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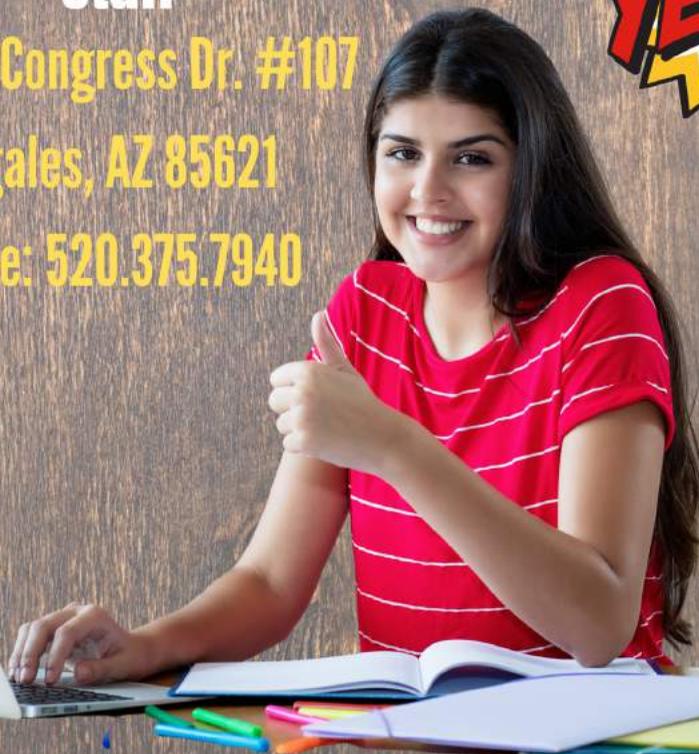
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# MEET THE CANDIDATE 2020

## Vote! Nov. 3rd!

### DANIEL HERNANDEZ STATE REPRESENTATIVE

#### 1. Did you expect to be the candidate with the most votes in this primary election?

I never know what to expect with elections. I always try and work hard to communicate with voters and to listen to their top issues. I was thrilled that I will serve another two years with my dear friend Andrea Dalessandro. My goal from now until November is to help elect a Democratic Majority for the state house and to also elect Mark Kelly and Joe Biden in Arizona. Santa Cruz as one of the most democratic counties will be crucial but we need to boost our turnout!

#### 2. What do you want your supporters to know about what your plans are as a State Representative?

I hope to keep representing LD2 and fighting for all our residents. Next year we will be fighting to help small businesses, schools, and local governments. I'm looking forward to the challenge. Together we can ensure that Santa Cruz County is able to move forward after this pandemic. I'm particularly concerned with helping provide assistance to our schools as well.

#### 3. Why is representing our Santa Cruz County as a State Representative special to you?

My mother is originally from Nogales, Sonora. Many of my family members have emigrated from there to Santa Cruz County. For me representing Santa Cruz County isn't just a job it's my family. I have family that work in produce and at Holy Cross and Mariposa Health centers. On top of it being important to do a good job so my tias don't yell at me, the border is an extremely crucial part of the state. I'm honored to serve and look forward to helping Santa Cruz County move forward.

#### 4. What are you currently doing to encourage people to vote this general election?

I'm continuing to call voters and doing responsible socially distant campaigning. If anyone is interested in helping turn out voters in Santa Cruz County they can reach out to me at [daniel@danielforarizona.org](mailto:daniel@danielforarizona.org) and we can connect about talking to people about the importance of voting in November.

#### 5. What would you want to change or improve in the community that will have an impact in people's lives?

I'd like to create more opportunities for higher education by working to strengthen and draw down full funding for the Provisional Community College district. I'd also like to work to expand job opportunities for our youth. In eastern Santa Cruz County I'd also like to find ways to expand opportunities for our wonderful wineries and distilleries. Santa Cruz County has so many exciting things to offer but we need to help promote these local businesses.

#### 6. Why is this election important? What do people need to know they will lose if they don't vote in the general election? What are current pieces of legislation that will affect constituents if they don't vote?

We are at a crossroads in our history. Santa Cruz county is heavily Democratic and Heavily Latino but our voter turnout has been historically low. We need to talk to our friends, our tias, our primos, and everyone else about the impact their voices can make. In 2016 Donald Trump won because in swing states he won precincts by an average of 2 votes. Arizona is a battleground state and we can elect the second Democratic senator in Mark Kelly and Joe Biden and fundamentally change our country. But locally our votes will help turn the first Democratic majority in almost half a century. Funding for our infrastructure, funding for our schools, and money for healthcare depends on who is in the majority.

