



## The Redline February 16, 2026

### AzFRW Conference

As we get ready for the AzFRW winter Board of Directors meeting and Membership Conference at the end of the month please look below to see volunteer opportunities.

We also need to provide two (2) baskets valued at \$100 - \$125 . If you would like to help with either the baskets or volunteering please let me know as soon as possible. You do not have to be registered for the conference to volunteer.



1. Volunteer to work at the **Registration table and assist at Ways-and-Means table** - immediately outside of the Vendor Room helping Pam Ford,

arrangeazfrwvf@gmail.com, Mary Baumbach, maryb85044@yahoo.com, Yendi Parker, Ways and Means VP, [yendi.parker@gmail.com](mailto:yendi.parker@gmail.com).

- Friday - 2 Volunteers per shift
- Friday - 7-9:30 am
- Friday - 9:30 am-12:30 pm
- Friday - 2-3:30 pm
- Friday - 3:30-5 pm
- Saturday - 8-9 am - 1 Volunteer only

2. **Receive and arrange baskets and sell raffle tickets** in the Vendor Room - JR Ballroom - assist Regional Directors, Sarah Ramsey, [coachsarah@aol.com](mailto:coachsarah@aol.com), and Sue Nagle, [sue.nagle1965@gmail.com](mailto:sue.nagle1965@gmail.com).

- Thursday - 1 Volunteers each shift
- Thursday - 1-3:30 pm
- Thursday - 3:30-5:30 pm

3. Sell basket raffle tickets in the Vendor Room - "Arms Length" for \$20 - JR Ballroom

- Friday - 1-2 Volunteers each shift
- Friday - 8-10 am
- Friday - 10-12:30 pm
- Friday - 2-3:30 pm
- Friday - 3:30-5 pm
- Saturday - 1 Volunteer each shift
- Saturday - 8-10 am
- Saturday - 10-11:30 am
- \*\* 11:30 am – 12 pm – Move baskets from Vendor Room to the Lunch Room \*\*

-- 4 VOLUNTEERS --

4. Distribute raffle baskets to the winners after lunch

-- 4 VOLUNTEERS--

5. Sell 50/50 tickets at Registration Table and in the Vendor and Lunch Rooms

- Thursday Check in/Registration - 1 Volunteer per shift
- Thursday 1-3 pm
- Thursday 3-5:30 pm
- Friday - Vendor Room/Registration - 1 Volunteer
- Friday - 8-10 am
- Friday 10-12:30 pm
- Friday Lunch, 2 volunteers (until salad served)
- Friday 2-3:30 pm
- Friday - 3:30-5 pm
- Saturday - Vendor Room - 1 Volunteer
- Saturday 8-10 am
- Saturday 10-11:30 am
- Saturday - Lunch - 2 Volunteers (until salad served)

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**February's Meeting**

Monday, February 23rd  
Program is 12 - 1:30 pm  
(Doors open at 11:30 am)  
Brother John's  
1801 N Stone Ave

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

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Tucson Republican Women's Club

# FEBRUARY Mexican Buffet

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026**  
**12-1:30 PM**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 11:30**  
**\$35.00**

TRW is pleased to announce we will continue to meet every month at:

**BROTHER JOHN'S BBQ**  
1801 N STONE AVE  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday from 12-1:30 PM

**Collecting canned & boxed food for the  
Community Food Bank of Southern AZ**

TRW HAS MUCH TO CELEBRATE THIS MONTH!  
AZFRW WINTER STATE MEETING - ARIZONA STATEHOOD  
TUCSON RODEO - PRESIDENT'S DAY  
VALENTINE'S DAY



RSVP AT: TUCSONRW.ORG

*Tucson Republican Women's Club*

CARING FOR AMERICA

## COLLECTING CANNED & PACKAGED FOOD

All Food items go to the  
Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

Bring your food items to our February Meeting

## February's Speakers



Sergio Arellano,



Greg Roeberg,



Katherine Haley,

## Chairman, Arizona Republican Party

Sergio Arellano was elected Chairman of the Arizona Republican Party on January 24, 2026, with a clear mandate to unify the party, rebuild trust, and deliver consistent Republican victories across Arizona.

