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Political violence has no place in our country. It is meant to silence people and turn us against each other. We can't let that happen. We all share a moral and patriotic duty to reject division and treat each other as human beings. We're so much stronger than the things that divide us. The way out of this is together. **Senator Mark Kelly**

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Our October meeting is by ZOOM

Speakers: Adrian Fontes, Ilse Rodriquez, & Jonathon Hill



Adrian Fontes, Secretary of State

In 2022, Adrian Fontes was elected as Arizona's 21st Secretary of State where he is committed to preserving integrity in our elections, making voting easier for registered voters, and ensuring that Arizona's business community has a non-partisan partner in the Secretary's office.

From 2017-2021 Fontes served as Maricopa County Recorder where he revolutionized the election system by instituting voting centers and expanding early voting options to ensure every eligible Arizonan had the access they needed to vote. He also enhanced ballot tracking technology and increased process transparency, winning recognition and awards from election organizations across the country.

Fontes served in the United States Marine Corps which taught him the importance of dedication, discipline, and sacrifice to forcefully fight for the American dream. After graduating from law school, Fontes spent 15 years advocating for justice and fighting for the disadvantaged, as a prosecutor in the Denver District Attorney's office, the Maricopa County Attorney's office and the Arizona Attorney General's Office before being elected Maricopa County Recorder. Fontes has spent a lifetime fighting for justice and defending our Democracy.



Ilse Rodriquez, Arizona Political Director for Mark Kelly for Senate

Before joining Mark Kelly’s team in September, Ilse served as Deputy Political Director for Ruben Gallego, January-November 2024, and Senior Outreach Advisor for the US Senate, January-September 2025.

Her passion for American government and politics led Ilse to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Politics and Global Affairs at Arizona State University.



Jonathon Hill, Candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission

Jonathon Hill and Clara Pratte are running together for two seats on the Corporation Commission to unseat Commissioners Kevin Thompson and Nick Myers in November 2026.

If elected, both promise to lower costs for utility customers, increase transparency, expand rural representation and invest in renewable energy.

When asked about his candidacy, Jonathon stated: “Democrats get utility bills. Republicans get utility bills. Independents get utility bills. No matter who you are, this Commission has allowed your rates to skyrocket every year, and I’m tired of it. I’m running because Arizona needs someone to put everyday people first.”

Jonathon is a researcher at Arizona State University, where he works in the Mars Space Flight Facility. He has a doctorate in geological sciences and a master’s in aerospace engineering, both of which he says make him uniquely qualified to serve on the Corporation Commission.





Welcome to E-Qual - Arizona Secretary of State Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Are you interested in making a difference in the political process? E-Qual simplifies participation, ensuring it's easy, secure, and convenient. Support your preferred candidate from the comfort of your home or any location with internet access. Get involved and make your voice heard today by clicking [Equal](#).

Petitions for CD6, Governor, LD17 Senate, LD17 Representative, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mine Inspector, and ACC candidates are now available.

WANTED A Candidate to Run for Oro Valley Mayor

The Town of Oro Valley is looking for a candidate

- who is a caring individual with leadership, administrative oversight, and public interaction skills.
- who places the citizens first by continuing to influence public safety, transportation, and economic development.
- who is fiscally responsible and will guide the shaping of our community's progress, keeping it clean and beautiful.

If this fits, we need you **NOW!**

The following Candidate Information web page is intended as an information resource for individuals who are planning to run for Mayor or Council.

<https://www.orovalleyaz.gov/Government/Departments/Town-Clerk/Town-Election-Information/Information-for-Candidates>



WE WANT YOU!



Join our Democrats of Oro Valley **ZOOM** meeting October 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Halloween Humor



KEEP ARIZONA BLUE

STUDENT COALITION



We did it. Thanks to you, Keep AZ Blue hit our September end-of-quarter fundraising goal. That support didn't sit in a bank account; it fueled the on-the-ground organizing work we did across the state.

In September, our organizers were out on nine campuses across Arizona. We held stations for National Youth Voter Registration Day, registered new voters, gave out t-shirts and donuts, and signed up more volunteers than we could count.

