

The Arizona Legislative Alert -

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Quick Updates!

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Before we begin, here's a song, "I Believe Her," by Emma's Revolution:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8M72D95ofM>

Quick Updates:

- **Humanitarian Aid for Asylum-seekers** – A large number of families seeking asylum have been dropped off unexpectedly by ICE in Phoenix, Tucson, and Yuma. Help is needed to meet releases at the bus and to bring food / supplies. Contact sharon@somosamerica.org for more information on needs and timely information on how to help.
- Updates and short summaries of initiatives (scroll down, or use this [link](#)).

Canvassing and Volunteer opportunities:

- Save Our Schools / Vote NO on Proposition 305 has multiple volunteer canvassing opportunities this weekend. Check it out here https://www.facebook.com/pg/SaveOurSchoolsArizona/events/?ref=page_internal
- Both political parties have volunteer opportunities! Republicans - <http://www.az.gop/> or Democrats - <https://www.azdem.org/> to volunteer.

- **Poll Watchers** “All Voting is Local.” You can also check your voting status here and volunteer at the polls on Nov. 6.
<https://allvotingislocal.org/state/arizona/>
- **Poll Watchers** - Arizona Advocacy Network, Common Cause, and Lawyers’s Committee for Civil Rights are providing training and coordinating nonpartisan poll watchers. Sign up here protectthevote.net.
- Your county recorder may be providing training and opportunities also for poll watching. To volunteer to help at the polls, contact your county recorder. Just google, ____ county recorder and see if they are offering volunteer positions.
- **Help Sierra Club Support Proposition 127: Clean Energy for a Healthy AZ. Click here to help support clean energy**
<https://cleanhealthyaz.com/take-action/> .

Want to know more about candidate positions on guns, children & families, and environment? Check out these links:

- **Gun violence update** Gun Violence Prevention Arizona has compiled a Gun Safety Report Card to address a range of gun safety questions that may come before Congress and the Arizona Legislature in the coming year. These questions were submitted to candidates for both state and federal offices. Every effort was made to secure replies from the candidates, but when other sources were used, the response will appear in parentheses and a source guide is available. If gun safety is important to you as a voter, please go to gvparizona.org
- **Children’s Action Alliance. Here’s links** to two publications from Children’s Action Alliance where you can find out how candidates answered their questions, as well as CAA’s positions on the propositions.
[http://azchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Voter-Guide -Vote-for-Kids Draft-1-PSU-Final-Copy.pdf](http://azchildren.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Voter-Guide-Vote-for-Kids-Draft-1-PSU-Final-Copy.pdf) This one is their position on propositions and this next one is the results of their candidate survey
<http://azchildren.org/elections/2018-candidate-questionnaires>

- **Grand Canyon Chapter, Sierra Club.** Here's the link to find the Sierra club endorsements of candidates and positions on propositions. Yes, they actually endorse specific candidates, as they are allowed to do as a 501 c 4 .
<https://www.sierraclub.org/arizona/elections>
- **From Clean Elections** Results of candidate surveys:
<https://www.azcleelections.gov/en/arizona-elections/candidate-compass>

High Alert: The Mueller Investigation, Trump Is Not Above the Law!

The “instant response” if DJT fires Rosenstein or Mueller (or takes other action that would seriously threaten the investigation) would produce an estimated 900 rallies involving more than 400,000 people in the United States. You can sign up at this link to be notified of immediate nation-wide (and Arizona-wide) rallies if DJT fires Mueller or Rosenstein. <https://www.trumpisnotabovethelaw.org/event/mueller-firing-rapid-response/search/>. The Phoenix event will be at the state capitol.

Or, you can text 668-366 with the word “alert.” Here's how: click on “messages” on your I-phone, then click on the pencil in the top right hand corner. If there is no pencil, push the back arrow. You will get a “to” screen. Put 668-366 in it, then in the message (down at bottom) type “alert.”

PROPOSITIONS / QUICK SUMMARIES.

- **Vote YES Proposition 125 - Corrections Officer Retirement Plans**
Proposition 125. This proposal does NOT change the basic retirement plan for anyone. The issue is this: how much of an INCREASE should be given each year to retirees? Currently, the increase is based on market performance and is contingent rather than guaranteed. When the market collapses, the investments lose money and since 2008 recession the pension fund has never fully recovered. Estimates are it will be bankrupt in about 10 years. The change would be to guarantee a cost of living increase of up to

2%. In Legislative hearings earlier, testimony showed that current and future retirees who would be affected SUPPORT this change. This proposal was passed **unanimously** by the Arizona Legislature as the best solution to prevent failure of long-term pension funds and is supported by many local governments.