A Tucson native and combat veteran, Sergio enlisted in the United States Army at age 17. Following his military service, Sergio continued serving others through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and as Arizona State Director for the Army Wounded Warrior Program, where he coordinated care for severely injured soldiers and supported military families statewide. During Arizona's foreclosure crisis, he also served as Outreach Director for the Arizona Attorney General's National Mortgage Settlement Program, traveling to all 15 counties to help families remain in their homes.

A longtime advocate for election transparency and grassroots organization, Sergio founded the Santa Cruz County Elections Integrity Committee and led efforts that strengthened accountability and oversight in local election administration.

Within the Republican Party, Sergio has served in key leadership roles, including State Director

## Candidate for Attorney General

Greg Roeberg is an attorney, husband, father, and Republican candidate running for Arizona Attorney General in the 2026 election. He brings more than 15 years of legal experience as the managing attorney at Roeberg Law, PLC, a Scottsdale-based law practice where he has represented clients across a range of legal matters.

Roeberg's campaign emphasizes strong law enforcement, secure elections, and protection of Arizona families. He frames his candidacy as a fight to uphold the rule of law, back police, crack down on crime, safeguard election integrity, and defend parental and family rights. His campaign website highlights his conservative principles and commitment to a safer, stronger Arizona. A cancer survivor and active community member, Roeberg lives in Scottsdale with his wife, Whitney, and their two young sons. He has been involved in high-profile legal work, including serving as an attorney for former President Donald Trump's campaign in Arizona, and positions his candidacy as one rooted in real-world legal experience and a dedication to public service.

## Candidate for Treasurer

Katherine Haley is an Arizona native, small business owner, and conservative leader with more than two decades of experience in public policy, financial stewardship, and accountability. She is the founder of Oak Rose Group, a strategic advisory firm that helps organizations with responsible investment, planning, and measurable results.

Haley has built a career in coalition-building and public service, including more than a decade working in federal policy and seven years as a chief policy advisor in the U.S. House of Representatives. She has also served on the Arizona State Board of Education, where she was appointed by the governor, confirmed by the Senate, and elected President in 2025, focusing on academic standards, fiscal oversight, and empowering parents and students.

Her campaign for Arizona State Treasurer emphasizes limited, efficient government, lower taxes, transparency, and disciplined financial management. She has received the endorsement of the current State Treasurer Kimberly Yee, reflecting her commitment to protecting taxpayer dollars and ensuring

including State Director for Hispanic Outreach at the Republican National Committee, Strategic Initiatives Director for the Arizona Republican Party, Legislative District Chairman, and First Vice Chair of the Pima County Republican Party. He also helped lead large-scale voter outreach efforts during the 2016 presidential campaign in Southern Arizona.

As Chairman, Sergio is focused on strengthening party infrastructure, expanding voter engagement, supporting candidates at every level, and building a disciplined, unified organization prepared to win in 2026 and beyond.

responsible stewardship of public funds. Haley holds degrees from Duke University and Johns Hopkins University and resides in Scottsdale.

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## Americanism

What is it, and what does it mean?

To quote Theodore Roosevelt:  
"Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction and purpose not of creed or birthplace."



2026 will begin my second year as the Tucson Republican Women's Americanism Chair. I have grappled for the past year as to what my position really is, apart from leading the Pledge of Allegiance at each monthly meeting. As time has passed and I see our culture deteriorate, I have begun to understand the importance of my role within our club. We, so frequently, take our American culture for granted. A nation founded on Judeo-Christian values and the necessity of imparting and reminding our members at each meeting of this principle is my duty.

As we witness our nation divide into Left and Right issues, it may become more difficult to identify with the true spirit of our American nation, i.e., Americanism. We, as Republicans, view our nation as one of traditions, family, community and individualism. Without that, we have no country. Sadly these ideals seem to be eroding before our eyes, as we see the Rule of Law consistently broken and no accountability forthcoming. We must stand for the ideals in which our country was founded as we honor our flag, our pledge of allegiance and the other symbols which stand for our nation. The United States has prospered for over 250 years with these foundational principles. Vigilance and education must be our framework and foundation. Let our club forge ahead in this coming year with these thoughts in mind.



