

Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter 2018 Voter Guide



Dear Sierra Club Friends,

This is a critical election for the future of our state and our country. All of us can play a part in helping to turn the tide for clean air and clean energy, climate justice, and protection of our public lands and wildlife. Whether it is canvassing and voting for your favorite candidates, or helping with and voting yes on Proposition 127 and no on Proposition 306, your votes and your actions make a difference.

Sierra Club's Grand Canyon (Arizona) Chapter has been busy reviewing questionnaires and voting records, conducting interviews, and making recommendations for endorsements of candidates and ballot measures that are listed in this voter guide to assist you with selecting the strongest environmental candidates and ballot measures.

Please review this guide and use it to help with your decisions in this important election and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the candidates or about what else you can do to help support them.

Thank you for your support of Sierra Club and the Grand Canyon Chapter's work to protect our environment. Thank you for voting, acting to support good candidates, and helping make a difference for Arizona and the country.

Warm regards,

Dale Volz, Political Chair



Kanab Creek evening reflections. *Photo by Mitch Stevens.*

For Arizona Governor



David Garcia

David Garcia supports a timely transition to clean energy and Proposition 127, plus wants to help enact stronger policies to protect our air and water and address the challenges of climate change. David Garcia will support programs that better protect our public lands and does not see a wall that harms people, wildlife, and the lands, as the answer for border security. Please join Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter in supporting David Garcia for Governor.

For Arizona Secretary of State



Katie Hobbs

Katie Hobbs has a consistent record of supporting environmental protections and opposing policies that would harm our air and water as a state legislator. She is also a strong advocate for direct democracy, opposing measures to weaken citizen initiatives, and is a supporter of voting rights, as she worked hard against voter suppression measures advanced by the majority in the Legislature. Sierra Club strongly supports Katie Hobbs for Secretary of State.

For Arizona Attorney General



January Contreras

Arizona needs an attorney general with integrity and who understands her role in serving all of the people of our state. **January Contreras** is just the person to do that. She will help to ensure enforcement of environmental laws and hold big polluters accountable, and you will not find her challenging important protections in the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. Sierra Club endorses January Contreras for Arizona attorney general.

For Arizona Corporation Commission



Sandra Kennedy

Sandra Kennedy previously served in the Arizona Legislature and as a Corporation Commissioner. She is a strong advocate for solar energy and energy savings through efficiency and conservation, and she supports Proposition 127. Sandra has repeatedly opposed efforts to weaken Arizona's Renewable Energy Standard, including by voting against trash burning as a renewable energy resource. Sierra Club gives Sandra Kennedy a strong endorsement.

For Phoenix Mayor

Kate Gallego

For Flagstaff Mayor

Coral Evans (*i*)

For Flagstaff City Council

Austin Aslan

For Mesa City Council

Jen Duff (District 4)

Francisco Heredia (District 3) (*i*)



Kiana Sears

Kiana Sears wants to help put the Arizona Corporation Commission back on track to do its job to hold utilities accountable. She supports Proposition 127 and significantly increasing our state's commitment to clean renewable energy such as solar and wind. She also wants to see the Commission do more to watchdog private water companies. Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Kiana Sears for the Arizona Corporation Commission.

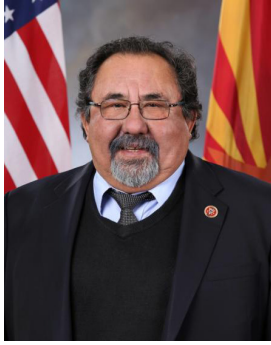
About the Endorsement Process

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.

Your help and energy are needed!

If you would like to get active and help elect environmentally-friendly candidates, contact Dale Volz at (480) 892-5102 or political.chair@grandcanyon.sierraclub.org, or our Chapter office at (602) 253-8633 or grand.canyon.chapter@sierraclub.org.

For U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona



Congressional District 3: *Raúl Grijalva (i)*

(i) = *incumbent*

Representative Grijalva is an environmental and social justice champion. As ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee, he is often the voice for protection of Indigenous culture, wildlands and wildlife, and clean air and clean water. Grijalva has led the charge to keep intact the mineral withdrawal on lands surrounding Grand Canyon and to permanently protect those public lands by introducing the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument Act. He has also led efforts to stop the proposed Rosemont Mine from destroying the Santa Rita Mountains. Sierra Club is pleased to again wholeheartedly endorse Representative Raúl Grijalva.

