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Remembering Our Past, Renewing Our Commitment

As we reflect on this September, we are reminded of two important moments in American history—one that showed us the terrible consequences of division and hatred, and another that reminds us of the principles that have held our nation together for nearly 250 years.

Twenty-five years ago this month, America experienced one of the darkest days in our history. On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed in the terrorist attacks

on our nation. Yet in the days and weeks that followed, something remarkable happened. Americans came together.

Neighbors helped neighbors. Communities rallied around first responders and military families. Flags appeared everywhere. People who disagreed about politics, religion, or countless other issues found common ground in the simple understanding that we were Americans first.

For a time, patriotism was once again something that united us. We stood together in support of our country and in defense of the freedoms and principles that define it.

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum describes the legacy of that period as one of “bravery, compassion, unity, and service”—lessons that remain important 25 years later. Today, it is difficult not to wonder where that spirit has gone.

Where we once found ways to stand together, we too often stand apart. Where we once supported our neighbors, we sometimes view those with different political beliefs as opponents rather than fellow Americans. Where people with very different views could sit around the same table, debate their differences, and still walk away as friends, too often we simply block, dismiss, or condemn anyone who disagrees with us.

This is not the kind of progress our nation needs.

And the division does not stop at the boundaries between political parties. We see disagreements and divisions within our own party as well. We can disagree over policy, strategy, and priorities—and we should never be afraid to debate those issues. But disagreement should not prevent us from recognizing that we share something much larger: a commitment to our country, our Constitution, and the principles of self-government.

Perhaps one of the lessons of September 11 is that Americans are capable of coming together when we remember what we have in common.

History teaches us that forgetting the past can have consequences. George Santayana famously wrote in *The Life of Reason* about the importance of remembering history, a warning that has been repeated for generations.

But September offers us another lesson as well.

September 17 is Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, commemorating the signing of the United States Constitution in Philadelphia in 1787.

That is an important lesson for us today.

The fact that Americans disagree is not a failure of our constitutional system. Debate, disagreement, compromise, and persuasion are part of the American experiment. The Constitution was not created by people who thought alike. It was created by people who were willing to debate their differences and find a way forward.

The Constitution became, in many ways, America's operating manual for self-government.

And just as importantly, it established a framework that allows Americans to continue debating what our country should look like while maintaining the institutions and liberties that make those debates possible.

As Republicans, we should remember that our commitment to America must be greater than our disagreements with one another. We can have strong opinions and still treat

one another with respect. We can debate vigorously without making enemies of our fellow citizens. We can defend our principles without forgetting the humanity of the person sitting across the table.

If we want to make our country stronger, perhaps the first step is remembering what Americans have accomplished when we choose to stand together.

September gives us both a solemn reminder and a reason for hope.

We remember those we lost on September 11, 2001. We remember the courage of first responders and ordinary Americans who stepped forward when their country needed them. And we remember that, for a time, Americans rediscovered how much they had in common.

Then, just days later on September 17, we are reminded of the document that established the framework for our government and the principles of self-government that continue to guide our nation.

This September, let us remember both.

Let us remember our history. Let us honor our Constitution. Let us debate our differences without allowing those differences to destroy our relationships. And let us recommit ourselves to building a Republican Party—and an America—that is stronger because we have learned how to work together.

Join us September 28.

Please join us for our September 28 luncheon as we celebrate the United States Constitution and the principles of liberty and self-government that have shaped our nation.

Monday, September 28th
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.**



Celebrate the



Constitution with Tucson Republican Women!

September is the month we celebrate one of the most extraordinary documents ever written—the United States Constitution—and Tucson Republican Women has a very special program planned!

Please join us **Monday, September 28, at the Hilton Garden Inn** for a meeting that promises to be both **educational and fun**. Doors open at **11:30 a.m.**, and our meeting begins promptly at **12:00 noon**.

Our featured presenter will be **LD 17 Senate Candidate Chris King**, a Constitution expert who will take us beyond simply talking about the Constitution and help us better understand the principles it established, the freedoms it protects, and why those principles remain so important today.

How well do you really know the Constitution? What does it say—and just as importantly, what doesn't it say? Come prepared to learn, participate, and perhaps even test your constitutional knowledge! This will not be a dry history lesson. We are planning a lively program that reminds us why an informed citizenry is essential to preserving the freedoms our Founders entrusted to us.

And with ballots arriving soon, we will also turn our attention to the decisions Arizona voters will be making in November. **TRW will provide recommendations on the ballot initiatives and judicial retention races**, giving our members useful information to take home, share with family and friends, and use when completing their ballots.

There is a lot at stake this election season, and voting the entire ballot matters. The candidates at the top of the ticket may receive the most attention, but propositions, judges, and down-ballot races can have an enormous impact on our state and our communities.

So bring a friend, bring your questions, and bring your enthusiasm!

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Hilton Garden Inn
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Meeting Begins: 12:00 noon

Register [HERE](#)

Come celebrate the Constitution, become a more informed voter, and enjoy another great afternoon with Tucson Republican Women. **We hope to see you there!**

Reflections on the National Days of September

The word "September" is derived from the Latin word Septem, meaning seven.