We built capacity, grew our team, and kept moving at the pace this moment demands.

Now we look ahead. We will keep building for 2026, which will be one of the most important election years Arizona has ever faced, and the work to prepare starts now.

Keep Arizona Blue Student Coalition is a youth-founded, youth-led PAC that's turning out Gen-Z voters for Democrats up and down the ballot. We believe in reproductive freedom, workers' rights, climate justice, LGBTQ+ rights, public education, and gun safety.

In order to get out young voters for Democrats and change the political trajectory of Arizona, we need your support. [Give Now](#)



I'm Charlene Fernandez, and I'm honored to be the newly elected Chair of the Arizonan Democratic Party!

I was born and raised in rural Arizona, and I've spent my life in public service – from serving on a rural school board to leading Democrats in the Arizona House, to being appointed by the White House to USDA.

I know what it takes to win: investing in year-round organizing, expanding voter registration, and building strong relationships across ALL 15 counties so we can turn out the votes we need to win.



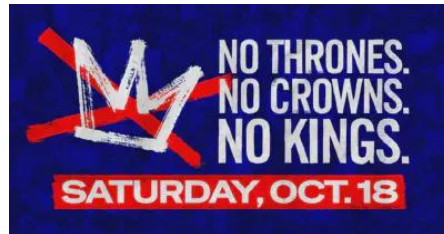
The Trump administration's attacks on immigrants have been relentless - from censoring lawful speech to racist, cruel raids. Here's the truth: The Constitution protects everyone, regardless of citizenship. And we've spent the past year taking the Trump administration to court and holding it accountable to our Constitution and the rule of law. Here are just a few of the critical cases we're fighting this fall:

- **We're suing ICE – again.** The agency has refused to comply with our FOIA request for information on the D.C. field office's plans to expand immigration detention into Virginia or North Carolina, so we're taking them to court. Our previous FOIA requests exposed critical information – like how the Trump administration is teaming up with private prison corporations to massively expand detention capacity, even in facilities with lengthy records of abuse and neglect.
- **We're still protecting speech on campuses.** Mohsen Mahdawi, Rümeysa Öztürk, Mahmoud Khalil, and Dr. Badar Khan Suri have been released on bail, but the government is still trying to argue that federal district courts don't have jurisdiction to release them. This week, we argued in federal appellate court that district courts can intervene when unconstitutional detention and censorship are at stake.
- **We're representing D.C. community in a new case against the Trump administration,** challenging the pattern of illegal immigration arrests that emerged since the president deployed the National Guard, including arresting people without a warrant and without probable cause of unlawful immigration status and flight risk.

Your support allows us to take on these fights, and so many more. We've taken 170 legal actions since President Trump took office in January, and we're just getting started.

No Kings Day 2 Protests: Saturday, October 18

Citywide, Statewide, and Nationwide: The Largest Protests in US History



Protest Safety, Know Your Rights & De-Escalation Training. [Check out the full recording here.](#)

Location: Oro Valley at N Oracle Rd & Pusch View /1st Ave from **8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

- For more information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/841536/>

Location: Tucson at East River Road & North Vía Entrada from **8:00 to 10:00 am**

- For more information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/843245/>

Location: Tucson at El Presidio Plaza, 165 W Alameda St from **8:00 to 10:00 am**

- For more information and to RSVP, go to <https://mobilize.us/s/8PleZS>

Location: Tucson at N Country Club & E Speedway from **8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

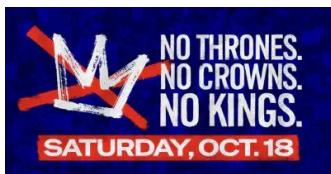
- For more information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/842292/>

Location: Vail at E Colossal Cave Rd & E Mary Ann Cleveland Way from **8:00 to 9:00 am**

- For more information and to register, go to <https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/847903/>

Location: Green Valley/Sahuarita at W Via Rancho Sahuarita/ W Sahuarita Rd from **9:00 to 10:30 am**

- For more information and to RSVP, go to <https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/845674/>





