

Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter 2020 Voter Guide



Dear Sierra Club Friends,

I hope you are staying well during these extremely challenging times. Our voices and our votes are more important than ever as we seek to address the systemic injustices and unprecedented rollbacks of protections for our air, water, public lands, and wildlife. The global pandemic has highlighted inequities in our communities, including with Indigenous nations who have suffered disproportionately from COVID-19.

While the challenges are many, we also have so much to be hopeful about. We are closer than ever to electing a majority of candidates to the Arizona Corporation Commission who will advance clean solar energy and energy efficiency, impacting the lives of Arizonans for years to come. There are three seats up for Arizona Corporation Commission this cycle. There are four seats for the Arizona Legislature where our endorsed candidates lost by fewer than 2,000 votes last cycle. We have also endorsed a strong candidate for the US Senate.

Whether by voting, volunteering, donating, spreading the word, or all of these – you can make a difference. 2020 has already been a year of changes and challenges, let's also make significant and positive change at the ballot box on November 3rd.

— Korey Hjelmeir, Political Chair



Antelope Canyon. *Photo by Lydia Wilson.*

For President



Joe Biden

Sierra Club has endorsed former Vice-President **Joe Biden** and Senator **Kamala Harris** for President and Vice-President because they are the strongest ticket for climate action. The last four years have included attacks on our democracy, justice, and the climate—we need to reverse

course and turn bold positive climate policies into action. Joe Biden has laid out a strong platform for safeguarding our air and water, transitioning to a clean energy economy, and investing in the communities most impacted by pollution from a fossil fuel-based economy. Senator Harris has a record of holding polluters accountable, and joined with Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in support of the Climate Equity Act, which focuses on centering front-line communities in climate and environmental action.

For US Senate



Mark Kelly

Mark Kelly is running for the U.S. Senate seat against Martha McSally, the anti-environment incumbent appointed by the governor to fill the senate vacancy. While Martha McSally has a horrible record when it comes to voting for the environment, Mark Kelly has a clear vision on

how to move us toward a more sustainable future. He is a strong advocate for action on the climate crisis, supports clean energy, and understands how Arizona is being affected by rising temperatures -- more heat-related deaths, larger wildfires, and more intense drought. Kelly speaks about how he has seen the changes to planet Earth from space and that, in part, is why he is running for this U.S. Senate seat. Sierra Club is excited to endorse Mark Kelly in his election to the U.S. Senate.

For Arizona Corporation Commission



Bill Mundell

Bill Mundell previously served in the Arizona Legislature and as a Corporation Commissioner. In the Arizona Legislature, he cosponsored legislation to promote cleaner air and to fund environmental education, among other positive environmental legislation. During his service on the Arizona Corporation Commission, he was a strong voice for clean air and clean energy, helping to advance a renewable energy standard for Arizona and to deny approval of a power plant siting that would have harmed Picacho Peak State Park. Sierra Club heartily endorses his election to the Arizona Corporation Commission.



Shea Stanfield

Shea Stanfield served previously on the Cave Creek Town Council and has long been involved in advocacy to protect our environment, including an effort to save and protect Spur Cross Ranch, which today is a beautiful area with an abundance of wildlife, cultural resources, and opportunities for hiking. She is a proponent of solar energy with a key goal of ensuring that it is more accessible to a broad spectrum of Arizonans. Sierra Club strongly endorses the election of Shea Stanfield to the Arizona Corporation Commission.



Anna Tovar

Anna Tovar is currently the mayor of Tolleson and previously served in the Arizona Legislature where she was a consistent voice for protecting public health and the environment. Just recently, Tovar was one of only three mayors to speak out against a bill at the legislature that limited local government's tools in addressing climate change. She supports a strong renewable energy standard and utilizing our state's solar energy resources, recognizing that it helps us address climate change, improve air quality, and reduce water use. Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Anna Tovar for the Arizona Corporation Commission

For Phoenix Mayor

Kate Gallego (*i*)

For Coconino Board of Supervisors

Judy Begay

For Maricopa County Recorder

Adrian Fontes (*i*)

For Maricopa County Attorney

Julie Gunnigle

For Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

Jevin Hodge - District 1
Deedra Abboud - District 2
Whitney Walker - District 3
Steve Gallardo (*i*) - District 5

For Pima County Board of Supervisors

Rex Scott - District 1
Matt Heinz - District 2
Sharon Bronson (*i*) - District 3
Steve Diamond - District 4
Adelita Grijalva - District 5

