

The Arizona Legislative Alert -

Last Call for Petitions

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March for Our Lives – Another mass shooting. This time, killing five journalists in Maryland. Policy needs to change, and registering voters is a good way to go! March for Our lives will have a “register to vote” drive **FRIDAY JULY 6** at the Songbird Coffee and Tea House in Phoenix, 812 N. 3rd Street. Stop by and see how you can help prevent gun violence.

Petitions – The Secretary of State’s office has to have the petitions by July 5, so they **MUST** be turned in to the sponsor ASAP!!! If you have not signed the “Outlaw Dirty Money,” or the “Invest in Education” or the “Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona,” or the one on protecting wildlife, and if you agree with these ideas, then find a place to sign (Changing Hands bookstore in Tempe, your Library, most grocery stores). If you have been helping collect signatures, get the sheets notarized (most banks will do this for free) and turn them in. The next steps are that the Secretary of State office will review (and disallow some – we do not know how many and the rules are rather draconian – and then turn them over to the County Recorder to check against voter registration. In a month or so, we will know which ones had enough signatures to be on the ballot in November. Scroll down to get a summary of the status of various petitions.

The Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona petition is facing an uphill battle as a Political Action Committee is sending robo calls (I got one, as did two other people I know) saying that “felons are circulating the petitions,” and that I would not want to give a convicted felon my personal information. The organization registered this complaint with the Secretary of State who found no problem but referred it to the Attorney General. This is a bare-faced effort

to keep clean energy petition off the ballot. If the clean energy petition makes it to the ballot and is passed, it would require AZ to have 15% clean energy by 2025 and 50% by 2030. The group sponsoring this is called Arizona for Affordable Electricity, 602 362 0547, but their line seems to be perpetually busy. They have raised more than a million dollars (\$1,181,30.00 according to the SOS site) to fight the Clean Energy group, which itself has raised \$957,000.

RedforEd – Followup! This would be a good time to send an email to the State Board of Education that the teachers who participated in the rallies at the Capitol as part of RedforEd should not be disciplined or reprimanded! Most of them were in districts where the school board had dismissed school, and even if they weren't, they were doing what they believed as necessary – way beyond necessary – to rescue public education in this state. Let the State Board know NOT to put this issue back on their agenda. And, send the same note to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The State Board of Education has the authority to discipline the teachers, but they should not use it.

State School Board of Education: <https://azsbe.az.gov/contact-us> What to say? Support the teachers! They are acting in the best interest of the students, the state, and the constitutional requirements of a free public education! (Fill in with your own words).

State Superintendent of Public instruction: <http://www.azed.gov/adeinfo/contact/> (Tell her to support the teachers. They are acting in the best interest of the students, the state, and the constitutional requirements of a free public education! (Fill in with your own words).

Arizona criminal justice reform task force. Several days ago Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives J.D. Mesnard disbanded a bipartisan committee that was responsible for studying solutions to the mass incarceration crisis in Arizona because the chair of the task force was reported making some very racist remarks. Rep. Mesnard was right to remove the chair, but that is NOT a good reason to disband the task force. Urge him to reconstitute the task force under a new chair to continue its bipartisan work for reform in Arizona. Contact him at jmesnard@azleg.gov

Immigration On the National Front: Keeping Families together is NOT ENOUGH. DJT and Jeff Sessions must end the “zero tolerance” policy. If the Zero Tolerance policy continues, children may not be separated from their parents, but whole families will be locked up together in tent cities or other detention camps. Anyone remember what a horrible mark on justice in the U.S. and Arizona from detaining American citizens of Japanese descent. Let's not do it again. Persons seeking asylum in the U.S. must NOT be locked up. Contact Congress. (Use Resist.bot or addresses, scroll down).

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

U.S. Senate Contact Information

Sen. John McCain

- **Washington D.C.** [Sen. John McCain - 202 224 2235](http://www.mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form) 218 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510 e-mail: <https://www.mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form>
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Sen. Jeff Flake

- **Washington D.C.** [Sen. Jeff Flake - 202 224 4521](http://www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-jeff). 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>

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](#).

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)).

Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona. This is the initiative being challenged by opponents who have more than a million to spend trying to defeat it. The proposal is to require Arizona utilities to have 15% energy from clean sources by 2025 and 50% by 2030.

2018 Federal Election Candidates & Info

You can sign up for the Arizona Legislative Alert by e-mail: legislativeadvocacy@vuu.org and you can get copies of the most recent AZ Legislative Alerts at <http://www.vuu.org/legislative-advocacy> (Watch for similar information on AZ Legislative races in coming issues of the AZ Legislative Alert).

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

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