

Arizona Democratic Party State Committee Meeting 5/21/2022

Held on Zoom

Opening Statement- 12 noon-Chair Raquel Teran

Hi everyone. I call the State Committee meeting to order. Good morning, Democrats. I am so happy to join you today. Let's get started. We'll start with a pledge of allegiance led by Silvia Gonzales Andersh. Sylvia is a veteran and was a sergeant in the United States Air Force. After her service, she spent 20 years and Veteran Affairs hospitals taking care of veterans. She comes from a family of veterans, and we are grateful for her service and that she is here with us today. Sylvia over to you.

Pledge of Allegiance- 12:01pm-Silvia Gonzales Andersh

Tribal land acknowledgement 12:02pm- Salt River Pima Indian Community Vice President
Ricardo Leonard—Video

Introduction of Parliamentarian- 12:04pm Chair Raquel Teran

Dr. Joe Theobald.

In Memorium- 12:05pm

Kathleen (Kathy) Barber, Lois Pfau, Jon Miles, Gail Beeler, CJ Briggie, Larry Salter, Ed Gielow, Stan Lubin, Rep. Herschella Horton, Robert McLendon, Sen. Olivia Cajero Bedford and Sen. David Bradley.

Statewide Roll Call-12:07pm- Counties.

Coconino County- First vice chair of the Coconino County Democratic Party.
Maricopa County- Chair of Maricopa County Democratic Party
Mohave County- 2nd vice Chair of Mohave County Democratic Party.
Navajo County- Chair of Navajo County
Pima County- Chair Pima County Democratic Party
Pinal County- Chair Pinal County Democratic Party and Chair Ld16
Santa Cruz County- Chair Santa Cruz County Democratic Party.
Graham County- 1st Vice Chair Graham County Democratic Party.
Greenlee County- Chair Greenlee County Democratic Party
Yuma County- Chair Yuma County Democratic Party.
Cochise County- Chair Cochise County Democratic Party

Chairs Report- 12:21pm- Chair Raquel Teran

Hello, Arizona Democrats. Thank you all for joining us today. It was incredible to hear from folks all over Arizona who spent their morning talking to voters about the midterm elections. I want

to thank all the organizers who work so hard this morning, and for making the first ever hybrid state committee possible. We are so grateful for Mission for Arizona, the ADLCC, our Id and county chairs, and every candidate and elected official who helped launch a canvass across Arizona this morning. These past two years have deeply affected all of us and it has brought headache, loss and grief into our lives. But today I am excited and grateful that our democratic communities across Arizona have come together. And we all know that the stakes have never been higher. The COVID 19 pandemic claimed over 1 million lives across the United States. Arizona families bore the brunt of the politicizing of the pandemic, losing our loved ones because the GOP was more interested in scoring cheap political points than helping working families. And we have continued to see the far-right takeover of the Republican Party make things worse for working families over here that are at our Arizona state legislature we have seen the most extreme far right agenda move forward, attacking voters based on conspiracy theories, attacking our students, our teachers, and parents with the underfunding of public schools. Overturning the will of the voters, eroding our most fundamental constitutional right to have control over our reproductive health care, our basic human fundamental right to seek an abortion without persecution from the state. All of this with a slimmest possible margins in the legislature. This is not an agenda that serves the people of Arizona. Arizona once rejected Trump in 2020.

We sent Mark Kelly to the US Senate and elected a state government to fight for them. Instead, Ducey and his handpick Republican legislature are at war with the working class. Instead of helping solve problems, Republicans can't be bothered to lend a helping hand when the American people asked for help through the pandemic, not one single Republican in Congress voted for the American rescue plan. When the American people asked for the bipartisan infrastructure law, not a single Arizona Republican voted for it. That is why we need democratic governments. That is why we need democratic governance. When Democrats won in 2020. We committed to governing, especially when times got hard when times got tough. While Republicans sow division and conspiracy theories Democrats deliver. This is why these midterms are critical. The extremist takeover of the Republican Party is a danger to the American people. Like many of you, for the past couple of weeks after the news broke about the leaked draft Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade. I have been furious and sad and at times, just frozen. At times, all I can think about is the women and families we work so hard to protect and support, who will now suffer at the hands of the Supreme Court and the Republican Party. But united as Democrats, we know that decisions about abortion and reproductive health care should be an individual decision. And we will not be deterred by the cruelty coming from the Republicans, Republicans who have been setting this up for decades, and their playbook has never been clearer. They will stop at nothing to ban to bully and dehumanize anyone who does not look and behave the way they want them to. Here in Arizona, we have laws from over 100 years ago that are still on the books that would potentially jail women and their doctors for trying to get an abortion. We have tried and tried to repeal these bad laws, but the Republicans have not worked with Democrats to do so. And just a few weeks ago, Governor Ducey signed another bill restricting abortion. If roe is overturned, there will be lots of confusion and chaos in Arizona where politicians and the legal community will have a debate over which laws take precedence. Think about that. Once overturned, this is going to be a debate of who exactly should be thrown in jail for exercising their constitutional rights. Families will suffer and people