For Pima County Attorney

Laura Conover

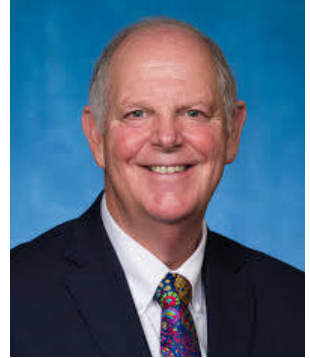
(*i*) = incumbent

For U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona

(i) = incumbent

Congressional District 1: Tom O'Halleran (i)

Representative O'Halleran is running for his third term to serve in the US House of Representatives. He previously served in the Arizona Legislature where he was a strong advocate for more sustainable water policies. Since being elected to serve in CD1, O'Halleran has co-sponsored legislation to protect the Grand Canyon region from uranium mining, a measure to address just and equitable transition for the Navajo Generating Station (NGS), and bills to promote clean energy. The Providing Recovery Opportunities and Mitigating the Industry's Shifting Economics (Promise), proposed to establish job and skills training for employees displaced by the closure of NGS. O'Halleran supported several bills for action on climate, including H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act, to honor the United States' commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement and to recognize the need for immediate action on climate. Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Rep. O'Halleran in his re-election bid for the US House.



Congressional District 3: Raúl Grijalva (i)

Representative Grijalva is an environmental and social justice champion. As chairperson of the House Natural Resources Committee, he has helped to advance both bills and messages to protect Indigenous culture, wildlands, and wildlife, and clean air and clean water. Grijalva has led the effort to keep intact the mineral withdrawal on lands surrounding Grand Canyon and to permanently protect those public lands by introducing and helping to win House passage of the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act to permanently protect more than one million acres of public land surrounding Grand Canyon National Park. He has also led efforts to stop the proposed Rosemont Mine from destroying the Santa Rita Mountains and to reverse the land swap that will allow Resolution Copper to take ownership of Oak Flat.

Sierra Club wholeheartedly endorses Representative Raúl Grijalva.



Congressional District 7: Ruben Gallego (i)

Representative Gallego is a strong advocate for Indigenous people as Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States. He is also an advocate for action on climate change and promoting clean energy resources. Gallego sponsored the Roadless Area Conservation Act to protect unroaded areas of our national forests from development, sponsored the Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act for ensuring sustainable populations of wildlife, and is a co-sponsor of the Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act to protect national forest and Bureau of Land Management lands around Grand Canyon from uranium mining. Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Representative Ruben Gallego.



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Congressional District 6:

Hiral Tipirneni

Dr. Hiral Tipirneni is running to serve in Arizona's sixth congressional district. She is a medical doctor and worked for more than 20 years as an emergency room physician and cancer research advocate. She is a strong advocate for action on climate change and environmental justice and under-

stands the intersection of these issues and their public health implications. Whether it is on clean air or safe drinking water or the many and connected environmental and health issues we face, Tipirneni will be a strong voice in the US House. Sierra Club is proud to endorse Dr. Tipirneni in her race for CD6.



Photo by Heather M. Spencer

Congressional District 8: *Michael Muscato*

Michael Muscato is challenging anti-environmental incumbent Debbie Lesko in this district who has consistently voted against measures to protect our air and water. Muscato is a local business owner, has experience running a campaign, and has a thorough environmental plan. He has also taken a pledge to accept no dollars from fossil fuel companies, recognizes that climate change is the biggest threat facing humanity, and is passionate about creating a better life for Arizonans. Sierra Club is pleased to heartily endorse Michael Muscato.



Congressional District 9: *Greg Stanton (i)*

Greg Stanton is an advocate for action on our climate crisis. He is a co-sponsor of legislation to require economy-wide net-zero greenhouse gas emissions and to direct agencies to reduce emissions, and has called on Congress to do more to help states such as Arizona with the current impacts of the climate crisis, such as drought, fires, and extreme temperatures. Stanton is a strong supporter of parks and other public lands and believes we must do more to clean up our air and water. Sierra Club strongly endorses the candidacy of Greg Stanton for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Your help and energy are needed!

If you would like to get active and help elect environmentally-friendly candidates, contact Korey Hjelmeir at political.chair@grandcanyon.sierraclub.org, or our Chapter office at (602) 253-8633 or grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org.

