

LD18 Democrats General Meeting March 5, 2018

At Kyrene Del Pueblo Middle School in Chandler, AZ

A huge crowd – standing room only.

Read all the great events and activism opportunities on the handouts.

Bylaws are on the LD18Democrats.org website. Please read and we will discuss next meeting.

Budget – we need your help with recurring donations to meet our targets and fund an office to support democratic candidate support activities.

Good Neighbor Project – lots of ways to volunteer. Fill out the form with your preferences of how you want to help Democrats win in November.

Guest Speakers – Incredible Democratic Candidates for Governor: We must elect a Democrat! After the primary, we will all support the Democratic Candidate who faces Doug Ducey.

David Garcia – 4<sup>th</sup> generation Arizona native, and educator. Priorities – 1) Stable families, invest in education and healthcare, 2) Economy that works for all, companies that stay in AZ and create great middle-class jobs, 3) End corruption in Governor's office and give all citizens access to vote. Uniquely qualified: What is AZ most known for – anti-immigrant hate. Elect a Latino. And a teacher.

Steve Farley – State Senator, ranking member of ways and means and finance committees. Priorities: 1) Education, 2) Healthcare, and 3) Climate change - all of which will create more jobs. Uniquely qualified – legislature 12 years fighting for the minority, only candidate who has served in public office and longtime activist in Tucson.

Kelly Fryer – CEO of the YWCA – fighting for those without a voice. Priorities: 1) Have smart, diverse people around her, 2) Draft a budget – a moral document, investing in schools not prisons, small businesses, 3) Establish a blue-ribbon task force – an environmental justice league. Uniquely qualified – The only CEO running for Governor.

Sean Bowie – Legislative Update – killed 6 bad bills. Redistricting bill – would have to be passed by a citizen vote and that is unlikely to succeed. Latest voucher bill – fought to defeat, but passed the Senate on party lines - went to House now.

Mitzi Epstein – Legislative Update - letters to Editor and letters to Governor DO make a difference. Bi-partisan letter to Governor about task force to keep kids safe at schools was effective – Governor has begun to meet with people to discuss.

Candidates! Lots of them!

Bada Bing raffle – 4 awesome baskets