#### 7. Are there any people or organizations you would like to personally thank for their support within the primary election and moving forward to the general election too?

I want to once again thank the voters. My friends Senator Kyrsten Sinema and former congresswoman Gabby Giffords for their support. I also am thankful for the support of all the labor, business, and progressive groups that supported me.



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*Congratulations!*

# 2020 Santa Cruz County Teacher of the Year Nominees

Dear County Residents,

It is an honor for the Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Mr. Alfredo I. Velasquez and the Nogales Rotary Club President Mr. Gene Waken, to introduce the 2020 Santa Cruz County Teacher of the Year nominees.

Now more than ever, we are grateful for the dedicated educators we have here within our community. It has been said, that Education is the passport to our future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who plan for it today. The tireless nominees for this years' Teacher of the Year Award here in Santa Cruz County exemplify the meaning of a true hero.

Their peers at their respective schools have selected the nominees. All nominees will be interviewed by a panel of five judges, which come from different areas of the county. These judges will have the responsibility of selecting the 2020 Santa Cruz County Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to all the nominees and thank you for your commitment and dedication to educating the children of Santa Cruz County.

Sincerely,  
Alfredo I. Velásquez  
Santa Cruz County School Superintendent

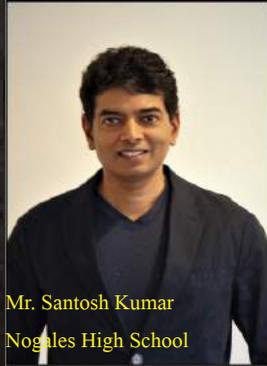




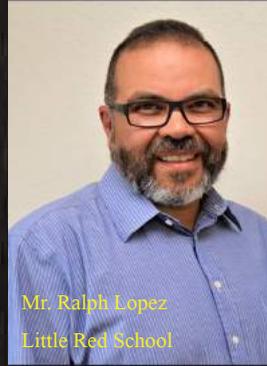
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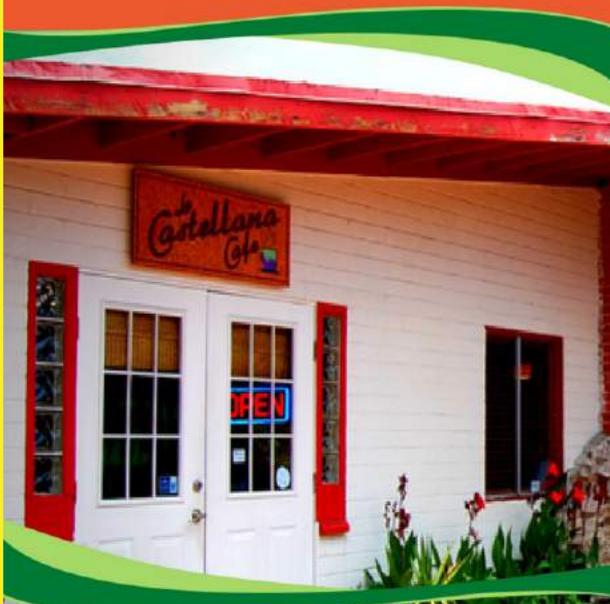


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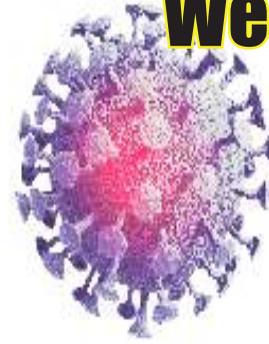
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# Vote! Nov. 3rd!

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## ANDREA DALESSANDRO STATE REPRESENTATIVE

### 1. Did you expect to be the candidate with the most votes in this primary election?

I wish to thank the Democrats and independent voters who requested and cast Democratic Primary ballots and voted for me. The final tally was 12,116 votes for me. This represented 29.42% of the Legislative District 2 House Democratic race. In the four-way race that equates to 59% of the votes because you can vote for two. As a Clean Election candidate with limited funding, I am proud of the landslide victory and the voters repeated confidence in me. I was aware that as the only woman in the race that my gender was an advantage. The voters listened to my message that I was the Proven and Experienced Progressive Leader. I expected to be successful and I am grateful to the voters for each vote. Please note that I ran a 100% positive campaign and I am very proud of that.

