

## **The Arizona Legislative Alert**

# **UPDATES: IMMIGRANT CHILDREN, PETITIONS TO SIGN & MORE**

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More than 150 gathered at the Phoenix UCC Thursday evening for a “Town Hall” on immigrant children being separated from their families. There was a rally in Tucson. Probably action other places as well. Scroll down for highlights from the program sponsored by Phoenix Restoration Project.

Also, inside: contact information, candidates for federal office, and brief information on petitions for November. But first some ACTION!

### **Calls to Action:**

**PETITIONS: HELP GET SIGNATURES!!! Saturday – Mesa Track Meet! AT MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- 1833 W. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ. Great place to help petition-gatherers get signature for the “Outlaw Dirty Money” and “Invest in Education” petitions. Come, get trained, and help gather signatures. Saturday, Mesa track meet. You can work a two-hour shift: 7 a.m. to noon and then 5:30 to 7:30 in the evening.** Please sign up using this link from The League of Women Voters

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07efgp0i6yji7y34b6/start>

**How to help child immigrants** (Scroll down for highlights from the “Town Hall.”)

- **Volunteer** – Phoenix Restoration Project Volunteer training **Sunday, June 24 , 12 p.m.** at Shadow Rock UCC 12861 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. (PRP meets buses

bringing immigrants in, helps people coming out of detention, gathers packets of things needed, etc.). This is in downtown Phoenix.

- **Call, Write Congress** – Yes, it might make a difference!! Tell them you are appalled at the way Homeland Security is separating children from parents in immigration and asylum-seeking situations or in any situation. This is a moral issue, it is illegal, and it must be stopped. (Add your own outrage here). How to call? Use Resistbot (scroll down, instructions are right there. This is the quickest way to connect with all of your representatives. Ask for a response! Or, send a letter, e mail or phone (see contact information, below).
- **Donate** – Phoenix Restoration project [phxrestorationproject@gmail.com](mailto:phxrestorationproject@gmail.com) and Florence Immigration Refugee Rights Program [firrp.org](http://firrp.org) (602 307 1008) <http://firrp.org/> and any of those listed below. All of these organizations need resources including volunteers! Help them out. (See list below).
- **Sign the ACLU petition or help with their lawsuit.** <https://action.aclu.org/petition/separating-families>
- **CALL department of homeland security and leave a message – flood their phones! 202 401 1474. then call department of human services 202-205 5445 and leave them a message, too.**
- **E-mail DHS Civil rights complaint** [crcl@dhs.gov](mailto:crcl@dhs.gov) Then email human rights violations and war crimes: [hrv.ice@dhs.gov](mailto:hrv.ice@dhs.gov)

## **MORE IMMIGRATION ACTION PROGRAMS / ARIZONA & PHOENIX METRO**

(Thanks to Jordana Horn, posting in Today, Jun. 14, 2018 at 6:17 AM). If these links don't work, google their name.

- [Together Rising Love Flash Mob](#). Organized by best-selling author and blogger Glennon Doyle through her non-profit organization, the fundraising effort will go to provide bilingual legal and advocacy assistance for 60 children, aged 12 months to 10 years, currently separated from their parents

in an Arizona detention center. Their first priority will be to establish and maintain contact between children and their parents, with the ultimate goal of reunification and safety and rehabilitation for the children.

- The Florence Project and Refugee Rights Project. This organization provides legal assistance and social services to detained immigrants in Arizona.
- The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights. This organization works for the rights of children in immigration proceedings.
- Kids In Need Of Defense (KIND). This organization works to ensure that no child appears in immigration court alone without representation.
- Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project. They work to prevent the deportation of asylum-seeking families fleeing violence.

### **Immigrant children update (from Town Hall at UCC).**

**More than 150 gathered at Phoenix UCC Thursday for a "Town Hall" on immigrant children. Highlights from the four-person panel (that included two lawyers working directly to defend immigrant children and families, one counsellor of immigrant children and one sex-trafficking specialist).**

- **Is the situation actually worse than before? Yes. Attorney General Jeff Session's "zero tolerance" policy has resulted in children with families seeking asylum being separated, creating more "unaccompanied children."**
- **Some families are being told they cannot seek asylum. When they then try to cross the border, they are doing so illegally and the parents are separated from the children.**
- **What are the emotional effects on children? Those coming in as unaccompanied minors have been travelling on their own and they usually have a plan for what to do when they get here. Children separated at the border are in a far worse situation as they may not know what the family's plan was at all. This is traumatic.**
- **Where are the children taken? To various places, sort of like group homes. There are caretakers. Some are very young, one was only five**

months old. They do have food, educational programs, things to do. But this is detention!

- How do the families get reunited? It is very hard and every case is different. Hard to get out of detention. Need legal help and it is scarce.
- Isn't this illegal? Yes. Under international law and U.S. law people seeking refugee status because of race, religion, membership in particular social groups in their home countries, have a right to request asylum. There are court cases upholding this right. U.S. has now said that persons seeking asylum due to domestic violence or gang violence are no longer eligible.
- Are there any lawsuits? Yes, the ACLU has an active lawsuit against the separation of children from their families, using a "due process" argument.

