

The Redline



Dear Debe

I recently attended the TRW candidate event at the Viscount. I enjoyed the information; however, I was confused as to why so many other candidates did not speak?

Sincerely, Confused

Dear Confused

Thank you so much for your inquiry. Unfortunately, we are subject to time constraints and were unable to have all the candidates speak. We will have another handful of candidates speaking at our May luncheon, so I hope you will join us as we listen to the rest of our candidates in May. Continue reading our newsletter for the details of our May event at Mama Louisa's and make your reservation today!



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Tucson Republican Women at the AZ State Convention



Kick Off to the Campaign Season!

The 2024 campaign season has officially begun, and the 2024 candidates are on the trail. Meet and greets, forums, fundraising and rallies are happening across the state. It seems like we hear every election that this is the most important election of our time. Could it be that this one really is?

Here is our lineup for the federal and state offices on the Pima County primary election on July 30, 2024:

Position	Candidate(s)
U. S. Senator (1)	Kari Lake Mark Lamb Elizabeth Jean Reye
U. S. Representative, CD 6 (1)	Juan Ciscomani

	Kathleen Winn
U. S. Representative, CD 7 (1)	Daniel Francis Butierez, Sr
Arizona State Senate, District 16 (1)	Thomas "T.J." Shope, Jr.
Arizona State Senate, District 17 (1)	Venden "Vince" Leach Justine Wadsack
Arizona State Senate, District 18 (1)	No Republican Candidate
Arizona State Senate, District 19 (1)	David Gowan
Arizona State Senate, District 20 (1)	No Republican Candidate
Arizona State Senate, District 21 (1)	No Republican Candidate
Arizona State Senate, District 23 (1)	Michelle Altherr
Arizona State House, District 16 (1)	Rob Hudelson Chris Lopez Teresa Martinez Gabriela "Gabby" Saucedo Mercer
Arizona State House, District 17 (1)	Rachel Jones Cory McGarr Anna Orth
Arizona State House, District 18 (1)	Lenard "Len" Rosenblum
Arizona State House, District 19 (1)	Lupe Diaz Gail Griffin
Arizona State House, District 20 (1)	No Republican Candidate
Arizona State House, District 21 (1)	Christopher Kibbey
Arizona State House, District 23 (1)	Michele Pena
Arizona Corporation Commission (3)	Rene Lopez Lea Marquez-Peterson Rachel Walden

Many Pima County offices will be on the ballot in the 2024 primary election on July 30, 2024. Our County Attorney, County Assessor and our County School Superintendent offices do not have Republican candidates.

Position	Candidate(s)
Board of Supervisors, District 1	Steve Spain
Board of Supervisors, District 2	John Backer Beatrice Cory Stephens
Board of Supervisors, District 3	Janet "JL" Wittenbraker
Board of Supervisors, District 4	Stephen W. "Steve" Christy
Board of Supervisors, District 5	No Republican Candidate
Assessor	No Republican Candidate
Attorney	No Republican Candidate
Recorder	Dominic Campbell-Gonzalez
Sheriff	Terry Frederick

	Heather Lappin Bill Phillips
Superintendent of Schools	No Republican Candidate
Treasurer	Chris Ackerley

Several Constable and Justice of the Peace races will also be on the 2024 ballot. If you do not see your Precinct, then your Constable and Justice of the Peace will be on the 2026 ballot.

Position	Candidate
Constable, Justice Precinct 1	Daniel Rowland
Constable, Justice Precinct 4	No Republican Candidate
Constable, Justice Precinct 6	No Republican Candidate
Constable, Justice Precinct 7	Thomas Schenek Jr.
Constable, Justice Precinct 8	Bill Lake
Constable, Justice Precinct 9	No Republican Candidate; No Democrat
Constable, Justice Precinct 10	John Cammarano
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2	No Republican Candidate
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4	No Republican Candidate
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 6	No Republican Candidate
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 9	No Republican Candidate
Justice of the Peach, Precinct 10	Robert J. Forman

Additionally, we will have two precincts on the primary ballot for Precinct Committeemen:

Precinct 84 in Legislative District 19

Precinct 112 in Legislative District 18

In other election news, we currently have Governing Board Vacancies for Flowing Wells USD, Catalina Foothills School District, Empire Elementary School District, and San Fernando Elementary School District. If you live in those school districts and are ready to serve, go to <u>https://www.schools.pima.gov/elections</u> and apply!

