

## **LD18 Democrats General Meeting September 11, 2017**

Held at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School, Chandler

183 attendees

Tempe Union HS District and Kyrene SD budget override elections – mail only voting – support local schools! Tell your friends.

Next month, meeting will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday (Oct 2nd) instead of our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday – 3 great speakers!

Recurring donors help us fund a campaign office to support Democratic candidates... and score a cool metal badge to wear with pride.

Previous meeting minutes online at [ld18democrats.org](http://ld18democrats.org)

Treasurer's report

9-11 tribute and moment of silence

Guest Speaker: Luis Heredia – The Arizona We Bought: The Power Structure of Arizona's Right-Wing Political Machine

- Talent, Treasure, Time – tools that advance their agenda
- Corporate Greed, Conflicts of Interest, Divide and Conquer/Drain and Attack
- No transparency and no-bid contracts (example, McGraw Hill Textbooks in schools – publisher is big donor)
- Churning people from PACs to foundations to campaigns to lobbying firms
- Goldwater Institute is a revolving door (Jeff Flake, Mark Brnovich)

**What can we do: Persist, Resist, Conspire, Collaborate.**

ASU YDs – strong retention in this group year over year

Alison and Melissa – PC training, volunteer celebration and campaign kickoff event Saturday at Joanne's house

Candidate introductions:

[Deedra Abboud](#) – Senate candidate – share button on social media is worth \$100

[January Contreras](#) – Attorney General candidate

[Bill Pierce](#) – Mine Inspector candidate

Kiana Sears and Jake Bell – Corporation Commission candidates

Plus Tempe City Council, School Board, JP, Constable and State Representative candidates

Bada Bing raffle winners – 3 amazing baskets!

4 breakout sessions – Opportunities to ask questions and get more information, up close and personal

- Luis Heredia
- Tempe HS/Kyrene SB override campaigns
- Sean Bowie 100% rating supporting public schools, visiting all 44 schools by end of year
- Mitzi Epstein – Surrogate speaker Carrie Brown