Congressional District 6: *Anita Malik*

Anita Malik has never run for public office before, but has made it clear she will be an environmental leader. She will focus on justice, fairness, and equity in the natural and human environments and has experience with doing just that in her business and computer technology work. She wrote, “As a woman in tech and in startups, I have often had to lead the way fighting for other women and minorities. . . . In fact, I was named to FOLIO’s “40 Under 40” list for leadership with East West magazine and the ability to eloquently promote and support a multicultural America, equality and justice.” Sierra Club is pleased to endorse Anita Malik in District 6.



Congressional District 7: *Ruben Gallego (i)*

Long before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, **Representative Gallego** was a strong advocate for action on climate change. He spoke up consistently for solar energy and a timely transition away from fossil fuels, including with various veterans’ groups. As a veteran, he sees clearly how climate change is a threat to our national security and has been a persistent advocate for taking action, challenging his colleagues in the House to do more to address it now. Gallego has fought and consistently voted against legislation and riders that would harm our air, water, lands, and wildlife. Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Representative Ruben Gallego.

Congressional District 8: *Hiral Tipirneni*

Dr. Hiral Tipirneni has never held elective office, but ran a very strong campaign in the special election for Congressional District 8. Dr. Tipirneni is an emergency room physician with 20 years of experience in the Phoenix area. She wrote, “As a candidate, I have spoken repeatedly and advocated for the critical importance of preserving our natural resources, combating climate change, working towards a green economy, protecting our public lands, and ensuring environmental justice throughout not only Arizona but our entire nation.” Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Dr. Tipirneni in her run for U.S. House of Representatives.



Congressional District 9: *Greg Stanton*

Greg Stanton served as Phoenix mayor for six years before deciding to run for Congress in the ninth district. As mayor, he supported efforts to reduce the city’s greenhouse gas emissions, expansion of the light rail and city buses, and increasing energy efficiency and the use of clean renewable energy. He is a strong supporter of parks and other public lands and believes we must do more to clean up our air and water, not less as is being proposed by many in Congress. Sierra Club is pleased to endorse the candidacy of Greg Stanton for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ballot Measures

Proposition 306 Will Harm Clean Elections!

Prop. 306 is one more bad idea from an Arizona Legislature that is out of touch with the people. Sierra Club strongly supported Clean Elections in 1998, when it was placed on the ballot via a citizen initiative, and has consistently supported it as the Legislature has sought to neuter its enforcement to discourage candidates who would rely on people rather than big money interests to fund their campaigns.

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission is an important part of the Clean Elections program as it serves as a key watchdog, helping to safeguard our elections. It is nonpartisan and doesn't do the bidding of one party or another. Prop. 306 would weaken the Citizens Clean Elections Commission and subject it to more control by whoever is governor, via a governor-appointed board. This would make it difficult for the Clean Elections Commission to fulfill its responsibilities to voters, including providing accurate and nonpartisan information on the candidates and enforcing key elections rules. **Please vote NO on Proposition 306.**

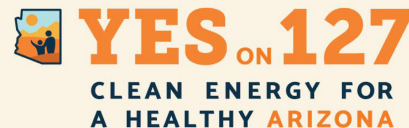


Proposition 127 Will Reduce Air Pollution that is Fouling Our Air and Changing Our Climate.

Sierra Club is committed to protecting the health of the people of Arizona as well as our abundant and beautiful public lands, including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, rivers and streams, and wildlife.

But all of these are at risk because of human-caused climate change. We already see the impacts in record heat, perennial drought conditions, and intensified forest fires. The heat amplifies some urban air pollutants, aggravating ground-level pollution and increasing health risks for the most vulnerable in our communities, including asthma sufferers. Prop 127, the Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona initiative, will help us to begin addressing climate change by reducing our reliance on dirty fossil fuels for generating electricity. It will require utilities such as Arizona Public Service (APS) and Tucson Electric Power (TEP) to generate half of their electricity from clean renewable sources by 2030, up from 15 percent today.

Passage of Prop 127 will mean fewer smokestacks spewing pollution into our air, fewer water intensive power plants, and more energy from clean, reliable solar. **Please vote YES on Proposition 127!**



Proposition 419 (Flagstaff) Inadequately Funds Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements.