For Arizona State Senate

- LD 2 Rosanna Gabaldón
- LD 3 Sally Ann Gonzales (*i*)
- LD 4 Lisa Otondo (*i*)
- LD 6 Felicia French
- LD 7 Jamescita Peshlakai (*i*)
- LD 9 Victoria Steele (*i*)
- LD 10 Kirsten Engel
- LD 11 JoAnna Mendoza
- LD 17 AJ Kurdoglu
- LD 18 Sean Bowie (*i*)
- LD 19 Lupe Contreras (*i*)
- LD 20 Douglas Ervin
- LD 22 Sarah Tyree
- LD 23 Seth Blattman
- LD 24 Lela Alston (*i*)
- LD 26 Juan Mendez (*i*)
- LD 27 Rebecca Rios (*i*)
- LD 28 Christine Marsh
- LD 29 Martín J. Quezada (*i*)
- LD 30 Otoniel “Tony” Navarrete (*i*)

LD = Legislative District
(*i*) = incumbent

Note: If a district is not listed, the Grand Canyon Chapter has not yet but may make endorsements for that district.

For Arizona State House of Representatives

- LD 2 Andrea Dalessandro
- LD 3 Andrés Cano (*i*)
- LD 4 Charlene Fernandez (*i*)
Geraldine “Gerae” Peten (*i*)
- LD 6 Coral Evans
- LD 7 Myron Tsosie (*i*)
Arlando Teller (*i*)
- LD 8 Sharon Girard
- LD 9 Randall “Randy” Friese (*i*)
Pamela Powers Hannley (*i*)
- LD 10 Domingo Degrazia (*i*)
Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton
- LD 11 Felipe-Reyes Perez
- LD 17 Jennifer Pawlik (*i*)
- LD 18 Denise “Mitzi” Epstein (*i*)
Jennifer Jermaine (*i*)
- LD 19 Diego Espinoza (*i*)
Lorenzo Sierra (*i*)
- LD 20 Judy Schwiebert
- LD 21 Kathy Knecht
- LD 23 Eric Kurland
- LD 24 Amish Shah (*i*)
Jennifer Longdon (*i*)
- LD 25 Suzanne Hug
- LD 26 Athena Salman (*i*)
- LD 27 Reginald Bolding (*i*)
Diego Rodriguez (*i*)
- LD 28 Kelli Butler (*i*)
Aaron Lieberman (*i*)
- LD 29 Richard Andrade (*i*)
- LD 30 Raquel Terán (*i*)

About the Endorsement Process

The Grand Canyon Chapter’s extensive endorsement process includes evaluating candidates’ completed questionnaires, reviewing voting records (for incumbents and previously elected officials) and community and civic participation, and, in some cases, conducting personal interviews with the candidates. All endorsements are approved by elected Chapter leaders (Executive Committee). The recommendations in this guide reflect the Chapter’s belief that the candidates understand the importance of environmental issues, will work to protect the future of Arizona’s natural treasures, and will represent the public honorably as elected officials.

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This year, the planet is on the ballot. Climate voters can make the difference in this election



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2020 Dates to Remember

- October 5** – last day to register to vote in General Election
- October 7** – early voting begins for the General Election
- October 23** – requests for EARLY BALLOTS for General Election must be submitted to the county
- November 3** – Election Day

Resources

How to Get an Early Ballot:

Call, write, or email your county recorder’s office to request an early ballot.

Resources

Find your polling place here:

<https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/PollingPlaceSearch.do>

How to Find your Legislative District:

<https://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>

Environmental Report Card:

<http://bit.ly/2020SCreportcard>

Local Chapter Activities:

<http://bit.ly/SCAZevents>

How to Register to Vote:

<https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter>



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County Recorder Phone Numbers – Listed by County

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Apache County | (928) 337-7515 | Greenlee County | (928) 865-2632 | Pima County | (520) 724-4330 |
| Cochise County | (520) 432-8570 | La Paz County | (928) 669-6136 | Pinal County | (520) 866-6830 |
| Coconino County | (928) 679-7860 | Maricopa County | (602) 506-1511 | Santa Cruz County | (520) 375-7990 |
| Gila County | (928) 402-8731 | Mohave County | (928) 753-0767 | Yavapai County | (928) 771-3248 |
| Graham County | (928) 428-3560 | Navajo County | (928) 524-4191 | Yuma County | (928) 373-6034 |

Most county recorders will allow you to request an early ballot through their internet site. This web address has links for contacting each County Recorder: <http://www.azsos.gov/election/county.htm>.