



The Redline

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October: A Month of History, Choices and Change

As summer gives way to fall and temperatures finally begin to drop, October gives us an opportunity to look back at some of the significant events that have shaped our history—and to look ahead at the choices facing us today.

October has always been a busy month in history. Some events remind us of extraordinary human achievement, while others remind us of the devastating consequences that can occur when freedom, individual rights and responsible government are ignored.

On October 1, 1946, the Nuremberg Trials concluded, with 12 high-ranking Nazi leaders sentenced to death for their crimes. On October 4, 1957, Sputnik was launched, beginning a new era in the space race. On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus reached the Americas. In October 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis brought the world dangerously close to nuclear war. And on October 16, 1793, Marie Antoinette was executed during the French Revolution.

The lessons of history are not always comfortable, but they are important. Some of these events represent extraordinary human achievement. Others remind us of the terrible consequences that can occur when governments, societies and individuals make destructive choices.

October, in other words, is a month that demonstrates an important truth: history is **shaped by people and by the choices they make.**

The same is true today in Tucson.

We don't have to look very far to see both good and bad things happening in our community. We see hardworking families trying to make ends meet. We see businesses trying to survive. We see people who want safe neighborhoods, responsible government, quality schools and a community where families can build a future. At the same time, many of us are concerned about the direction of our city and the decisions being made by those we elect to represent us.

As Republicans and conservatives, we believe that government works best when it remembers that **the people—not government—are the foundation of our country.**

We believe in individual responsibility. We believe in safe communities and the rule of law. We believe families should have the freedom to make decisions for themselves. We believe taxpayers deserve accountability for every dollar government spends, and we believe elected officials are public servants who should be answerable to the citizens who put them in office.

But none of those principles mean much if we are unwilling to participate. If we want our city to move in a different direction, change will not happen simply by complaining about the problems. **Change begins with citizens who are willing to get involved.**

That means getting out and talking to people—our neighbors, friends, family members and even people we have never met.

Talk to them about the condition of our community. Talk about the changes you would like to see. Most importantly, talk about the fact that **one person really can make a difference.**

I have heard all the excuses.

"We will never win, so why bother?"

Because surrendering before the fight even begins guarantees that nothing will change. Our constitutional system depends upon citizens who are willing to participate.

"Elections are rigged."

Then participate. Ask questions. Learn how our elections work. Demand accountability and make sure you understand the issues before casting your ballot.

"My vote doesn't matter."

Tell that to the people who fought and sacrificed so that Americans could have the right to vote.

Elections are not just about the candidates. There are important propositions and local issues on the ballot, and those decisions can have a direct impact on our families, neighborhoods and communities. Your responsibility as a voter is to understand what you are being asked to decide.

Don't just read the short description on the ballot. Don't rely on a campaign slogan, a television commercial or a social-media post to tell you what a proposition means. Read the actual language. **Read the details. Dig into the language. Ask questions. Talk with people you trust. Look at who supports it and who opposes it. Understand both the intended consequences and the possible unintended consequences before making your decision. Then make an informed decision.**

An informed citizen is an engaged citizen.

That is also why I encourage everyone to attend the **TRW meeting on October 26th**. Come listen to our speakers, learn more about the propositions, ask questions and take part in the conversation. Whether you arrive knowing exactly where you stand or still trying to understand the issues, being informed is an important part of participating in our Representative Republic. You don't have to agree with everything you hear. That's part of living in a free country. But we should all be willing to learn, discuss the issues and make our own informed decisions.

History shows us that individual decisions can have consequences far beyond what anyone could have imagined at the time and teaches us that freedom can never be assumed. It must be protected by each generation.

We have the opportunity to make our voices heard and participate in the future of our community. **One person can make a difference. One conversation can change a mind. One vote can be the difference in an election or on an important proposition.**

The future of Tucson will be shaped by the people who show up and participate.

Talk to your neighbors. Talk to your friends. Talk to your family. Get informed. Get involved. And most importantly, make sure you vote on November 3rd.

Our community is worth fighting for. Our freedoms are worth protecting. And our future is worth our participation. Together we can affect change, through informed

participation and a willingness to stand up for our communities.

We have a Proposition for you

Monday, October 26th
12 - 1:30 pm
(Doors *open* at 11:30 am)
Hilton Garden Inn
6575 S Country Club Rd

Cost is **\$35** per person for lunch.
Reservation made; Reservation
paid.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Don't forget to put it in your
calendar! We look forward to
seeing you.**