It's Time to Separate Church and Hate by Dee Maitland

Since the shooting of Charlie Kirk on September 10th there has been a convergence of events that prove we must aggressively combat the rise of christian nationalism if we are to defeat Trump and save both the Christianity of Jesus and our Democracy. While Kirk is being called a martyr, his death has resurrected many of his unchristian quotes:

- ☠ "I can't stand the word empathy, actually. I think empathy is a made-up, new age term that does a lot of damage."
- ☠ "We need to be very clear that you're not going to get gun deaths to zero. It will not happen. But I think it's worth it. I think it's worth it to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year, so that we can have the Second Amendment,"
- ☠ "Black women do not have brain processing power to be taken seriously. You have to go steal a white person's slot."
- ☠ "The answer is yes. The baby would be delivered." His response to a question if his 10-year-old daughter was pregnant by rape.

Fortunately, in the weeks following true Christians have spoken out:

- ✓ Pope Leo XIV told U.S. bishops to openly state their concerns regarding the Trump administration's immigration policies and earlier said: "Someone who says I am against abortion, but I am in agreement with the inhuman treatment of immigrants in the United States, I don't know if that's pro-life," highlighting the hypocrisy of the faux christians.
- ✓ John Fugelsang, the son of a nun and a priest, published a book titled *Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds* where he uses the Bible to defeat the hateful tenants of christian nationalism. His best punchline: they are only using Jesus as a mascot.
- ✓ The Rapture supposedly happened on September 23 and no christian nationalists were called up.
- ✓ The Economic Policy Institute issued a report showing CEOs make 281 times more than a typical worker. Jesus would not approve.
- ✓ Trump thought it wise to post a picture of himself as the Grim Reaper; quite fitting since he is causing so many deaths.
- ✓ Sunday, October 5, 104 clergy funded a full-page ad in The Arizona Star titled *Bear Witness Now. For God so loved the world: A Christian Witness Against Harm*. In it they denounce 13 Trump policies for causing harm. Go to www.bearwitnessnow.org for the list.

Good News for Democracy *compiled by Jacolyn Marshall*



From the Associated Press:

- **9/4:** In a news conference on the Capitol lawn survivors of Epstein's sexual abuse spoke out to pressure lawmakers to force the release of their sex trafficking investigation documents.
- **9/4:** US District judge ordered the reversal of Trump's cuts of more than \$2.6 billion in funding research grants for Harvard University as illegal retaliation.
- **9/4:** A three-judge panel of the 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Trump cannot use the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 to speed deportations of people he accuses of being in a Venezuelan gang.
- **9/5:** New York General Attorney moved to have the state's highest court reinstate Trump's staggering civil fraud penalty, appealing a lower court's dismissal of penalty in its entirety.
- **9/5:** DC Attorney General sued to halt the deployment of more than 1,000 troops in the US Capital as an illegal use of the military for domestic law enforcement.
- **9/5:** French president and 26 other allies are sending troops in Ukraine to maintain a presence on land, sea and air, and guarantee the country's security once peace is achieved.
- **9/6:** US District judge blocked Trump from ending temporary legal protections for more than 1 million people from Haiti and Venezuela.
- **9/6:** Two courts, including the Federal Trade Court ruled Trump's import taxes are illegal, noting they overstep his authority by ignoring Congress and imposing International Emergency Economic Powers Act tariffs.
- **9/7:** US District judge blocked the deportation of 76 migrant children to Guatemala and demanded the removal Honduran children from government custody in a lawsuit brought by Arizona-based Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project,
- **9/9:** Democrats on the House Oversight Committee released a sexually suggestive letter to Epstein signed by Trump which included "may every day be another wonderful secret."
- **9/9:** Federal appeals court upheld a civil jury's finding that Trump must pay \$83.3 million to a former columnist for his social media attacks and defamation of him of "an unprecedented degree of reprehensibility."
- **9/11:** NATO fighter jets shot down multiple Russian drones that crossed into Poland deemed a deliberate act of provocation, marking the first time NATO planes have engaged potential threats in Allied airspace.
- **9/12:** Senator Gallego sought to block military funeral honors for the January 6th rioter who died trying to derail our government; Biden had previously rejected the family's request and prevailed in \$30 million lawsuit.
- **9/12:** UK fired their ambassador to the US over his links to convicted sex offender Epstein.
- **9/12:** Federal judge issued a nationwide block on a Trump directive that prevent children in the US illegally from enrolling in Head Start, a federally funded preschool program.
- **9/12:** Following a federal judge's order to reverse more than \$2.6 billion in illegal cuts, Harvard received notice that many of those grants will be reinstated.
- **9/12:** US marked the 24th anniversary of 9/11 that cost nearly 3,000 lives with solemn ceremonies in New York, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania,