### 2. What do you want your supporters to know about what your plans are as a State Representative?

Of course, there is still the General Election that must be won on November 3 against the Republican opponent. Even though Legislative District 2 is a "one party dominant" district, I am mounting a full campaign to win in the General Election. I encourage voters to vote for both Representative Daniel Hernandez and me because there are two positions. I am already working on my transition to the House. On Election Day, I reached out to the O'Connor Institute, founded by Supreme Court Sandra Day O'Connor. Before she withdrew from public appearances, she would host the Chats and Chalupas events at O'Connor House. The purpose was to bring Republicans and Democrats together for dinner and drinks at O'Connor House for Civil Discourse. They always had a panel of Democrats and Republicans to discuss how they collaborated in the past to solve problems. All 90 Legislators were invited. Because of COVID-19, we may have to do it remotely. I have planted the seed for a wonderful bipartisan opportunity.

### 3. Why is representing our Santa Cruz County as a State Representative special to you?

About two-thirds of Legislative District 2 is in Pima County but there I am one of seven Senators. I am proud to be the only Senator for all of Santa Cruz County. I am grateful for the support of voters of every party who know that I listen, show up, and work to bring resources to the County. I love representing Santa Cruz County because it is safe, culturally diverse, safe, historically significant, safe, cooler than other places in Arizona in so many ways, and did I mention SAFE. I treasure the relationships that I have developed with the business community, educational entities, and constituents. The respect and warmth that has been extended to me has been a mirror of the values of the constituents of the community.

### 4. What are you currently doing to encourage people to vote this general election?

I use Facebook and Twitter. It is never too EARLY to Start Messaging for the General Election. Many voters will be FIRST TIME VOTERS. I encourage voters to support the entire Democratic Slate Joe Biden for President

Mark Kelly for US Senator Re-elect Raul Grijalva for US Representative.

We have 3 Democratic candidates for Corporation Commission. Please plan on voting for all THREE.

\* Ana Tovar

\* Bill Mundell

\* Shea Stanfield

Please note that my friend and former AZ Democratic Senate Leader, Anna Tovar, will be the first Latina elected statewide in Arizona.

### VOTE for TWO Pima County Legislative House Candidates LD 2 \* Andrea Dalessandro

\* Daniel Hernandez



### 5. What would you want to change or improve in the community that will have an impact in people's lives?

First and foremost, there must be better resources available for all residents to stem the spread and eventually eradicate COVID-19. The federal government and the State of Arizona were late to the table to support increased testing and contact tracing for Santa Cruz County and other border regions. I applaud both Mariposa Community Health Center and the Santa Cruz County Health Department for being flexible and proactive in caring for and protecting the residents. Some of the deaths and infections were avoidable, if only the same amount of money that was spent on the sending the National Guard to the border a few years ago was spent on blitz testing and contact tracing early on.

It is only after we contain the health crisis that we can concentrate on rebuilding the economy. The main economic drivers in Santa County are the produce industry, education, and health care. In June, the unemployment rate in Santa Cruz County rose to 14.3%. It might be higher now. We must supply resources to small businesses which took the brunt of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Legislative District 2 team is encouraging voters in Santa Cruz Valley School District to support the Budget Override there. All three of us have been named Education Champions and we will continue to fight for additional funding for public education. We are also asking voters to vote Yes on the Invest in ED citizen's initiative. It will raise income tax for individuals making over \$250,000 and couples making over \$500,000. The money will be spent on an excellent plan to support classroom educators, support staff, and support the Teachers' Academy to train future educators. The residents of Santa Cruz County are entitled to clean air and safe and adequate water supply. I will continue my work as a leading environmentalist Legislator. I will continue to be your strong voice in Phoenix to reflect your values.



6. Why is this election important? What do people need to know they will lose if they do not vote in the general election? What are current pieces of legislation that will affect constituents if they do not vote?

It seems that we always say that the upcoming election is the "most important" election ever. This time it 100% true. I encourage every registered voter to vote. The very survival of our democracy depends on electing Jo Biden as our President and Kamala Harris as our Vice President. The current President has ignored reason and logical thought, common sense, science, the advice of experts, and the United States Constitution.

In the election for the US Senate where I am supporting Mark Kelly because understands health care issue and he will support us instead of lobbyists.

The Corporation Commission sets our utility rates-our gas and electric bills. It is important to support Tovar, Mundell and Stanfield-ALL THREE because so many are facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They are for solar and they will work for you and not the utility companies.



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# Keeping your heart healthy during COVID-19

While it is true that heart disease and high blood pressure can put you at greater risk for the effects of the COVID-19 virus, there are things you can do to protect your heart during the pandemic. Dr. Kahroba Jahan, a cardiologist at Carondelet Health Network and Holy Cross Hospital recommends these four ways those living with a chronic heart condition can protect their heart.

## 1. Don't Delay your Care

All should take advantage of telehealth visits. At Carondelet, many of our doctors can now 'see' you online, and it's as easy as ever to make an appointment. Telehealth lets you stay safely at home and get the diagnosis and care plan that you need. All you need is a mobile device with a camera.