- **Vote NO Protect Arizona's Taxpayers Act Proposition 126.** WHY vote no? If this is passed, it would prevent the AZ Legislature from being able to increase existing taxes on a wide range of items and prohibit any new ones on "services." Liberals and conservatives both oppose this plan because it ties the hands of elected leaders. Progressives oppose because it will mean cuts in public services. Yes, this would prohibit regressive sales taxes (a good thing), but the inability to raise taxes or create new ones would be worse.
- **Vote YES Clean Energy for a Health Arizona Proposition 127.** Why? If you want to do your part to combat climate change, then a YES vote requires AZ Utility companies to reach 15% clean energy by 2025 and 50% by 2030. Both sides are claiming it will reduce energy costs when in fact no one really knows in the short run what will happen with utility costs and in the long run, solar and clean sources are cheaper. There are health benefits and environmental benefits.
- **Vote NO Expansion of Empowerment Scholarships Proposition 305.** This proposal if passed would expand voucher eligibility to all K-12 students, thereby "affirming" SB1431 passed last year. Save Our Schools and other public education supporters are trying to VETO this bill. A NO vote VETOES voucher expansion. There is a great deal of misleading advertisements for "YES," implying that a YES vote will support public education and give scholarships to kids. A YES vote HARMS public education as it strips funds from public schools and lets middle and upper middle class parents use them to supplement tuition at private and religious schools. Vote NO to protect public education.
- **Vote NO Arizona Unlawful Contributions from Clean Election Accounts and Commission Rulemaking Requirements Proposition 306.** A YES vote will have several negative effects on election integrity and

transparency. It will insert insert partisanship into the Clean Elections Commission and take away its rule-making and its enforcement authority. A “no” vote will help protect voters against “dark money” donations.

You also can find “pro” and “con” arguments on the Secretary of State web site at this link: <https://azsos.gov/> then click on elections, initiatives/referendum/recall.

And, here’s the link to the AZ Legislative Alert extended “pro con” arguments. <http://files.vuu.org/uujaz/2018/alert-091018.pdf>

UUJAZ Issue and Action Day Oct 27 – Please join with Unitarian Universalists and other progressives on Oct. 27 for a full day of connecting values with voting! Saturday October 27th, 2018 | 9:00am-4:15pm Unitarian Universalist Church of Surprise 17540 N Avenue of the Arts, Surprise, AZ 85378. The agenda includes several UU ministers connecting UU values with education, water, immigration, and racial justice as well as Anne Schneider’s talks on the initiatives and “what to expect in the 2019 legislative session.”

Make a Plan to VOTE – Nov. 6. Make a PLAN so that you do not miss this critically important election. Are you registered? You can find out at this link <https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/RegistrantSearch.do> Do you want to vote early, by mail? You can ask for an early ballot up until Oct. 26, from your county recorder. Get all the info you need about early ballots at this clean elections link <https://www.azcleelections.gov/how-to-vote/early-voting/ballot-by-mail>

Contact information:

Sen. Jon Kyl’s Office, Washington. G12 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

Phone: 202-224-2235. Phoenix: 2210 E. Camelback Rpoad, suite 115. Phone 602 952 2410 Tucson, 407 W. Congress St., Suite 103. Phone 520 670 6334.

Sen. Jeff Flake

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

YOUR Legislative Candidates. Find your district here if you don't know it
<https://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>

Scroll down to get the names of Democratic and Republican candidates in YOUR district, then use google (or your favorite search) to find contact, email, and sometimes a "campaign headquarters" address.

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 Kyl 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!

Candidates for 2018 Election

Arizona 2018 State-Wide Races (Governor, etc.)

STATE WIDE RACES (I - Incumbent)		
GOVERNOR		
Republicans	Democrats	Other
Doug Ducey (I)	David Garcia	
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
Mark Brnovich (I)	January Contreras	
SECRETARY OF STATE		

Steve Gaynor	Katie Hobbs	
STATE TREASURER		
Kimberly Yee	Mark Manoil	
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION		
Frank Riggs	Kathy Hoffman	Stacie Banks
MINE INSPECTOR		
Joe Hart	William Pierce	
CORPORATION COMMISSION (two slots)		
Justin Olson	Sandra Kennedy	
Rodney Glassman	Kiana Sears	

SENATE Arizona State Senate election candidates

Vote for just ONE Find your district here <https://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>

District	 Democrat	 Republican
1	Jo Craycroft	Karen Fann (I)
2	Andrea Dalessandro (I)	Shelley Kais
3	Sally Ann Gonzales	<i>No candidate</i>
4	Lisa Otondo (I)	<i>No candidate</i>
5	J'Amie Morgaine	Sonny Borrelli (I)
6	Wade Carlisle	Sylvia Tenney Allen (I)
7	Jamescita Peshlakai (I)	JL Mealer
8	Sharon Girard	Frank Pratt (I)
9	Victoria Steele	<i>No candidate</i>
10	David Bradley (I)	Marilyn Wiles

11	Ralph Atchue	Venden Leach
12	Elizabeth Brown	Eddie Farnsworth
13	Michelle Harris	Sine Kerr (I)
14	Jamie Alvarez	David Gowan
15	Kristin Dybvig-Pawelko	Heather Carter
16	Benjamin Carmitchel	David Farnsworth (I)
17	Steve Weichert	J.D. Mesnard
18	Sean Bowie (I)	Frank Schmuck
19	Lupe Contreras (I)	<i>No candidate</i>
20	Douglas Ervin	Paul Boyer
21	<i>No candidate</i>	Rick Gray (I)
22	Wendy Garcia	David Livingston
23	Daria Lohman	Michelle Ugenti-Rita
24	Lela Alston	Vicki Alger
25	Kathy Mohr-Almeida	Tyler Pace
26	Juan Mendez (I)	Rebecca Speakman
27	Rebecca Rios	<i>No candidate</i>
28	Christine Marsh	Kate Brophy McGee (I)
29	Martin Quezada (I)	<i>No candidate</i>
30	Otoniel Navarrete	<i>No candidate</i>
Notes	• An (I) denotes an incumbent.	