A bit of trivia to share with others. This is a month for reflection, celebration and change. Moving from summer to autumn and the change of seasons, we focus on the past events of our nation. Most of us undoubtedly think of September 11th (Patriot Day).

We remember where we were on that fateful day and the moment when those planes flew into the Twin Towers in New York City. I, for one, did not grasp the severity of the situation nor the impact this event would have on the world, on our nation and freedoms. Freedoms which we will never again enjoy as we did prior to this event. Now, twenty-five years later, we have aspiring politicians campaigning for positions in Congress and claiming that the United States deserved this tragedy. Most of us cannot comprehend that this could happen in our country, but it has.

Who would have imagined!!

As conservatives, hopefully we can unite together to bring awareness to the country and bring our traditional values back into our culture and God into our hearts.

With the mid-term elections fast approaching, this is our opportunity to make our voices heard.

On a lighter note, I would like to leave you with some of the other National days that are observed in September. A few are as follows:

- Labor Day
- National Knife Day
- World Coconut Day
- Teachers Day
- Grandparents' Day
- Constitution Day (9/17)
- National Cheeseburger Day
- Pancake Day
- World Coffee Day

Enjoy each day and remember those who sacrificed for our freedoms.

Special Raffle

At our September meeting, we will have a special raffle featuring a patriotic wreath.

Tickets are **\$5 each or 6 for \$25.**



Make Your Voice Heard: Postcard Writing Party

One of the most helpful things we can do as a club is support our Republican candidates by reaching out directly to voters. TRW is making it easy—and fun!

Following our September 28 luncheon, we will be hosting a Postcard Writing Party. We'll provide the postcards and all you need to do is bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to help elect Republican candidates.

Our goal is for each member to write five postcards before leaving. It's a simple way to make a meaningful difference and help our candidates reach voters in the upcoming election.

Join us after the luncheon on September 28 and help us get the Republican message in the hands of voters!

Every postcard counts. Every voice matters. Let's get out the vote!



WHAT CHANGED SEPTEMBER 12?

A Plain-English Guide to New Arizona Laws Now in Effect

September 12, 2026 was the general effective date for laws passed during Arizona's 2026 regular legislative session. Not every new law began on that date—some emergency measures took effect earlier and others have special effective dates—but many changes affecting Arizona residents, property owners, voters, veterans and local government are now in force.

STRONGER PROTECTION AGAINST PROPERTY & DEED FRAUD

SB 1479 — Deeds, Identification, Forgery & Notaries

When someone records a document in person at a county recorder's office or recording kiosk, photo identification is now generally required, with exemptions for certain professionals and institutions.

The law also:

- increases knowingly filing a forged or false real-property claim from a misdemeanor to a Class 5 felony;
- requires a thumbprint in a notary journal for many real-estate and power-of-attorney documents; and
- requires county assessors, by January 1, 2027, to offer property owners an optional notification system when ownership or mailing-address information changes.

Why it matters: The law is designed to make it harder for someone to fraudulently transfer or place a false claim against your property.

MORE TRANSPARENCY AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

HB 2876 — Public Bodies; Executive Sessions; Agendas

A public body may no longer place a proposal to impose or increase a tax, assessment or fee on a consent agenda.

Items discussed or voted on during executive session also must appear on an action agenda, rather than being buried on the consent agenda.

Why it matters: Tax and fee increases should receive more visible public consideration before a vote.

DISCLOSURE AT ZONING HEARINGS

HB 2837 — Public Hearings; Hearing Officers

People participating in public zoning hearings must disclose if they are being compensated to participate, including when submitting written comments.

Certain hearing officers and Board of Adjustment members also face additional disclosure requirements.

Why it matters: Residents have more information about whether testimony on a development or zoning proposal comes from an ordinary citizen or someone being paid to participate.

GREATER OPENNESS IN HOA MEETINGS

SB 1290 — Open Meetings; Planned Communities. Homeowners associations may close portions of meetings only for specifically-authorized subjects, and closed-session discussions are more narrowly limited.

Why it matters: HOA boards have less latitude to conduct association business outside the view of homeowners.

SOME SAMPLE BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED EARLIER

HB 2006 — Sample Ballots; Mailing Date

Counties that do not have a U.S. Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center must now mail primary and general-election sample ballots at least 14 days before an election instead of 11 days.

Why it matters: The change gives voters additional time to receive and review election information in areas where mail processing may take longer.

NEW PROVISIONS FOR VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES

HB 2226 — Veteran Status in the Courts

Courts must inquire about a defendant's veteran status and establish procedures for possible referral to appropriate alternative programs when veteran status is confirmed.

HB 2663 — Military Leave

Eligibility for military leave is broadened for members of the Arizona National Guard and U.S. Armed Forces Reserves.

