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

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 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 frontline communities in climate and environmental action.
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 Corporation Commission

Bill Mundell

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
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.
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 understands 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.

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)

For Arizona State House of Representatives

LD 2 Andrea Dalessandro
LD 3 Andrés Cano (i)
LD 4 Charlene Fernandez (i)
GD 7 Myron Tsosie (i)
LD 10 Arlando Teller (i)
LD 11 Randolph “Randy” Friese (i)
LD 17 Pamela Powers Hannley (i)
LD 18 Domingo Degrazia (i)
LD 21 Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton
LD 11 Felipe-Reyes Perez
LD 17 Jennifer Pawlik (i)
LD 18 Denise “Mitzi” Epstein (i)
LD 19 Jennifer Jermaine (i)
LD 20 Diego Espinoza (i)
LD 21 Judith Schwiebert
LD 23 Eric Kurland
LD 24 Amish Shah (i)
LD 25 Jennifer Longdon (i)
LD 26 Suzanne Hug
LD 26 Athena Salman (i)
LD 27 Reginald Bolding (i)
LD 28 Diego Rodriguez (i)
LD 28 Kelli Butler (i)
LD 29 Richard Andrade (i)
LD 30 Raquel Terán (i)

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

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.

JOIN ME! BE A CLIMATE VOTER

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

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:

Local Chapter Activities:

How to Register to Vote:
https://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter

County Recorder Phone Numbers – Listed by County

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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.