will die because of what these Republicans have done. Because Republicans are willing to use every sneaky slimy, dishonest tactic in the book, Arizona and America is moving closer and closer to being governed by a fringe minority. There are not the pro-life party they claim to be. They are pro control, and they are anti freedom. It has been a hard few weeks, but today, I will tell you, here I am feeling my anger turned into productive energy. I still have hope in my heart. And a large part of that. Hope comes from all of you here alongside us in this fight. Your Arizona Democratic Party and our candidates are going to use every single tool in our box to not only fight attacks on access to abortion, but we're going to ensure every Arizona voters know what we are doing to protect their constitutional rights, and how the Republicans are determined to ensure our grandchildren have less rights than our grandparents. We know that the majority of Arizonans want to have access to safe, affordable and legal abortion services.

The Republican Party refuses to represent the values and opinions of Arizonans. Republicans are too preoccupied with pleasing their wealthy out of state donors and the fringe minority. They've totally lost sight of finding real solutions for real as Arizonans which is why we must return the power to the people. And all that starts with passing the Arizona for fair elections. Just a few months ago, we came together to formally endorse this groundbreaking initiative, which will protect our right to vote, It's integral to the fight against extremist Republicans. It restores the permanent early voting list. It adds polling locations on tribal lands. It allows voters to vote in any county or precinct. It restricts gifts from lobbyist. It rolls back many of the restrictions that Republicans have placed on citizen initiatives, which have made it easy for the courts to throw out 1000s of valid voter signatures and invalidate these measures because voters can have their say. These changes are so critical. After Republicans are in a state legislature put up barriers to vote, they attack the right to vote because they know their ideas are not popular. They know the only way for them to get what they want is by silencing the voice of the people. They have proved time and time again. They do not care about what the people think they have exposed their total disregard and disdain for voters. That's why they work to get proposition 208, overturned, and pass the tax cut tax cut for the rich that voters did not approve. That is why they passed a 15-week abortion ban and refuse to repeal these antiquated laws that criminalize abortion. So, if we want to make sure our voices are heard, and policies are passed, that the majority of voters support, we need to have an election system that is free and fair. We need a system where everyone no matter their zip code, their party registration, the race has equal access to the ballot. We need to get this initiative on the ballot so that Arizonans can show once again, we will not be silenced. We need from all of you to get that done. Let's talk to voters. Let's circulate these petitions, knock on doors, send text messages, make phone calls. So let's do our part. As the Arizona Democratic Party, we are committed to collecting 15,000 signatures to protect democracy. Many of you did this amazing work this morning. We have just over a month before signatures are due and the Arizona Democratic Party is going to do all that we can to help this initiative qualify for the ballot. So thank you for your support and the help for this effort. And also, I want to share what we're doing to make sure that we end strong in November. The Arizona Democratic Party has made critical investment in our infrastructure to win up and down the ballot. We started the coordinated campaign with mission for Arizona earlier than ever before. The Arizona Democratic legislative campaign committee is working with local and national stakeholders to protect and expand our wins down the ballot and supporting the amazing work our counties across Arizona are doing. I really want to take a moment to