Happy Valentine's Day from Ways and Means. We are getting ready for the AzFRW meeting at Casino Del Sol. We will have a table of goodies, so come check it out. We will also be trying to sell the ornaments.

In addition we will be selling items at our February luncheon on the 23rd. As always, we will have our 50/50 drawing, so get your \$5 bills ready. I hope to see many of you at the AzFRW meeting, as well as the luncheon.

## 2026 Membership Drive

So far we have had 26 people renew.

We would like to welcome one new member: Kathy Kimbrell.

We also would like to welcome one longtime member who returned to us: Marian McClure.

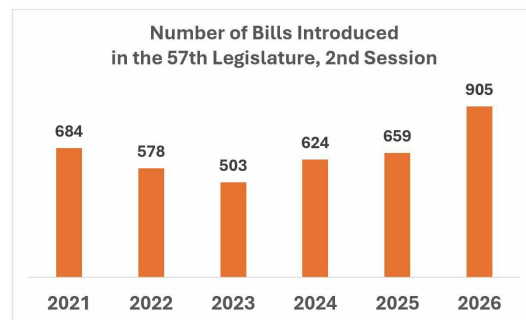
We added three more associates: Jeanette Massaglia from Huachuca Area RW, as well as Janet Neustedter, President of Pima County RW and Sarah Ramsey, AzFRW Region 2 Director and member of Pima County RW.

Please wish a happy birthday Blanca and Julia.



## Arizona Legislative Activity Shows Fluctuating Bill Introductions

Over the past six years, the Arizona Legislature has seen notable shifts in the number of bills introduced each year. According to official records, 685 bills were presented in 2021, followed by a decline to 578 in 2022 and 503 in 2023. The pace picked up again in 2024 with 624



bills and continued rising to 659 in 2025. So far in 2026, legislators have introduced 905 bills, signaling a significant surge in legislative activity compared to recent years. These figures highlight the dynamic nature of Arizona's lawmaking process, reflecting the evolving priorities of lawmakers and the state's response to emerging issues. Observers note that the current spike may be driven by both policy ambitions and

upcoming election cycles, as legislators seek to address a broad array of concerns from education and healthcare to economic development and public safety. As 2026 progresses, tracking which bills advance and which stall will be key to understanding the legislative landscape and the policy directions Arizona may take in the coming years.



## PROTECT GIRLS' SPORTS

In September 2024, TRW proudly celebrated its fortieth anniversary with a gala themed XX/L—our symbol of women, strength, and fairness. That theme continues to guide our work, including our support for women's athletics across Arizona. Protecting opportunities for girls and women is not just symbolic; it requires action.

That commitment is reflected in House Concurrent Resolution 2003, the Protect Girls' Sports in Arizona Act. This measure is designed to be referred directly to voters on the 2026 ballot, ensuring Arizonans—not politicians—have the final say.

The Protect Girls' Sports in Arizona Act, sponsored by Representative Selina Bliss (R- Prescott), protects fairness, safety, and privacy for girls and women in sports and in schools and athletic facilities. If approved by the Legislature, it will appear on the November 2026 ballot.

The resolution would:

- Protect female athletic teams by reserving girls' and women's sports for biological females
- Require schools and athletic associations to clearly designate teams as male, female, or co-ed
- Safeguard privacy in locker rooms, restrooms, and athletic facilities
- Apply to public and private K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities

As Republican women, we understand that equal opportunity depends on fairness. We must hold our legislators accountable to pass HCR2003 and send it to the ballot. When it does, it will be up to us to lead, educate, and mobilize voters to pass the Protect Girls' Sports in Arizona Act.

### In the Political News

- A new ballot initiative and a competing GOP-backed legislative referral could put early voting rights and control over early voting rules before Arizona voters in 2026
- Arizona's year of high-stakes 2026 elections includes races from governor to attorney general to Congress in our key battleground state.
- Former Arizona GOP chair Gina Swoboda is exploring a run for Arizona

Secretary of State, adding another competitive statewide Republican contest.

- National Democrats plan to invest heavily to flip the Arizona legislature in the 2026 cycle, targeting statehouse control.