- **9/13:** NATO commander announced a new operation dubbed Eastern Sentry to increase its defensive posture in Belarus with added equipment from France, Germany, Denmark and the UK to deter Russian aggression.
- **9/14:** California lawmakers extended a key cap-and-trade climate program, a crucial tool to respond to Trump's environmental rollbacks.
- **9/14:** Federal judge extended temporary measures preventing Trump from deporting Guatemalan migrant children in governmental custody.
- **9/15:** Ukrainian drones struck Russia's largest oil refineries setting them on fire; other attacks included a Russian railway and electronic vote systems.
- **9/15:** A giant remote-controlled Burn Bot vehicle capable of creating fire breaks to provide defensible space could prove to be California's new wildfire weapon.
- **9/16:** 200 shipping companies want the world's largest maritime nations to adopt regulations that include a first-ever global fee on greenhouse gases as an incentive to reduce their harmful emissions.
- **9/16:** Former federal prosecutor Maurene Comey whose father is former FBI Director James Comey sued the US government for wrongful firing due to political reasons and therefore unconstitutional.
- **9/17:** Federal auto safety regulators opened an investigation into defects in Tesla doors that left children trapped in the back seat forcing parents to break windows to get them out.
- **9/17:** During a Senate oversight hearing, Democrats grilled FBI director about politicizing the agency by firing Trump's adversaries who oversaw investigations into the Jan. 6th riot and Mar-a-Lago documents.
- **9/17:** Senate Democrats will introduce two separate bipartisan resolutions to terminate Trump's tariffs on Canada and Brazil, forcing Republicans to vote for their constituents or against them.
- **9/18:** Democrats demand an immediate extension of healthcare subsidies in the proposed Republican stopgap spending bill, noting they will need at least seven Democratic senators to move the bill forward.
- **9/18:** Ukraine expects another \$3.5 billion in funding to buy weapons from the US to sustain their fight.
- **9/19:** 360 Israeli soldiers refuse to return to Gaza and risk of imprisonment, contending Netanyahu's war puts Israeli hostages at risk and has wreaked havoc on the fabric of their society.
- **9/20:** US Senate rejected GOP bill to fund the government for refusing to negotiate with them to extend health insurance subsidies, reverse Medicaid cuts, and spending cuts enacted this year.
- **9/20:** Federal judge dismissed Trump's \$15 billion defamation lawsuit against The New York Times.
- **9/20:** Republicans approval rating plummeted sharply in a new poll, especially among those younger than 45; 61% of them said the country is headed in the wrong direction, a spike of 30 percentage points.
- **9/21:** Democratic leaders Senator Schumer and Representative Jeffries demanded a meeting with Trump to negotiate a bipartisan spending agreement that preserves health care programs for American families.
- **9/22:** UK, Australia and Canada and longtime allies formally recognized a Palestinian state which reflects their growing outrage at Israel's conduct in Gaza and their efforts to thwart it.
- **9/22:** Bipartisan group of US senators and house representatives met with Chinese Premier Li to further ties, increase exchanges, build greater cooperation and have more military-to-military dialogues.

