

Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter 2020 Voter Guide



Hello Sierra Club friends,

It is that time again and, though I sometimes wonder when the sentiment will ever change, it is clear to me that this is the most important election I have ever faced. We have seen unprecedented destruction of our public lands and threats to wildlife not just here in Arizona but nationally as well. We have seen historic rollbacks of protections of clean air, clean water, and endangered species. Along with all of this, we are facing a global pandemic and there has been a swell of protests against police brutality as a bright light shines on the continued inequities and injustices. It has been quite the year.

Through all of this, it is incredible that we also have so much to be hopeful for. We have so many opportunities for change. We are closer than ever to electing a majority of pro-environment candidates to the Arizona Corporation Commission, which would impact the lives of Arizonans for years to come and help significantly with our climate justice work. There are 4 seats for the Arizona Legislature where our endorsed candidates lost by less than 2,000 votes last cycle, one by only 268. We have also endorsed a great candidate for the US Senate. We can make change here in Arizona.

By working together to get these candidates elected, we have a chance to change what is happening in our state, our communities, and our country. Whether by voting, volunteering, donating, spreading the word, or all of these – you can make a difference.

2020 has already been a historic year, let's also make history at the ballot box in August and come November.

— *Korey Hjelmair, Political Chair*



Sky on fire. Photo by Heather M. Spencer

For U.S. 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 U.S. House of Representatives

(i) = incumbent



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.



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.

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 protection, equity, and justice, and will work to promote these as elected officials. Look for additional local endorsements in the coming weeks!

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 Arizona State Senate

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

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)
LD 9 Randall "Randy" Friese (i) Pamela Powers Hannley (i)
LD 10 Domingo DeGrazia (i) Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton
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)

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.



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2020 Dates to Remember

- July 6** – last day to register to vote in Primary Election
- July 8** – early voting begins for the Primary Election
- July 24** – requests for EARLY BALLOTS for Primary Election must be submitted to the county
- August 4** – Election Day

Resources

Due to the impacts of COVID19, **vote by mail** is more important than ever. Please sign up for vote by mail, if you are able! azsos.gov/votebymail

Resources

- Find your Polling Place:**
voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/PollingPlaceSearch.do
- How to Find your Legislative District:**
azredistricting.org/districtlocator
- Chapter Legislative Updates:**
sierraclub.org/arizona/legislative
- How to Get an Early Ballot:**
 Call, write, or email your county recorder's office to request an early ballot.



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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: azsos.gov/election/county.htm.