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## Arizona House Bill 2022

Arizona House Bill 2022 makes changes to the state's election process, specifically moving the date of Arizona's primary elections. Under the new law, primary elections will be held earlier in the year — on the second to last Tuesday in July rather than the traditional first Tuesday in August. **That means this year's primary election will be held on July 21, 2026.** The bill also reduces the number of days election officials have to compare provisional ballots to signature rosters after a general election, shortening that period from 10 days to 7 days. These changes are intended to give election officials more time to prepare for the general election and to help ensure ballots are counted and returned in a timely way, including those from military and overseas voters.

Additional points in the law:

- Voter registration deadlines and early voting timelines shift accordingly.
- HB 2022 includes clarifications about observers. County party chairs may designate party representatives to serve as observers at ballot replacement centers.
- If an early vote center is designated for ballot services or processing, observers from recognized political parties can be appointed and present at the ballot replacement locations.
- Partisan Candidate Petition Filing (for candidates and PCs) will likely be February 21 - March 23, 2026.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 2026

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## HOBBS VETOES ONE BIG TAX BILL

Republicans sent a full conformity tax package to Hobbs' desk, aiming to align our state tax code with federal updates.

Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed the measure, which will create chaos and confusion for Arizona taxpayers, who will have no clear direction on how to file taxes this April. Many residents will be required to file amended returns.

To mitigate the panic, House Republicans are sending a second bill, HB2785, which reflects the forms the Dept of Revenue issued.

The GOP's second bill passed out of the Ways and Means Committee and is expected to go to the Floor for a full vote this February.

## KRIS MAYES CENSURED

House Republicans censured Attorney General Mayes this month, calling for her to resign after failing to retract statements suggesting that Arizonans could use lethal force against federal immigration officers acting in their official capacity.

## HOUSE GOP CELEBRATES NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

This month, House Republicans reaffirmed their commitment to parental choice and the empowerment of Arizona families. Republicans continue to fight to protect empowerment scholarship accounts (ESAs) for students, ensuring that every child has access to the best education possible that fits their unique needs. Education is not one size fits all, and Republicans remain dedicated to funding students over systems and giving parents the choice to decide what learning system works best for their children's needs.

## DON'T BE A DRAG

Some lines shouldn't be blurred. HB2589 is a critical piece of legislation that protects children from exposure to inappropriate drag shows and adult-oriented performances. During committee hearings, the public heard powerful testimony from conservative members and concerned parents, underscoring the need for age-appropriate environments. This bill sets clear boundaries to ensure that sexually explicit "drag" performances are not accessible to minors, prioritizing the safety and innocence of our youth.

## AFFORDABILITY IS NUMBER ONE

As inflation continues to squeeze household budgets, House Republicans advanced a package of bills designed to help reduce prices at the pump and protect utility ratepayers. This affordability package includes bills that temporarily suspend the gas tax in certain counties and require data centers to front the costs of infrastructure buildout. While Republicans are working to lower costs for hardworking families, Democrats are voting NO on affordability, revealing their rhetoric is just that.

## SUPPORTING ARIZONA'S FIVE 'C'S

The House Land, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Committee took decisive action to support Arizona's ranchers and food producers by advancing HB2149, a clean eight-year continuation of the Arizona Beef Council, strengthening our agricultural economy. House Republicans also voted to advance HB2791 to ban lab-grown meat, along with legislation requiring clear labeling, standing up for transparency, food integrity, and Arizona's proud ranching heritage.

## COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS MUST SPEAK ENGLISH

The House Transportation Committee advanced HB 2443, sponsored by Representative Lopez, to strengthen roadway safety by ensuring that commercial drivers can demonstrate English proficiency. The bill requires original applicants for commercial driver's licenses to pass an additional English knowledge exam covering reading, speaking, writing, and listening. As Rep. Lopez noted, this is a safety issue, and it aligns with existing federal requirements, ensuring that all non-English speakers, not just Spanish, can understand safety rules, road signs, and emergency instructions before getting behind the wheel.

**HAPPY 114<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ARIZONA ON FEBRUARY 14!**

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**JUAN CISCOMANI**  
ARIZONA'S 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Rachel Keshel (R) Kevin Volk (D)

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District  
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Priya Sundareshan (D)  
Nancy Gutierrez (D) Christopher Mathis (D)

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