- **9/22:** Children's Hospital Association doctors spoke out against Trump's cuts to Medicaid, noting that children account for nearly half of Medicaid enrollees.
- **9/23:** Federal judge ruled that a nearly complete offshore wind project for Rhode Island and Connecticut that was halted by Trump can resume.
- **9/23:** More Western nations are expected to join the majority of UN members in supporting a two-state solution to the Mideast conflict in defiance of Netanyahu and Trump.
- **9/23:** Google faces another antitrust lawsuit focused on its abusive tactics in digital advertising.
- **9/24:** Federal judge ordered Trump to restore \$500 million in federal grant funding for UCLA for violating the Administrative Procedure Act.
- **9/24:** NATO warned Russia it would use all means to defend against further breaches of its airspace after downing Russian drones over Poland and Estonia last week.
- **9/24:** More than 110 world leaders spoke at a special UN climate summit asking nations to strengthen their plans to wean themselves from coal, oil and natural gas; last year the world invested \$2 trillion in renewable energy, twice the investments in heat-trapping fossil fuels.
- **9/25:** General Services Administration rehires hundreds of federal employees laid off by DOGE that left the agency without enough people to carry out its basic functions.
- **9/26:** Democrats continue to stand firm against healthcare cuts in the Republican stopgap spending bill.
- **9/26:** Federal Trade Commission announced Amazon will pay \$1 billion in civil penalties and \$1.5 billion to consumers who were tricked into getting Prime membership and deterred from canceling.
- **9/26:** Palestinian President addressed the 80th UN session via video to lay out his vision for a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza noting more and more countries are stating their support.
- **9/26:** AP poll found more Americans think immigrants benefit the country by contributing to economic growth and providing skilled workers than last year.
- **9/27:** AG Mayes and city leaders challenge TEP's proposed 14% rate hike following back-to-back increases the past 5 years as blatant corporate greed, noting TEP reported \$1.6 billion net earnings last year.
- **9/28:** 16 states and DC sued Health and Human Services alleging its threats to pull sex education funding over curricula mentioning diverse gender identities violate of federal law.
- **9/28:** United Negro College Fund, the largest private provider of scholarships for minority students received a \$70 million donation from billionaire philanthropist MacKenzie Scott.
- **9/28:** NYU School of Medicine spokesman declared Trump's views on autism "the saddest display of a lack of evidence, old myths, lousy advice, outright lies and dangerous advice I have ever witnessed."
- **9/28:** AP poll shows Trump's approval ratings are lower on the economy for all US adults, especially Independents; the lowest on trade and health care, including his base; and lower on Israeli conflict.
- **9/28:** Columbia's President participated in a New York City protest where he called on US soldiers to disobey Trump's orders.
- **9/28:** Zelenskyy disclosed a \$90 billion arms deal with the US, including two more Patriot air defense systems.

- **9/29:** UN reimposed sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program.
- **9/29:** Moldova's pro-Western ruling party took a decisive lead in a critical parliamentary election that is viewed as a geopolitical choice towards a path to joining the European Union.
- **9/30:** CEO of Learning Resources toymaker whose tariffs on goods from China went from 20% to 104% has taken his lawsuit against Trump to the Supreme Court that will be heard November 5th.
- **10/1:** Federal judge ruled Trump violated the First Amendment and the Administrative Procedure Act by targeting non-US citizens for deportation solely for supporting Palestinians and criticizing Israel.
- **10/1:** A First Amendment group and a watchdog group asked a federal appeals court to compel DOJ to release its criminal investigation into Trump's handling of classified documents at Mar-a-Lago.
- **10/2:** Supreme Court allowed Lisa Cook to remain as a Federal Reserve governor for now, pending arguments in January.
- **10/2:** Alabama construction worker and US citizen who was detained twice by ICE filed a class-action lawsuit demanding an end to unwarranted raids targeting industries with large immigrant workforces.
- **10/2:** Senator Gallego sharply criticized Trump's plan to use American cities as military training grounds, as dangerous, unconstitutional and a violation of their oath that prohibits them from firing on civilians.
- **10/3:** FDA approved a new low-cost generic version of the mifepristone abortion pill.
- **10/3:** The classic award-winning NPR "Reading Rainbow" series that has been a staple for 23 years is returning with a new host, new books, and a new digital home.
- **10/4:** Fundraising groups are reopening national park sites, including a Mississippi non-profit that funded a crew to keep its most-visited Vicksburg National Military Park attraction operating.
- **10/5:** Federal judge granted Abrego Garcia's lawyers their request and ordered an evidentiary hearing determine to if the human smuggling case against him is illegally retaliatory after he successfully sued Trump.