Good fact check on the child migrant issue:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2018/06/14/recidivism-watch-trump-administration-again-blames-others-for-its-own-family-separation-policy/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.7d0a7510ed7e&wpisrc=nl\\_daily202&wpmmm=1](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/fact-checker/wp/2018/06/14/recidivism-watch-trump-administration-again-blames-others-for-its-own-family-separation-policy/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.7d0a7510ed7e&wpisrc=nl_daily202&wpmmm=1)

## Contact Information

**Resistbot.io - How to use it.** Click on the "messages" icon on your i-phone, then click on the pencil in the top right-hand corner. You will get a "To: " screen. Put in 504-09 and then in the message type "resist." They will respond and ask for your zip code or address and what you want to do. This is a free service, reportedly developed by volunteers. It will ask for your zip code or address, and then you can send a fax, letter, make a phone call, send an e-mail to Sen. Flake and McCain and the House member as well or even to Governor Ducey.

After you have sent several, it will ask you which of the various people you want it sent to. At first, it just sends to all three, later it will add state-level elected officials, too. You get more services after you've used it awhile!

**U.S. House** There is no centralized e-mail listing for U.S. House members. The easiest to use is resistbot.io. Or, Look up your Congressional district [here](#).) Or, try these:

- 1 – Tom O’Halleran, 202 225 3361 520 316 0839 [ohalleran.house.gov/contact](http://ohalleran.house.gov/contact)
- 2 – Martha McSally 202 225 2542 520 881 3588 [mcsally.house.gov/contact](http://mcsally.house.gov/contact)
- 3 – Raul Grijalva 202 225 2435 520- 622 6788 [grijalva.house.gov/e-mail-raul](http://grijalva.house.gov/e-mail-raul)
- 4 – Paul Gosar 202 225 2315 928 445 1683 [paulgosar.house.gov/contact](http://paulgosar.house.gov/contact)
- 5 – Andy Biggs 202 225 2635 480 699 8239 [biggs.house.gov/contact](http://biggs.house.gov/contact)
- 6 – David Schweikert 202 225 2190 480 946 2411 [schweikert.house.gov/contact](http://schweikert.house.gov/contact)
- 7 – Ruben Gallego 202 225 4065 602 256 0551 [rubengallego.house.gov/contact/email](http://rubengallego.house.gov/contact/email)
- 8 – Debbie Lesko 202 225 4576 623 776 7911 [lesko.house.gov/contact-me](http://lesko.house.gov/contact-me)
- 9 – Krysten Sinema 202 225 9888 602 956 2285 [sinemaforms.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep](http://sinemaforms.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep)

## U.S. Senate Contact Information

### Sen. John McCain

- **Washington D.C.** [Sen. John McCain](http://www.mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form) - 202 224 2235 218 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510 e-mail: <https://www.mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form>
- **Arizona Offices** [\(602\) 952-2410](tel:6029522410) 2201 East Camelback Road Suite 115 Phoenix, AZ 85016. Tucson 407 West Congress Street Suite 103 Tucson, AZ 85701 Main: (520) 670-6334

### Sen. Jeff Flake

- **Washington D.C.** [Sen. Jeff Flake](https://www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-jeff) - 202 224 4521. 413 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 e-mail: <https://www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-jeff>

**Arizona Office - Senator Flake - Phoenix AZ Office:** [\(602\)-840-1891](tel:6028401891)

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## 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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<b>U.S. SENATOR</b>		
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<b>Republicans</b>	<b>Democrats</b>	<b>Green / Libertarian</b>
Kelli Ward ®	Deedra Abboud (D)	Doug Marks (Lbt)
Martha McSally ®	Krysten Sinema (D)	Eve Reyes (Grn)
Joe Arpaio ®		
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 1</b>		
Steve Smith ®	Tom O'Halleran (Dem)	
Tiffany Shedd ®	Miguel Olivias (Dem)	
Wendy Rogers ®		
<b>CONGRESS - District 2</b>		
<b>Lea Marquez Peterson ®</b>	<b>Billy Kovacs (Dem)</b>	<b>Josh Reilly (Grn)</b>
<b>Brandon Martin ®</b>	<b>Barbara Sherry (Dem)</b>	
<b>Casey Welch ®</b>	<b>Ann Kirkpatrick (Dem)</b>	
<b>Daniel Romero Morales</b>	<b>Matt Heinz (Dem)</b>	
	<b>Maria (Mary) Matiella (Dem)</b>	
	<b>Bruce Wheeler (Dem)</b>	
	<b>Yahya Yuksel (Dem)</b>	
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 3</b>		
<b>Edna San Miguel ®</b>	<b>Raul Grijalva (D)</b>	
<b>Nick Pierson ®</b>		
<b>Sergio Arellano ®</b>		
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 4</b>		
<b>Paul Gosar ®</b>	<b>David Brill (D)</b>	<b>Gregor Haryaksha Knauer (Grn)</b>
	<b>Delina Disanto (D)</b>	
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 5</b>		
<b>Andy Biggs ®</b>	<b>Joan Green (D)</b>	
	<b>Jose Torres (D)</b>	
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 6</b>		
<b>David Schweikert ®</b>	<b>Garrick McFaddin (D)</b>	
	<b>Anita Malik (D)</b>	
	<b>Heather Ross (D)</b>	
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 7</b>		
	<b>Catherine Miranda (D)</b>	
	<b>Ruben Gallego (D)</b>	
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 8</b>		
<b>Sandra Dowling ®</b>	<b>Bob Musselwhite (D)</b>	

Debbie Lesko ®	Hiral Tipirneni (D)	
	Bob Olsen (D)	
<b>CONGRESS DISTRICT 9</b>		
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/MetropolitanCongressionalDistrictsTabloid.pdf](https://recorder.maricopa.gov/Maps2/Congressional_Districts/Current/MetropolitanCongressionalDistrictsTabloid.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 December 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)).

## [Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation](#) –

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