

The Arizona Legislative Alert

Amber Alert....

UUJAZ and VUU. Giving Voice to UU Values in Arizona

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AMBER ALERT! Children reportedly are being separated from their parents and taken to separate detention facilities when they cross the U.S. border seeking refugee status! Reportedly, parents are unable to find out where their children are. We are not talking about people who are surreptitiously entering the U.S. illegally; these are people fleeing harsh conditions and repression in their own countries who are seeking legal refugee status in the U.S.

There will be a town hall meeting

6 to 7:30 Thursday at the First United Church of Christ (UCC),

1407 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix,

sponsored by the Phoenix Restoration Project.

This will be THE place to get the facts and figure out what can and should be done.

Getting Ready for November

Initiatives & Referenda on the ballot, so far:

- **VOUCHERS – VOTE NO ON PROP 305.** The referendum to stop the expansion of “empowerment scholarship vouchers” has enough signatures to be on the ballot on November. A NO vote on Prop. 305 is exercising our “citizen veto” over the voucher expansion bill passed by the Legislature. The opposition to vouchers was led by Save Our Schools and a NO vote on Prop 305 will finish the work they started!
- **CLEAN ELECTIONS. HCR2007 – VOTE NO ON THIS PROPOSAL THAT WOULD SEVERELY HAMPER THE ABILITY OF THE CLEAN ELECTIONS**

PROGRAM TO DO ITS JOB. HCR2007 was referred to the ballot by the legislature. This law creates a partisan oversight committee appointed by the Governor, shields dark money, and in other ways halts the progress that the Citizen's Clean Election program has made in Arizona to make our elections more transparent and fairer.

SCROLL DOWN TO SEE NAMES OF ALL CANDIDATES SO FAR FOR U.S. SENATE AND CONGRESS, ALONG WITH SOME USEFUL INFORMATION!

PETITION SIGNATURES STILL NEEDED TO GET THESE ON THE BALLOT:

INVEST IN EDUCATION – This proposal, if it gets on the ballot and is approved, would increase taxes on any money a person makes over \$250,000 and increase it again a little bit on money over \$500,000. If you Want to understand this better, read this account!

<https://www.tucsonweekly.com/TheRange/archives/2018/06/08/the-invest-in-education-act-for-tax-dummies-like-me>

If you want to help and don't know how, go to this link to find out what you can do in the next few weeks to get this on the ballot! <https://investined.com/>

OUTLAW DIRTY MONEY - This is the petition that will change Arizona's constitution so that money for every candidate has to be attributed to the original donor. Currently, some give millions of dollars to candidates without having to disclose even who they are! Click here for more information, **Outlaw Dirty Money**.

2018 Federal Election Candidates & Info

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U.S. SENATOR		
Republicans	Democrats	Green / Libertarian
Kelli Ward ®	Deedra Abboud (D)	Doug Marks (Lbt)

Martha McCally ®	Krysten Sinema (D)	Eve Reyes (Grn)
Joe Arpaio ®		
CONGRESS DISTRICT 1		
Steve Smith ®	Tom O'Halleran (Dem)	
Tiffany Shedd ®	Miguel Olivias (Dem)	
Wendy Rogers ®		
CONGRESS - District 2		
Lea Marquez Peterson ®	Billy Kovacs (Dem)	Josh Reilly (Grn)
Brandon Martin ®	Barbara Sherry (Dem)	
Casey Welch ®	Ann Kirkpatrick (Dem)	
Daniel Romero Morales	Matt Heinz (Dem)	
	Maria (Mary) Matiella (Dem)	
	Bruce Wheeler (Dem)	
	Yahya Yuksel (Dem)	
CONGRESS DISTRICT 3		
Edna San Miguel ®	Raul Grijalva (D)	
Nick Pierson ®		
Sergio Arellano ®		
CONGRESS DISTRICT 4		
Paul Gosar ®	David Brill (D)	Gregor Haryaksha Knauer (Grn)
	Delina Disanto (D)	
CONGRESS DISTRICT 5		
Andy Biggs ®	Joan Green (D)	
	Jose Torres (D)	
CONGRESS DISTRICT 6		
David Schweikert ®	Garrick McFaddin (D)	
	Anita Malik (D)	
	Heather Ross (D)	
CONGRESS DISTRICT 7		
	Catherine Miranda (D)	
	Ruben Gallego (D)	
CONGRESS DISTRICT 8		
Sandra Dowling ®	Bob Musselwhite (D)	
Debbie Lesko ®	Hiral Tipirneni (D)	
	Bob Olsen (D)	

CONGRESS DISTRICT 9		
Stephen Ferrara ®	Talia Fuentes (D)	
Irina Baroness Von Behr ®	Greg Stanton (D)	
Seth Leibsohn ®		
Dave Giles ®		

USEFUL LINKS:

[https://ballotpedia.org/Voting in Arizona](https://ballotpedia.org/Voting_in_Arizona)

SECRETARY OF STATE <https://azsos.gov/elections/arizona-election-laws-publications>

MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT (RECORDER'S OFFICE)
<https://recorder.maricopa.gov/>

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAP (METRO PHOENIX)
https://recorder.maricopa.gov/Maps2/Congressional_Districts/Current/Metro-politanCongressionalDistrictsTabloid.pdf

FAQ:

1. **Primary Election is August 28, 2018**
2. **General election is Nov. 6**
3. **You can sign petitions for candidates ON LINE**
4. **Register to vote: ON LINE**
5. **Are you an INDEPENDENT?** All voters who are registered as anything other than Democrat, Republican, Libertarian or Green, should have received a mailer recently asking them which political party ballot they would like to receive for the Primary Election. If you didn't receive that mailing, then you can contact the county recorder's office in your county. In Maricopa county you can make the request on line <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvotingballot/earlyvotingballotrequest.aspx> After entering the first bit of information, the 2nd page will ask which party ballot you choose.

Remember: You can find a wrap-up of the 2018 legislative session at <http://www.vuu.org/legislative-advocacy>

TBD! If trump fires Mueller: Even though it seems unlikely that DJT will try to fire Special Counsel Robert Mueller (or firing others who could then fire Mueller), plans are in place for massive nation-wide protest rallies if he does. You can get more information, including local

information about plans in Phoenix and other AZ cities at this link

<https://www.trumpisnotabovethelaw.org/event/mueller-firing-rapid-response/search/>. You can sign up to get an email that will alert you if DJT takes action to obstruct the investigation. Be ready! The Phoenix event will be at the state capitol.

On-going through June 2018: Workshops for Tempe-area employees and employers (and those seeking work) on salary negotiation that is intended to help end the gender pay gap. Workshops focus on negotiation strategies, benchmarking target salaries as well as learning about the long-term consequences of the wage gap. Workshops mainly for Tempe residents but others may also attend. Registration required: <https://salary.aauw.org/tempe/> Also see the **City of Tempe's Equal Pay Initiative:** <http://www.tempe.gov/city-hall/strategic-management-and-diversity/equal-pay-for-equal-work>

On-going to November, 2018! Protect Wildlife initiative. Arizona Ban Hunting Wild Cats Initiative may appear on the **ballot** in **Arizona** as an **initiated state statute** on **November 6, 2018** if enough signatures are gathered. The measure would ban the hunting, shooting, trapping, snaring, netting, or capture of bobcats, mountain lions, jaguars, lynxes, and ocelots. The measure would make exceptions to the ban. More information on Ballotpedia [https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_Ban_Hunting_Wild_Cats_Initiative_\(2018\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_Ban_Hunting_Wild_Cats_Initiative_(2018)).

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