From Capitol Media Services/ Arizona Daily Star/ Arizona Republic

- **9/8:** Governor Hobbs declared a public health emergency due to a lack of availability of Covid vaccines, noting the state Health Department must allow pharmacists to administer the vaccine without a prescription.
- **9/9:** Democratic Senators Kelly and Gallego and Representatives Stanton and Ansari wrote Trump requesting Kelly Yu who has sought asylum for 20 years be allowed to remain in the US.
- **9/11:** AG Mayes submitted new court filings stating the \$1 million funding of Phoenix racetrack violates the Arizona's Gift Clause, paving the way for Maricopa judge to declare it an illegal use of public funds.
- **9/12:** AG Mayes demanded owners of four apartment complexes in Tucson and South Tucson complete repairs her office previously required, including broken AC units, mold, asbestos, exposed wires, pest infestations, and broken windows, tiles and doors or face a \$10,000 fine per violation.
- **9/13:** Arizona Supreme Court ruled a statute designed to protect medical professionals from lawsuits is illegal as our state constitution states the right to recover damages for injuries shall never be abrogated.
- **9/14:** Widow of internationally recognized photographer Benn Mitchell donated his archives to UA's Center for Creative Photography to preserve and share them with the public.

- **9/17:** Miracle Mile's Amazon Motel is now home to 30 studio apartments for permanent supportive housing and in a second phase Amazon Flats will add 60 one-bedroom units in a new, adjacent building.
- **9/17:** Governor Hobbs' order to provide the new Covid vaccine along with the state Health Department and state pharmacy board will collectively allow most Arizonans access in coming weeks.
- **9/18:** Senator Mark Kelly published a 24-page white paper urging a new tax on AI company revenues to create a fund to safeguard workers and consumers from any potential threats, and power the infrastructure of tomorrow.
- **9/19:** Arizona Democratic Party elected a widely respected former state House minority leader Charlene Fernandez as their new chair; she plans to build a Democrat presence in rural and small-town Arizona.
- **9/20:** NIH is funding a seven-year joint \$43.6 million grant for medical and public health research between the University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico.
- **9/20:** Arizona State University staff member was released after being detained by ICE; ASU group condemned school leadership for their cooperation over an anonymous tip.
- **9/22:** Arizona Supreme Court refused to allow people who attend one year of law school to handle criminal prosecutions and defense, noting ASU plans to offer an online program to earn a JD degree in four years.
- **9/23:** UA received a \$20 million gift from the philanthropic Garcia Family Foundation to expand access to study-abroad programs for students with financial need.
- **9/24:** Superior Court judge rejected efforts of two Arizona Republican lawmakers to prevent doctors from overturning restrictions on women's abortion rights.
- **9/24:** ASU will use a \$115 million donation to create a new school focused on conservation and training a next generation of leaders to protect biodiversity and promote global sustainability.
- **9/25:** Adelita Grijalva won a decisive victory to represent Southern Arizona in the CD 6 election; her win could bring the 218th signature to force the DOJ to release the Epstein files.
- **9/27:** US District Judge blocked Trump from immediately deporting 57 unaccompanied Guatemalan and 12 Honduran children between 3 and 17 in a lawsuit by a Florence immigrants' rights group.
- **9/27:** Attorney for the city of Tucson filed a lawsuit demanding payment from former Senator Wadsack, known for her frivolous suits to pay \$7,838 in costs of preparing for a case she later dropped.
- **9/28:** Senator Gallego called on Republicans to join the Democrats' call to renew the bribery investigation involving Trump's border czar who was taped accepting cash by undercover FBI agents.
- **9/28:** Several community organizations are asking UA to end its contract with Flock Safety, a license-plate reader company that is sharing data with ICE for immigration-related searches.
- **9/30:** Arizona's Next Generation 911 statewide system will ensure cell phone users have as much access to the emergency system as those calling from home or office have.
- **10/3:** Governor Hobbs signed 250 bills into law, including nutrition assistance, age verification for adult content, special education for dyslexia, expanding definition of animal cruelty, and tobacco for 21 or older.
- **10/3:** AG Mayes along with 20 other states sued to stop an illegal DOJ policy restricting programs supporting crime victims to only those who can prove legal immigration status.

