

Arizona Democratic Party State Committee Meeting 9/25/2021  
Held on Zoom

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Welcome by Jeanne Lunn. Review of decorum and disclaimer for entering the virtual meeting space.

Call to order 10:01am by Chair Teran, Welcome remarks summary - Thanks to all attending. Review of reasons the chat box is kept closed during the meeting. Appreciation for confirming the Code of Conduct and agreeing to abide by it. Announcing creation of a Policies & Procedures committee to fine tune the Anti-Harassment policies and process.

Pledge of Allegiance led by veteran Joan McDermott

Tribal Land Acknowledgement by Gabriel Garcia, member of the Tohono O'odham.

Moment of Silence for those Democrats recently passed.

Executive Director's Report by Charlie Fisher

Democrats are focused on solving problems and passed the American Rescue Plan. From the White House to local school boards they are working hard despite right wing conspiracy theory attacks. Arizona launched project 15/30 to build party infrastructure, register voters, and engage communities throughout the year. We made significant investment in the counties to solidify and expand recent gains. We stood up against the sham audit from day one. We must continue to be vigilant to protect voter rights. Thank you to the staff of ADP and ADLCC for their hard work everyday. We know midterms are tough, but if we work hard we can continue to put Arizona on a positive path.

Update from Elections Director Franny Sharpe

**Visit [azdem.org/redistricting](https://azdem.org/redistricting) to get updates and sign up to volunteer.**

The biggest update is that the first grid map is published. There is a round of public hearings now through Oct 7th. Please stay involved and continue to support the fight for fair and competitive maps that protect the voting power of communities.

Update from the Mission for Arizona Coordinated Campaign

They are bringing on staff earlier than ever. In August they ran a Welcome Week on campuses to register students and hire paid Fellows to work on the campaign.

The program will be bilingual from day one and more events are planned. There are just over 13 months to go and they are well underway to building a strong program.

#### Update from ADLCC Executive Director Liz Luna

Arizona has a great opportunity to flip the state legislature in the 2022 election. The GOP is hurting Arizonans with their attack on voting rights, education funding, and more. We have had several changes at the state legislature with resignations of several people who will be running for higher office. ADLCC is working closely with LD Chairs to ensure a smooth transition during the appointment process to fill these seats. We continue to build infrastructure to run modern campaigns and hire more senior staff.

Chair's Update on Ballot initiatives - We applaud the work done by those working on ballot initiatives to protect the right to vote and fund education. We support these initiatives and encourage everyone to sign and support these measures.

#### Remarks from Sec of State Katie Hobbs

Remember we must continue to protect the vote and push back against the GOP attack on our rights. Thank you to all those doing the work.

#### Remarks from Superintendent of Education Kathy Hoffman

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to elect Democrats. This past legislative session should have been focused on COVID recovery, but instead the GOP majority used it to attack education funding. We have the momentum to flip Arizona in the upcoming election.

#### Remarks from Corporation Commission Member Sandra Kennedy

Thank you to party volunteers and staff for their hard work to elect and re-election Democrats at every level. It is important to continue winning statewide races to steer Arizona in a positive direction.

#### Remarks from Affirmative Action Chair Xenia Orona

Presentation of aggregate results of the demographic survey sent to PCs earlier this year. As a party we should continue to empower and include communities of color and those typically excluded from leadership.

#### Remarks from the Chair

Thank you to the State Committee members for being flexible regarding the date of this meeting. When the date for the Women's March was announced we knew

it was the right thing to move the meeting, so that we can march in the streets to support women from every part of society in our demand for rights. The Republican Party shows time and time again that they care more for the former President than they do for their neighbors and voters. That is why 2021 is the year Arizona really builds a permanent state-wide organizing program.

We are hiring organizers who live in the communities they are working in. We are committed to raising up local leaders. We are organizing community service events and serving the communities we are asking to entrust us with leading Arizona. Please find a local event and join us for this week of action across the state.

Three asks

1. We need your participation in the week of action.
2. We are in the final stretch of redistricting, please help.
3. Join us for candidate town halls to hear directly from Democratic leaders.

Remarks from Rep Raul Grijalva- The country needs strong leadership and help to make it through these next years. We have important work to do and it needs to be done together.

Remarks from Rep Greg Standton - The US House is passing many important pieces of legislation. He urges the removal of the filibuster to allow these items to pass the Senate as well.

Remarks from Rep Ruben Gallegos - We're working hard to support the 15/30 program and make sure we are victorious in 2022. From the January 6th insurrection to the terrible Texas laws, we see the danger posed by extremists. We need to bring more Democrats back next year.

Report on Quorum by Secretary Suzanne Hug - 909 is the total membership. 364 required for quorum. 676 present in person or by proxy, so quorum is met.

Minutes from the last meeting approved without corrections.

Treasurer's report by Rick McGuire - We are having an excellent year. Fundraising is strong, and expenses are up as well due to organizing early and legal costs to bring transparency during the sham audit. Reminder to County and LD Treasurers - there are some changes coming up, please email or call

Rick McGuire with any questions. Photos of the new building for the ADP offices shared.

Review of voting process by Jeanne Lunn. As voting has been done several times this way, votes will be limited to 3 minutes.

Bylaws changes presented by Rules chair Anne Greenberg . Thank you to the committee and those who attended the last rules meeting.

1. Updates regarding Caucuses & Councils bylaws to correct. Anne moves for passage, no second is needed. Took questions to clarify what kinds of accommodations could be considered. **Vote taken, Yes = 480, No= 8. The amendment passed.**
2. To remove a line under the Treasurer duties to remove a line that Legal Council overrides the Treasurer's decision. Anne moves for passage, no second is needed. **Vote taken, Yes = 522, No =4. The amendment passed.**
3. Changing Affirmative Action Committee and Moderator to Equity Committee and Moderator. Anne moves for passage, no second is needed. **Vote taken, Yes = 515, No = 13. The amendment passed.**

Resolutions committee Chair Rina Wojck presents on behalf of the Resolutions committee.

1. Predatory Debt Collection Protection Act resolution. Rina moves for passage, no second is needed. Vote taken, Yes = 504, No = 13. The Motion passes.
2. Reaffirm support for ending the Filibuster and potential future action. Rina moves for passage, no second is needed.  
Amendment proposed by Kathy Kinsella. To change "and" to "or" in the Resolved section. Brianna Westbrook called the question to stop debate. Vote to stop debate and call the question on the amendment.

**Vote taken to call the question Yes = 476 , No = 39. The motion passes.**

**Vote taken on the amendment Yes = 427, No = 90. The amendment passes.**

**Vote taken to call the question and end debate. Yes = 454 , No = 45 . Debate is closed.**

**Vote taken on the resolution. Yes = 415, No = 215 . The motion passes.**

Platform committee presentation by Brianna Westbrook.

1. Platform amendment declaring racism is a public health crisis. Brianna moves for passage, no second is needed. **Vote taken Yes = 437, No = 13. The amendment passes.**
2. Platform amendment opposing construction of a border wall. Brianna moves for passage, no second is needed. **Vote taken Yes = 386, No = 12. The amendment passes.**

Closing remarks from the Chairwoman summary - Thank you to all the committee chairs and members for their work on the business presented today. When Democrats govern, everyone prospers. See you in Jan 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Suzanne Hug, ADP Secretary