TAX CHANGES — INCLUDING DATA CENTERS AND VETERANS

HB 4168 / SB 1861 — Taxation Omnibus

Among several tax changes, the new law:

- creates a new Arizona deduction for certain child and dependent-care expenses beginning with tax year 2026;
- increases the existing dependent tax credit from \$100 to \$125;
- expands eligibility for property-tax relief for disabled veterans and surviving spouses by eliminating certain income restrictions; and
- prevents new data centers from qualifying for Arizona's data-center transaction-privilege-tax exemptions for three years, beginning July 1, 2026.

Why it matters: This is one of the session's more consequential tax measures, touching families, veterans and Arizona's rapidly growing data-center industry.

ASSISTED-LIVING HOMES & LOCAL ZONING

SB 1473 — Assisted Living Homes; Occupancy; Zoning

Cities and counties generally may not prohibit an assisted-living home from operating on residentially-zoned property simply because of the number of residents, nor impose certain occupancy-based administrative requirements.

Why it matters: The law limits some local-government restrictions on smaller residential assisted-living facilities.

ONE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

Not every major law passed in 2026 suddenly became effective September 12.

For example:

HB 2022, which changed Arizona's primary-election calendar and related election procedures, was an emergency measure effective February 6, 2026.

HB 2792, providing a full property-tax exemption on the primary residence of qualifying veterans with a 100% service-connected disability, was also an emergency measure and took effect February 12, 2026.

So September 12 is the general effective date, not the effective date of every bill enacted this year.

THE BOTTOM LINE

September 12 was not just another date on the legislative calendar.

For many of the bills passed by the Arizona Legislature earlier this year, September 12 was the day the debate ended and the law began.

That means Arizonans will now see changes involving property protection, public meetings, zoning hearings, HOAs, elections, veterans, taxes, data centers and local government in actual practice.

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2026 WINS

*Preserving the American Dream
Promoting Public Safety
Protecting Individual Liberties*

Those were the Republican policy priorities for 2026.

Every year, House Majority Leadership and members work with stakeholders and constituents to develop and issue a *Majority Plan* for the ensuing legislative session, setting the vision and providing a benchmark against which members can use to introduce and advance bills.

At the end of each session, Leadership then issues a *Majority Report*, detailing the Caucus's successes and highlighting the bills that advanced the Majority Plan.

The Majority Report is currently in the final drafting stages and is not yet ready for distribution. However, a final copy will be ready soon.

Until then, the members of Legislative District 19 give you this exclusive insider look at some of the Majority policy wins for the 2026 session.

NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT

Over 2,000 bills were introduced in the Arizona State Legislature this session. Of those, 415 bills made it to the Governor. She signed 264 and vetoed 151. Now that the legislative session is over, the question is: when do those new laws take effect? The answer: Emergency measures that pass with 2/3 vote in both chambers go into effect immediately upon the Governor's signature, while regular bills that get signed go into effect 90 days after the day the Legislature adjourns. This year, the Legislature adjourned *sine die* on June 13, 2026, making the general effective date: **September 12, 2026**. Here are some of the *Majority Plan* bills that will take effect on September 12:

PRESERVING THE AMERICAN DREAM

- **FY26 BUDGET** – Delivered nearly \$1.43 billion in tax relief to Arizonans through full conformity with the federal One Big Beautiful Bill, including a 25% increase in the Child Tax Credit and a new dependent care deduction. **Effective next fiscal year.**
- **FY26 BUDGET** – Invested \$6 million in Arizona's Colorado River Litigation Fund, bringing the state's war chest to \$9 million. **Effective with FY27 budget.**
- **FY26 BUDGET** – Expanded and made permanent among the most generous disabled veterans' property tax relief in the nation. **Effective with FY27 budget.**
- **HB2756** – Establishes reporting requirements and ratepayer protections related to data centers, ensuring growth pays for growth. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2947** – Requires greater transparency in city and county development fees, reducing the cost of homes for the next generation of buyers. **Effective Sept. 12.**

PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

- **HB2370** – Allows schools to upgrade and enhance their weapons detection systems without waiting for prior governing board approval. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2665** – Increases the penalties and reduces the threshold for fentanyl trafficking; increases penalties for sexual extortion of children ("Cade's Law"). **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2762** – All food products made with lab grown or cell cultivated meat must be clearly labeled as "lab grown" or "cell cultivated." **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB2992** – Established a Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Pilot Program in Arizona schools. **Effective with FY27 Budget.**
- **HB2995** – Passed the "Alec and Lydia Act" to prioritize the safety of domestic violence victims and children in family court. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **HB4001** – Sets stricter guidelines and penalties for advertising smokeless tobacco and alternative nicotine products to minors. **Effective Sept. 12.**

PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES

- **HB2022** – Modernized Arizona's primary election calendar and strengthened mail-in ballot curing and observer access. **Emergency: effective now.**
- **SB1479** – To prevent deed fraud, requires valid photo ID when recording documents in-person at the county recorder's office. **Effective Sept. 12.**
- **SB1206** – Bans insurance adjusters and contractors from soliciting storm-damaged homeowners while an emergency is still active. **Effective Sept. 12.**