Sierra Club recognizes transportation planning is not only a key function of the state and federal government, but also local government. However, the process the city used to determine whether to put this sales tax on the ballot was flawed for several reasons. The City staff didn't bring forward any information to the Citizen's Transportation Tax Commission about greenhouse gas emissions and climate change despite the fact that the City Council has directed the City to produce a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. Surveys demonstrate that the people in Flagstaff strongly support bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure, yet the amount of the sales tax that will be used to address these needs is woefully inadequate. If this sales tax is approved, it will actually create MORE TRAFFIC congestion. **We urge a NO vote on Proposition 419.**

Proposition 420 (Scottsdale) Gives Voters a Say on Construction in Preserve.

Sierra Club supports Prop. 420 to amend the city charter to require a public vote for any new construction on McDowell Sonoran Preserve land and for determining the use of Preserve funds for anything other than land acquisition and building approved trails.

We appreciate some aspects of the proposed Desert Edge project, particularly those educational aspects offered by Arizona State University and efforts to provide greater accessibility for people with disabilities. The \$61 million, six-acre, 47,000 square foot tourist attraction is better suited to a location off Preserve lands to avoid diminishing the very qualities for which it was established. **Please vote YES and give Scottsdale residents a better voice in the future management of their beautiful McDowell Sonoran Preserve.**

For Arizona State Senate

- LD 1 Jo Craycraft
- LD 2 Andrea Dalessandro (*i*)
- LD 3 Sally Ann Gonzales
- LD 4 Lisa Otondo (*i*)
- LD 7 Jamescita Peshlakai (*i*)
- LD 9 Victoria Steele
- LD 10 David Bradley (*i*)
- LD 11 Ralph Atchue
- LD 13 Michelle Harris
- LD 15 Kristin Dybvig-Pawelko
- LD 17 Steve Weichert
- LD 18 Sean Bowie (*i*)
- LD 19 Lupe Chavira Contreras (*i*)
- LD 20 Douglas Ervin
- LD 23 Daria Lohman
- LD 24 Lela Alston
- LD 25 Kathy Mohr-Almeida
- LD 26 Juan Mendez (*i*)
- LD 27 Rebecca Rios
- LD 28 Christine Marsh
- LD 29 Martín J. Quezada (*i*)
- LD 30 Otoniel “Tony” Navarrete

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 Central Arizona Water Conservation District Maricopa County voters only

The Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) is a 15-member board that oversees and manages operation of Central Arizona Project (CAP), a 336-mile canal that brings Colorado River water into the Phoenix area and south to Tucson. Sierra Club’s Grand Canyon Chapter is pleased to endorse these candidates due to their commitment to looking at more sustainable water policies and clean energy to move that water.

Terry Goddard
Heather Macre
Jennifer Martin



For Arizona State House of Representatives

- LD 2 Rosanna Gabaldón (*i*)
Daniel Hernandez Jr. (*i*)
- LD 3 Andres Cano
- LD 4 Charlene Fernandez (*i*)
Geraldine “Gerae” Peten (*i*)
- LD 6 Felicia French
Bobby Tyler
- LD 7 Myron Tsosie
- LD 9 Randall “Randy” Friese (*i*)
Pamela Powers Hannley (*i*)
- LD 10 Kirsten Engel (*i*)
Domingo DeGrazia
- LD 11 Hollace Lyon
- LD 12 Joe Bisaccia
- LD 15 Jennifer Samuels
- LD 17 Jennifer Pawlik
- LD 18 Denise “Mitzi” Epstein (*i*)
Jennifer Jermaine
- LD 19 Diego Espinoza (*i*)
Lorenzo Sierra
- LD 20 Hazel Chandler
Christopher “Chris” Gilfillan
- LD 21 Bradley Hughes
- LD 22 Valerie Harris
- LD 23 Eric Kurland
- LD 24 Amish Shah
- LD 26 Isela Blanc (*i*)
Athena Salman (*i*)
- LD 27 Reginald Bolding (*i*)
Diego Rodriguez
- LD 28 Kelli Butler (*i*)
- LD 29 Richard Andrade (*i*)



Sierra Club volunteers have been busy canvassing AZ in support of Prop. 127.
Photo by Jason Zeikowitz.



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2018 Dates to Remember

- October 9** – last day to register to vote in General Election
- October 10** – early voting begins for the General Election
- October 26** – requests for EARLY BALLOTS for General Election must be submitted to the county
- November 6** – 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/2018SCreportcard>

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

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>.