"Communication with your doctor should be at the top of your list," Dr. Jahan says of heart patients. "We can make sure you're hitting your health goals, have your meds, and don't have any symptoms."

## 2. Don't Stress Out Your Heart

Many of us are experiencing stress these days and that can have a negative effect on your heart and play a role in heart disease.

"Having a good support system of family and friends around you, managing your stress, and seeking treatment for depression and anxiety is incredible important not just for your mental health but for your overall health as well."

## 3. Create Healthy Habits

Dr. Jahan says don't forget the basics. Remember the importance of maintaining your own good health. Many of us have become more sedentary or reluctant to prioritize our fitness and preventive care. Maintaining a healthy diet, regular exercise, and implementing stress reduction techniques all help your overall health. Stay healthy by:

- Communicating with your doctor
- Eating healthy
- Exercising regularly
- Getting enough rest
- Monitoring blood pressure if you have hypertension or heart failure

## 4. Know When to Seek Emergency Care

It is so important to know the warning signs of heart and stroke symptoms. Watch for:

- Chest pain or pressure, especially during physical activity
- Facial drooping on one side of the face
- Arm weakness or numbness on one side of the body
- Speech changes, including slurred or garbled speech
- Loss of vision
- Severe headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing at night associated with:
  - Leg swelling
  - Dizziness
  - Fainting
  - Passing out



**Dr. Kahroba Jahan**  
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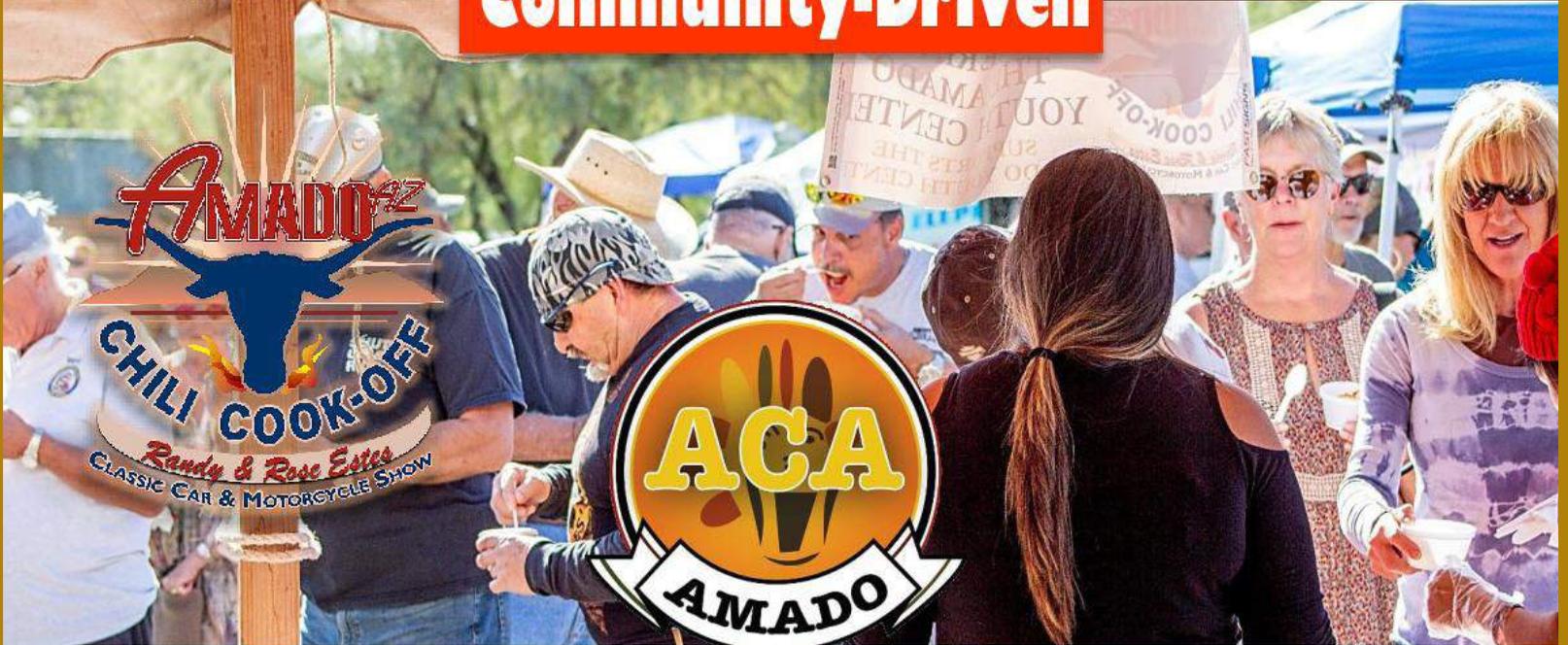
**If you think you're having a heart attack or some other heart issue, don't ride it out at home because you're worried about COVID," says Dr. Jahan. "It's really important to come in come in, or call 911 in an emergency, and get evaluated so you can get the problem taken care of early. At Carondelet, we have taken the proper steps to ensure patients who visit our hospitals or diagnostic centers for any screenings or procedures will be taken care of in a safe and secure environment."**

