

LD18 Democrats General Meeting 10/2/17 at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School

120+ attendees

Announcements – Handouts on the tables or check us out on [Facebook](#) and our [website](#) for more information.

Dems Care events: We adopted 2 parks! We volunteered at an animal shelter. We support the Kyrene Resource Center and Threadz. We are walking with Zoo Walks (Autism Research), NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and the MS Walk – causes near and dear to our LD18 extended family. Join us!

Email Senators daily – we want a CLEAN Dream Act – not attached to building a wall.

Guest Speakers on the topic of DACA and immigration:

- Judy Flanagan – [Phoenix Legal Action Network](#), attorney who defends immigrants.
  - Unaccompanied children who come to USA, when they turn 18, protections gone.
  - 90K applications for asylum seekers to get green card– long waits for interviews
  - ICE agents profiling at truck stops
  - Deportations of people trying to work the system to stay, have jobs, no criminal records
  - Accepting donations to pay for attorneys to help indigent immigrants
- Belen Sisa – ASU Student - DACA empowered her to become activist. What you can do: 1) speak out against hate speech, 2) make phone calls to Senators, 3) show up at events – there is power in numbers, 4) contribute to help Dreamers pay for renewal fees (\$495 per person every 2 years).
- Dr. Allan Cameron – Carl Hayden HS teacher (retired) - How 4 undocumented teenage immigrants built an underwater robot that beat MIT's robot in a competition. WIRED magazine mentioned their undocumented status, "Nightline" picked up the story too. 2 movies followed.
- [Daniel A. Rodriguez](#), Attorney – paid \$120K for education (could not get in-state tuition). Came to US at 8 years old with his mother, escaping domestic abuse. HS guidance counselor told him he couldn't go to college, should get a job.

Minutes of our meetings are available on our website.

Treasurer's report – we need to continue to collect contributions for our office next year.

Fun upcoming fund raising event: Music and Microbrews! November 4th

BADA BING raffles – 2 amazing baskets!

Candidates! An impressive parade of candidates for state and local offices (Attorney General, Corporation Commission, State Representative, Mine Inspector, JP, Constable, City Council)

Breakout sessions with our speakers – up close and personal conversations.