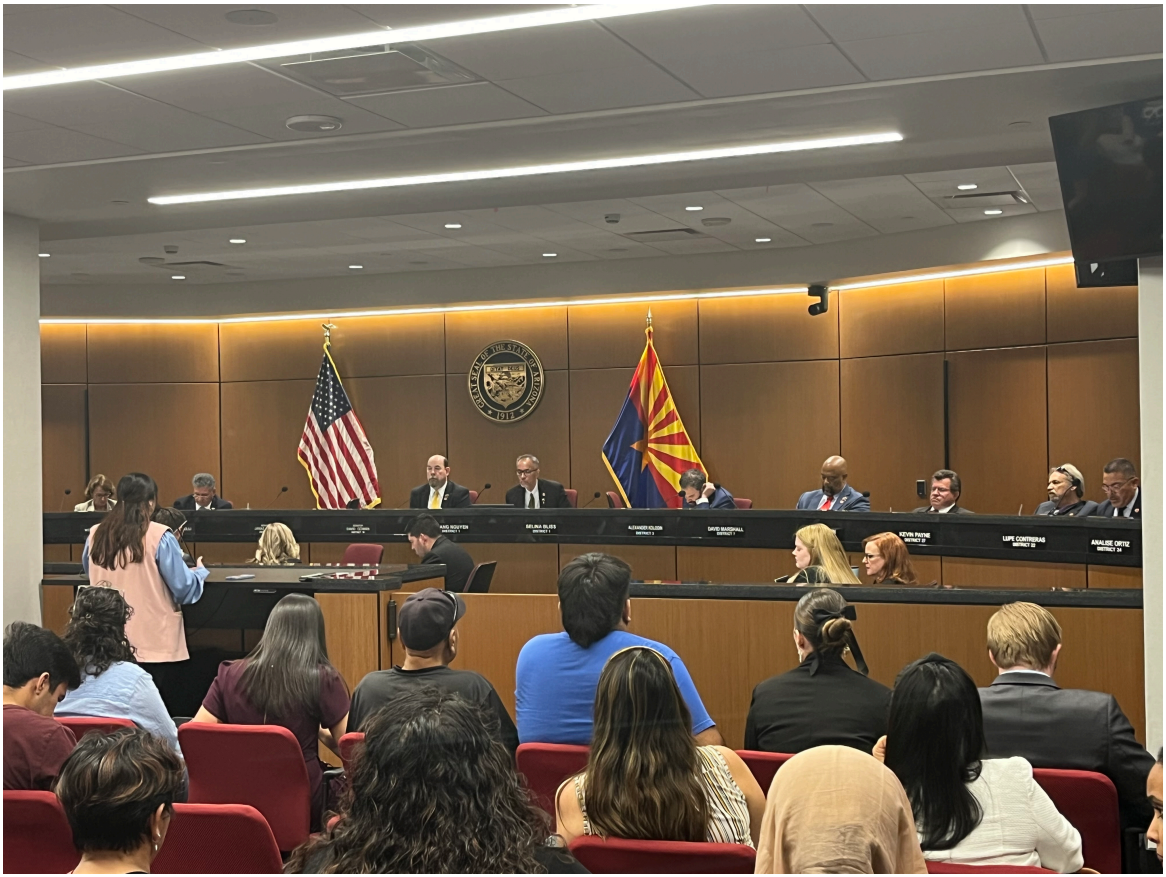


New Legislative Committees and New Leaders



A committee hearing from a previous year -- they will look different in 2027.

November 13, 2026

Hi Friends!

Today the new House and Senate leadership announced the committees and the committee chairs for 2027-2028. **In the Arizona House of Representatives, there will be the following committees and chairs:**

Committee on Fiscal Policy
Chair Representative Lorena Austin

Committee on Education
Chair Representative Stephanie Simacek

Committee on Rules
Chair Representative Stacey Travers

Committee on Democracy, Civil Rights, and Government
Chair Representative Betty Villegas

Committee on Health & Human Services
Chair Representative Sarah Liguori

Committee on Water, Environment, and Energy
Chair Representative Christopher Mathis

Committee on Labor & Commerce
Chair Representative Cesar Aguilar

Committee on Rural Affairs
Chair Representative-elect Sally Ann Gonzales

Committee on Tribal Affairs
Chair Representative Mae Peshlakai

Committee on Veterans & Military Families
Chair Representative Aaron Márquez

Committee on Small Business, Economic Development, and Technology
Chair Representative Junelle Cavero

Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety
Chair Representative Consuelo Hernandez

In the Arizona Senate, there will be the following committees and chairs:

Committee on Appropriations
Chair Senator-elect Aaron Lieberman

Committee on Education
Chair Senator Eva Diaz

Committee on Labor and Commerce
Chair Senator Flavio Bravo

Committee on Climate, Energy, and Natural Resources
Chair Senator Lauren Kuby

Committee on Indian Affairs
Chair Senator-elect Jamescita Peshlakai

Committee on Government and Judiciary

Chair Senator Analise Ortiz

Committee on Health
Chair Senator-elect Alma Hernandez

Committee on Human Services
Chair Senator-elect Patricia Contreras

Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs
Chair Senator Kiana Sears

Committee on Transportation, Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs
Chair Senator Catherine Miranda

Committee on Finance
Chair Senator Brian Fernandez

Committee on Water
Chair President-elect Priya Sundareshan

Committee on Rules
Chair Senator-elect Christine Marsh

The Arizona Legislative Session will start on January 11, 2027 and will kick off with the State of the State address by the Governor. Committee hearings will begin either that week or the following week. When we have them, we will share links to a full list of committee members.

Don't forget to sign up for **Environmental Day at the Capitol 2027**. It is scheduled for **February 11th** with registration starting at 8:30 AM, a news conference at 9:00 AM, and the program starting at 9:30 AM.

RSVP and get more details here.

Leading up to Environmental Day, we will have a series of workshops for you to learn more about the process and the issues. Our first one will be ***Learn About the Arizona Legislature and Volunteer Lobbying*** on **Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00 PM**. This will be a virtual workshop.

RSVP for the workshop here.

On January 5th at 10:00 AM, we will be announcing our 2027 Priorities for the Arizona Legislature and Governor at news conference at the Capitol. Let us know if you are interested in attending.

Stay tuned for more information soon and consider joining us for our Member, Volunteer, and Partner Picnic on Sunday. See details below. We hope to see you there!

Many thanks!



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If you have any questions, reach out to sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.

Join Us for Our Annual Member, Volunteer & Partner Recognition Picnic



Join us for our annual Sierra Club Member, Volunteer, and Partner Recognition Picnic at South Mountain Park, Phoenix, AZ 85042. Food and beverages provided.

Register so we can keep you updated and make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Sunday, November 15
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
South Mountain Park and Preserve
Phoenix

RSVP Here

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