- **10/4:** Senator Gallego visited Globe following flooding that killed three and left parts of the town in ruins stating the government must provide federal help for flood-control upgrades and other improvements.
- **10/5:** Arizona Department of Health Services is expanding newborn screening tests from 30 to 39 different disorders along with their follow-up programs to treat them.
- **10/5:** AG Mayes is suing real estate websites Zillow and Redfin regarding a recent \$100 million deal between them that will thwart competition and increase the cost of renting.
- **10/5:** Sedona City Council voted to sever its contract with Flock Safety and remove 11 license plate recognition cameras; several Tucson organizations asked the University of Arizona to do the same.

From Run for Something by Amanda Litman

- **9/8:** Last week we had yet another Democratic overperformance! [RFS candidate won a special election for the FL state house](#) that Kamala Harris won by 35 points. His win by 50 points equates to a 15-point swing toward Democrats and makes him the first Gen Z Democrat to win a seat in the house!
- **9/8:** With 10 candidates up for elections this week, it's always Election Day in RFS-land
- **9/8:** Cleveland's newly elected Mayor wants Democrats to know millennials like him are ready to lead and calls on them to listen more to mayors as they see the impact of federal policies first-hand.
- **9/15:** The latest updates in building that bench: TX Rep. Talarico [officially launched his campaign for U.S. Senate](#)! In FL, former school board member [Jennifer Jenkins announced her campaign for U.S. Senate](#). Dauphin County Commissioner Douglas [officially announced his campaign for Congress in PA](#)!
- **9/15:** I joined Perry Bacon of The New Republic and Data Analyst G. Elliott Morris to talk about some of the political trends of 2025 so far. [You can read here](#).
- **9/15:** According to Morris, Democratic Party leadership's strategy of downplaying many of Trump's actions as a "distraction" is a mistake. Such rhetoric is boring and the public tunes them out.
- **9/29:** To meet this moment, we built RFS Community, a tech-forward platform that exponentially improves our ability to turn pipeline leads into prepared candidates.
- **9/29:** Future leaders are getting trained, mentored, and supported in real-time. Even more importantly, they're finding the community and connection they need to stay in the fight.
- **10/6:** Our 81 newly endorsed candidates come from 23 states — 68% are running for municipal office, 16% for school board, and 15% for state legislature. More than half identify as women, more than half as people of color, 37% as LGBTIQ+, 15% are Gen Z, and 36% are renters.
- **10/6:** We expect more than 300 endorsed candidates on the ballot on November 4th, including key races to control the VA state legislature, a competitive state legislature special election in Texas, and hundreds of municipal and school board elections.
- **10/6:** New research from our partners at Ballotready: 40% of state legislative races went uncontested in 2024. This is why we can't let our foot off the gas for even one minute. We're leaving too many places without a Democrat to compete with.
- **10/6:** We're building new tech to meet this moment. Check out [Over the top, under the radar](#) where I talk about all things Run for Something and why I'm optimistic.

DOV Community Service Road Clean Up *by Susan Bickel*

Please Join Us on Saturday, November 8, 8:00 AM! For over eight years, members of Democrats of Oro Valley have participated in the Adopt a Roadway program. The Adopt a Roadway program is sponsored by Pima County. The work of volunteers helps save the taxpayers of Pima County approximately \$250 per mile cleaned. This translates into thousands of taxpayer dollars saved.

By adopting a roadway, DOV is rewarded with an eye-catching blue and white sign with the name of our organization printed for all to see.

Please join other DOV members and participate in an easy but needed community service! We will meet **Saturday, November 8, at 8:00 AM** to pick up trash along La Cholla Boulevard. We will meet at the corner of **Hardy and La Cholla**, right next to our sign. We are usually finished within an hour.

Vests and trash bags are provided by the county. Bags are left at the site for pick up by county vehicles. Please bring gloves and your own grasper. Don't forget your hat, sunscreen and water!



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 In-Person Meeting

**Monday, November 10
6:00 -7:30 pm
Oro Valley Library**

**Speaker:
TBA**

**Topic:
TBA**