Arizona House of Representatives Election Candidates, Vote for 2

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District



Democrat



Republican

<u>1</u>	Ed Gogek Jan Manolis	<u>Noel Campbell (I)</u> <u>David Stringer (I)</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Rosanna Gabaldon (I)</u> <u>Daniel Hernandez Jr. (I)</u>	John Ackerley <u>Anthony Sizer</u>
<u>3</u>	Andres Cano Alma Hernandez	<i>Beryl Baker (GRN)</i> <i>Rep: No candidate</i>
<u>4</u>	<u>Charlene Fernandez (I)</u> <u>Geraldine Peten (I)</u>	<i>Rep: No candidate</i> GRN: Sara Mae Williams
<u>5</u>	Mary Robinson	<u>Regina Cobb (I)</u> <u>Leo Biasiucci</u>
<u>6</u>	Felicia French Bobby Tyler	<u>Bob Thorpe (I)</u> Walter Blackman
<u>7</u>	<u>Arlando Teller</u> Myron Tsosie	Doyel Shamley
<u>8</u>	<u>Carmen Casillas</u> Linda Gross	<u>David Cook (I)</u> <u>T.J. Shope (I)</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>Randall Friese (I)</u> <u>Pamela Powers Hannley (I)</u>	<u>Ana Henderson</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>Kirsten Engel (I)</u> Domingo Degrazia	<u>Todd Clodfelter (I)</u>
<u>11</u>	Hollace Lyon Marcela Quiroz	<u>Mark Finchem (I)</u> Bret Roberts
<u>12</u>	Joe Bisaccia Lynsey Robinson	<u>Travis Grantham (I)</u> <u>Warren Petersen</u>
<u>13</u>	Thomas Tzitzura	<u>Tim Dunn (I)</u> Joanne Osborne
<u>14</u>	Bob Karp Shelley Renne-Leon	<u>Becky Nutt (I)</u> <u>Gail Griffin</u>
<u>15</u>	Julie Gunnigle Jennifer Samuels	<u>John Allen (I)</u> <u>Nancy Barto</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>Sharon Stinard</u>	<u>Kelly Townsend (I)</u> <u>John Fillmore</u> GRN: Richard Grayson

<u>17</u>	<u>Jennifer Pawlik</u>	<u>Jeff Weninger (I)</u> <u>Nora Ellen</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>Denise Epstein (I)</u> Jennifer Jermaine	<u>Jill Norgaard (I)</u> Greg Patterson
<u>19</u>	<u>Diego Espinoza (I)</u> Lorenzo Sierra	<i>No candidate</i>
<u>20</u>	Hazel Chandler Christopher Gilfillan	<u>Anthony Kern (I)</u> <u>Shawna Bolick</u>
<u>21</u>	Bradley Hughes Gilbert Romero	<u>Kevin Payne (I)</u> <u>Tony Rivero (I)</u>
<u>22</u>	Valerie Harris Teri Sarmiento	<u>Ben Toma (I)</u> Frank Carroll
<u>23</u>	Eric Kurland	<u>Jay Lawrence (I)</u> <u>John Kavanagh</u>
<u>24</u>	Jennifer Longdon Amish Shah	David Alger Sr.
<u>25</u>	Johnny Martin	<u>Russell Bowers (I)</u> <u>Michelle Udall (I)</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>Isela Blanc (I)</u> <u>Athena Salman (I)</u>	<u>Raymond Speakman</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>Reginald Bolding (I)</u> <u>Diego Rodriguez</u>	<i>No candidate</i>
<u>28</u>	<u>Kelli Butler (I)</u> Aaron Lieberman	<u>Maria Syms (I)</u> <u>Kathy Petsas</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>Richard Andrade (I)</u> <u>Cesar Chavez (I)</u>	<i>No candidate</i>
<u>30</u>	<u>Robert Meza</u> <u>Raquel Teran</u>	Gary Spears
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[Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation](#) –

Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette; Music Minister, Rev. Kellie Walker; Director of Faith Formation, Marci Beaudoin; Administrator, Sue Ringler. Located: 6400 W. Del Rio Drive, Chandler, AZ 480 899 4249

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VUU holds services each Sunday at 10:30. On October 14, VUU will go to TWO Services, one at 9:15 and one at 11:30. Both will be the same service, same format, sermon, music etc. You are welcome here.

Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona Network -- Executive Director Rev. Lisa McDaniel-Hutchings; Policy Coordinator, Anne L. Schneider. Board Members, UUJAZ: Sharon Travis, Liz Swan (Chair), Rev. Matthew Crary, Bobbi Bollinger. www.uujaz.org.