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# Mayor's Corner



Dear Friends,

*As you know I have continued to advocate that residents in our community follow the mask mandate that I signed into effect on June 18th in an effort to help slow down and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. It makes me very happy to report that since that date the number of positive cases in Nogales and Santa Cruz County have dropped drastically. I believe the drop is attributed to both, the wearing of face coverings and social distancing.*

*I want to remind everybody to please continue to follow CDC guidelines especially the following: wear your face covering while out in public or around other people, stay at least six (6) feet away from other people, stay home if you feel sick, and last but not least, please avoid large gatherings. Flu season is just around the corner so it's extremely important that we continue to do our part in helping slow the spread so that we, hopefully, get to zero cases soon.*

*I appreciate the effort everyone is making. Thank you very much for taking care of yourself, your family, and your community. Let's all keep doing the best we can for our community. Be safe!*

Mis amigos,

*Como saben, he seguido abogando para que los residentes de nuestra comunidad sigan el mandato, que requiere que todos usen mascara, que firmé y entró en vigor el 18 de Junio. Esto se hizo como un esfuerzo por ayudar a frenar y detener la propagación de COVID-19 en nuestra comunidad. Me hace muy feliz informar que desde esa fecha el número de casos positivos en Nogales y el condado de Santa Cruz ha disminuido drásticamente. Creo que la baja de casos se atribuye al uso de cubre bocas y al distanciamiento social.*

*Quiero recordarles a todos que por favor continúen siguiendo las recomendaciones de la CDC, especialmente las siguientes: usar cubre bocas cuando estén en público o cerca de otras personas, permanezca al menos seis (6) pies de distancia de otras personas, quédese en casa si se siente enfermo y por último evite las reuniones grandes. La temporada de gripe está a la vuelta de la esquina, por lo que es extremadamente importante que sigamos haciendo nuestra parte para ayudar a reducir el contagio para que llegemos a cero casos pronto.*

*Agradezco el esfuerzo que todos están haciendo. Muchas gracias por cuidar de usted, su familia y su comunidad. Sigamos haciendo lo mejor que podamos por nuestra comunidad. ¡Cuidense!*

***Wearing a mask in public places makes a difference!***



# SCC Supervisor Molera NACo Presidential Appointment

Supervisor Rudy Molera, District 2, has been appointed by the National Association of Counties (NACo) President Gary Moore, to two NACo committees. Molera was appointed to the International Economic Development Task Force as well as the Membership Standing Committee.

*The International Economic Development Task Force provides information, guidance and support for international economic development activities. (Appoints the chair, vice chair and members.)*

*The Membership Standing Committee takes direction from and reports directly to the NACo Officers. This committee will be responsible for actively recruiting and retaining member counties, parishes and boroughs in order to increase NACo's total membership. (Appoints the chair, vicechairs, and members for a one-year term.)*

Moore expressed that the reason he appointed Molera to the committee is because "my goal is to build a talented and committed leadership team for NACo." One of the duties of the task force is to participate in the NACo Legislative Conference, February 20 - 24, 2021 in Washington, D.C. Molera said, "It's an honor to represent Santa Cruz County and Arizona at the national level in order to bring resources and innovations.



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Local organizations along with NUSD have been hosting the Jump Back 2 School event for several years now. This was their 8th Annual Jump Back 2 School event but this year was very different from previous ones. "The COVID-19 pandemic changed everything. We had originally started planning for this event in February but the pandemic changed how we would move forward in helping our students this year. We decided not to host the event but ask our community partners for financial support to help purchase the school supplies," said Judith Mendoza, Student Services Director.

This event was originally spearheaded by Safeway along with other local non-profit organizations. The ultimate goal of this event has been to help prepare students for a successful school year. Local organizations know it is an opportunity for them and community leaders to work together to help motivate students towards a successful school year regardless of the circumstances. "We distributed over 450 backpacks with uniforms. They were delivered to each site and parents picked them up at their school," said Judith.

***The Jump Back 2 School Planning Committee would like to thank the following local organizations for their continued support:***

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