On the General Election ballot on November 5, 2024, we will have many other offices to vote on:

- U. S. President
- Justices
- Fire Districts (42 open seats)
- Water Districts (12 open seats)
- Health Districts (3 open seats)
- Community College Districts
- Governing Boards for School Districts (49 open seats)

And we will be talking about all of them on THE REDLINE!



Campaigns, Ballots and Palace Intrigue

It just wouldn't be campaign season without a little palace intrigue. Just looking through the "Candidates Filed" section of Pima County Elections, we see that some candidates were ORDERED OFF THE BALLOT or WITHDREW. Well, there's nothing like a good ballot challenge to get the opponents in the ring. What's this all about?

A funny thing about signatures—they need to be from the district/state you are running in, they must be from a registered voter, and there are even rules about who can collect the signatures. And, oh yes, the person who circulates cannot fill them in themselves.

When a candidate takes their signatures to the Secretary of State's office, the AZ SOS is only looking to make sure that the candidate has the "required" number of signatures. They publish what the required number of signatures is for each race so it's no big surprise. Where the fun begins is when a candidate determines that maybe, just maybe, their opponent doesn't have enough "proper, legal, and correct" signatures. Off to the attorney they go!

You might be thinking that this is Democrats filing against Republicans and vice versa. Oh no, we challenge (and so do Ds) each other. And why you say? Because the first rule of campaigning is to get your candidate off the ballot if you can—much easier to win that way. That's where the ORDERED OFF THE BALLOT comes in. When they go to court, the plaintiff (the candidate who is challenging the signatures) who filed against the defendant (the candidate who must prove his signatures are valid) demonstrates that the defendant did not have sufficient signatures to be on the ballot. If the judge determines that to be true, then the defendant is "ORDERED OFF THE BALLOT". Occasionally, a candidate (the defendant) will decide that maybe they don't have enough signatures and they will just "WITHDRAW" from the ballot rather than take on the legal expense, the time, and maybe the embarrassment.

Every year we see challenges and 2024 has been no different. Some of the challenges we have seen are a little bit more "unethical" than we have seen in the past, but that's just politics.

More intrigue in the coming months...stay tuned to Poli-Notes.

Jean Faris and Carol Somers Memorial Scholarship

Are you, or do you know someone, attending



Pima Community College? Every year we award scholarships to Republican Women.

To apply for the 2024/2025 TRW Scholarship, collect the following before May 17th:

- Transcripts of your last 2 academic semesters. Photocopies are accepted
- A Resume
- A Letter of recommendation completed by a faculty member, Guidance Counselor or employer familiar with your academic background and/or financial needs
- A one-page student letter on why you are applying for the scholarship
- Copy of your voter registration card

Once you have this information, please contact Ann Hollis at annhollis@usa.net, Parralee Schneider at 520-250-5073, or Debe Campos-Fleenor at debefleenor@gmail.com.

Applicant must be registered in Pima Community College no later than 6 weeks before start of school

Submissions due on or before May 17



Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 20th, 1130 am, at Mama Louisa's Restaurant.

Our speakers will be

- Dominick Campbell-Gonzalez, candidate for County Recorder
- John Backer, candidate for County Supervisor, District 2
- Terry Frederick, candidate for County Sheriff
- Bill Lake, candidate for Constable, JP
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Mama Louisa's Italian Restaurant 2041 S Craycroft Rd, 85711

NOTE: A reservation made is a reservation paid.