

LD18 General Meeting on 2/12/18 at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School in Chandler, AZ

Roughly 120 attendees, including many new people and friends all the way from LD10 in Tucson.

RTS – Request To Speak “Civic Engagement Beyond Voting” [www.cebv.us](http://www.cebv.us) Sign up for Melinda Iyer’s weekly update.

Good Neighbor Project – organize now so come Oct/Nov we will have energy harnessed to get out the vote.

Dems Give Back – Give back to our communities: park clean up, animal rescue, Kyrene schools

Mini golf event – Join in the fun on March 8<sup>th</sup> with a Happy Hour event following.

We need to find an office for the upcoming campaign season! It takes donations...

Guest Speakers: Forum - Democratic Candidates for Secretary of State

[Katie Hobbs](#) – State Senate Minority Leader. No one has been held accountable for the inadequate polling places in spring 2016 which was deemed criminal. Relationships with County Recorders in all 15 counties has eroded. Office should make voting accessible and convenient. Campaign finance failures by Reagan – ran on a platform of reigning in dirty money, did a flip flop once elected. Regulation of lobbyists – current rules are confusing. Katie is a career social worker, proven track record as a leader, fighting for all Arizonans. Not afraid to stand up to a fight. Known to do what is right. Won her senate seat against a 16-year incumbent by 20 points.

[Mark Robert Gordon](#) – Attorney, Election Protection. Current Secretary of State has politicized the office and doesn’t serve all Arizonans. This should be a non-partisan unifying office. Should be coming up with bi-partisan solutions and listen to the input from all the county recorders. As campaign finance regulator, should make it easy to see where money comes from. Lobbyists should have to report donations. Mark Robert has track record of 25 years protecting voting rights and helping states and counties across the country remain compliant in election practices. Proven ability to persuade people who don’t agree with you by talking about fairness and the law.

Next month we meet on the **first** Monday of March – all 3 Democratic candidates for governor will be here.

Minutes of past meetings are on our website.

Treasurer’s report - \$19K in the bank. Recurring donor notices going out.

Budget transparency: We have a deliberate plan on how much we need to get the office running and help Dems win. We are the #1 targeted district in AZ. Current office space is \$3k per month. Hired a Field Director to mobilize PCs and volunteers. Recurring donors make it happen along with raffles, and fund-raising events like Decadent Delights and Mini-Golf.

[Mitzi Epstein](#) – talked about importance of activism. From a neighborhood meeting, someone asked what we can do to reduce teen suicides. Senate bill didn’t get heard, but House bill might so teachers in AZ could help prevent suicide.

[Sean Bowie](#)– 2 Bills getting traction: Current child marriage laws, under 16 can be married with judge signature. Ban under 18 unless emancipated. Emergency broadcasts from city and state – make them more accessible for people with disabilities.

Good Neighbor Project: Alison Porter and Melissa Megna. Every 2 years PCs are re-elected. Need at least 10 signatures. Petitions available – turn in by May. Neighborhood teams are not just for PCs, they are for anyone who wants to volunteer!

Amazing candidates!!! State, county, city and, school board candidates.

Bada Bing Raffle – 4 separate raffles