 Guards remain in the area according to the Pentagon.
- **8/2:** Federal judge blocked Trump’s efforts to expand fast-track deportations of immigrants who legally entered the US under humanitarian parole, a ruling that could benefit thousands.
- **8/3:** Federal Appeals court upheld a lower court’s order blocking Trump’s indiscriminate immigration stops and arrests in Southern California that violated the Constitution.
- **8/4:** President Zelenskyy announce Ukraine and Russia agreed to exchange 1.200 prisoners following their round of negotiations in Istanbul in July.
- **8/4:** Pope Leo concluded the Jubilee of Youth with “You are the sign that a different world is possible. A world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons, but with dialogue.”

## **From Capitol Media Services/ Arizona Daily Star/ Arizona Republic**

- **7/6:** Tucson border-crossing survivor who hosted migrant families in her home eventually created the nonprofit Salvavision to aid asylum seekers and deportees today.
- **7/6:** Humanitarian aid group Tucson Samaritans that has been providing food, water, and first aid to migrants crossing the border for 12 years will be featured in a new documentary film.
- **7/7:** UA researchers launched an open-access catalog of how animal culture and traditions shape and are shaped by human-driven climate change.
- **7/7:** UA explores how AI can be used in public health such as collecting digital data from multiple sources for quick analysis.
- **7/8:** Governor Hobbs signed a new provision to existing laws on animal cruelty that makes it a crime to knowingly neglect to provide proper medical attention for pets.
- **7/9:** Tucson federal judge rejected claims by Fish and Wildlife Service that their 8-year delay in protecting the habitat of the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel is in any way reasonable.
- **7/11:** Governor Hobbs wants the federal government to reimburse Arizona for the \$170 million spent on erecting and removing Ducey's border container wall as part of BBB grants to states that paid the bill.
- **7/11:** Arizona's Department of Public Safety announced its new "Turquoise Alert" system that will trigger electronic highway signs, media broadcast and cell phone notifications when people go missing.
- **7/15:** Attorney General Mayes wants federal agents to stop wearing masks while enforcing immigration laws in Arizona, calling it a bad law enforcement tactic that puts the public in danger.
- **7/15:** Arizona officials including Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego called for an investigation into the Dragon Bravo Fire that destroyed the Grand Canyon Lodge.
- **7/17:** Governor Hobbs set aside \$10 million in COVID funds to buy up unpaid debt from collection agencies and hospitals which has erased \$429 million in medical debts owed by 352,000 Arizonans.
- **7/18:** State Court of Appeals ruled the state Board of Education alone has the authority to decide what teaching methods are acceptable and Horne's authority is limited to executing the board's policies.
- **7/18:** AG Mayes announced a coalition of 20 states including Arizona sued the Trump administration for violating several federal laws by slashing funding for FEMA's disaster preparedness programs.
- **7/18:** Thousands of protesters across the country honored John Lewis' "Good Trouble" by opposing Trump's immigration crackdown, mass deportations, violations of civil rights, and Medicaid cuts.
- **7/18:** Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing plans to accelerate its expansion in Arizona due to a strong demand from US customers for advanced computer chips integral to AI with an additional \$100 billion.
- **7/19:** Democratic leaders in 21 states, including Arizona filed a lawsuit against Trump over a new rule that could cause 1.8 million people to lose their ACA health insurance with catastrophic results.
- **7/19:** Senator Ruben Gallego and other Democrats are working to widen the MAGA rift over the Epstein files that Trump used as a conspiracy theory to run on.

- **7/22:** Although the \$125.9 million allocated for the program is not nearly enough, Arizona parents at or below the federal poverty level can once again get on a wait list for subsidized childcare.
- **7/23:** AG Mayes demanded action by the federally owned San Carlos Irrigation Project that provides electricity to over 10,000 rural customers who experienced widespread repeated outages.
- **7/23:** AG Mayes and 20 others sue Trump administration over restrictions on social services for immigrants that include the Head Start preschool program, health clinics, and adult education.
- **7/27:** An ad-hoc task force of community organizers and lawyers is seeking attorneys licensed in Arizona to help unaccompanied migrant children complete the legal process allowing them to stay.
- **8/5:** Nonprofit Compass Affordable Housing seeks support to develop 100 tiny homes for the homeless and donations to build an employment program for those coming out of homelessness.

From **Run for Something** by *Amanda Litman*

- **7/21:** More than 200,000 candidates have signed up for Run for Something, the largest candidate pipeline in politics. 20% of them, over 40,000, have signed up since the November election.
  - Many of our newest candidates signing up are laid off federal workers. The work is working and we're going to keep doing it.
- **7/30:** From our vantage point of working with people running for local office for the first time, we can see how candidates and campaigns are changing well before they bubble up to national attention.
  - Representatives who were part of our community years ago in their first campaigns identify themselves as key parts of the future of the Democratic Party whether by the issues they ran on, the way they show up authentically as themselves, or how they used modern communication tools to reach voters where they are.
- **8/4:** First, our big announcement from last week: We're partnering up with MoveOn to recruit their members to run for office — just as we did with Bernie Sanders & Crooked Media earlier this year. We're keeping the momentum going.
  - I talked with New York magazine about what we're doing with the 10,000 people who signed up to run for office after Zohran Mamdani won and where the Democratic Party goes from here.







## August Ice Cream Social

Come beat the heat as you sit back and enjoy a bowl of ice cream on us at our next monthly meeting.



Pictured: Kurt Ohlrich and Jan Kline

Please join us at our in-person monthly meetings in the large meeting room of the Oro Valley Library from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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.*

### September Meeting

**Monday, September 8  
6:00 -7:30 pm**

**Oro Valley Library**

**Topics:  
Town of Oro Valley,  
ACLU & Sierra Club**