acknowledge that work. That work of talking and listening to voters and engaging our communities with the work of the Democratic Party would not be possible without all of you and our amazing partners. Now is a time for Democrats to unify to ensure we are working together to get our message out there and turn Arizona blue this November. Next year, I look forward to welcoming back project 15/30 As a part of the Arizona Democratic Party commitment to organizing an off cycle years and to continue supporting our counties across the state. We're excited to be working with Rural Power Labs, joining Contest Every Race and doing work in counties to build sustainable infrastructure. It is an experimental support programs incubated by the movement labs that partners and bolsters the work of our county parties and rural activist nation right. More Rural Power Labs ran a successful pilot in four states last fall and is excited to expand its work and support our efforts here in Arizona. Alongside investments from the state party. This exciting initiative will provide grant funding directly to bolster the amazing work of our county parties. This support is critical to the success of down ballot candidates and ensuring Democrats are reaching voters in every neighborhood and community in Arizona. Today, you all will hear from some just amazing people. Brittany Fantino, a Planned Parenthood, and our very own US Senator Mark Kelly, I hope you leave here today really truly feeling your power and that you will move forward knowing that you are supporting and exercising it. I know people are tired. I feel tired at times, but we must keep fighting for the people who came before us and for the people that will come after us. Our movement did not start when we decided to step into this work. We stand on the shoulders of those who build power and organize so that we could succeed. Together. Arizona Democrats are committed to build an Arizona that empowers people. We build an Arizona that is strong. That is fully funding public schools. We are dreaming of an Arizona where you can get a good paying job to support your family and Arizona where health care health care is equitable, and accessible. And in Arizona, where a person can access safe and legal abortion services. We will do this thanks to all of you at the county level, who are creating a space for Democrats everywhere in red areas in rural areas to get involved and participate in our democracy. You are building this movement from the ground up and this infrastructure will continue to put us at an advantage that will be for decades to come. I will say it every single day the Arizona Democratic Party would not be what it is without you. Thank you for being in this fight. I am so proud. And I'm so grateful to be in this fight with each and every one of you today. Thank you for listening. And now please wait for a short break.

Welcome Senator Mark Kelly- 12:38pm- Chair Raquel Teran

So it is now my absolute pleasure to be joined by our Senator Mark Kelly for some questions and answers. Senator Kelly is a retired US Navy combat pilot, an engineer, and a NASA astronaut. He is a product of public education and made Arizona his permanent home, where he continued to raise his two daughters. Since then, Senator Kelly has spent his time working to make our state and our country a better place, which ultimately led him to become our representative in the United States Senate. There he has really continued the public service as a strong bipartisan voice. And, as an excellent listener, who we can trust to hear our stories. So, thank you for being here with us today. Senator Kelly, you really are doing amazing work representing the people of Arizona in Washington, DC. So today, we wanted to open up a conversation about the work that you're doing in DC, and how the federal government can help provide solutions for issues that

Arizonans are facing on a daily basis. And of course, we want to ensure we send you back to the U S Senate. Welcome Senator Kelly.

Senator Mark Kelly-12:39pm

Thank you, Raquel. And hello, Arizona Democrats really great to be here with all of you. Thanks, everybody, for showing up today. And thank you for all the incredible work you do day in and day out. I know it's not easy. I've been in the Senate now for maybe about 17 months or so. And from day one, I've been focused on delivering results for our state, lowering costs, creating good paying jobs, and trying to fix the way that Washington works. You know, I think folks may have heard me say this before, but the Senate does not function like any other organization I've ever seen or worked at, whether it's NASA, or the Navy. You know, if NASA had the rules of the United States Senate, the rocket ship would never leave the launch pad. So, we're trying to fix this. I've had some you know, real successes, delivering for State, you know, since I got there in December of 2020, we were able to get some a lot of extra support to families during this pandemic, we gave small businesses who were really, really struggling. Many of them had to shut down for a long period of time, we helped get them some relief. And we're a state of over a half a million small businesses. So this has really helped get the economy back on track. I know we still have issues that we have to address. And we're doing that I was involved in this bipartisan infrastructure bill 11, Democrats 11 Republicans working across the aisle to do something that's about improving the future of this country. And in doing that, I made sure that Arizona's interests were part of this plan. You know, fixing roads and bridges, especially for us here in the desert in the West, with a historic drought, a big part of this legislation was to upgrade our water infrastructure. We are a state of a lot of rural areas who folks that live there do not have access to high-speed internet, in this legislation addresses that issue. My office, the hard-working folks that work in my office, and the ones that do constituent services especially, have returned over I think it's over \$10 million dollars back to Arizonans by getting them the benefits that they were owed by the federal government. So, you know, I'm really proud about what we've accomplished. So far, I've got a great team, they work incredibly hard. But you all know this, I mean, we've got an election coming up in six months. And you know, it's going to be challenging. So, we're going to work together, we got to, we got to work and if we do that, I think we're gonna have a lot of success. So, with that, Raquel, back to you, and I'm happy to take some questions.

Chair Raquel Teran- 12:42pm Roe v Wade

Thank you so much, Senator Kelly. I am, I'm really excited to report that today, we had a morning of action, where we had more than 300 people knocking on doors, contacting voters sharing what Democrats deliver. And so, we were already on the ground. Let me ask you, let me ask you a question with regards to Roe versus Wade, I know you have been championing this issue, you have been very vocal, and we are so appreciative of that matter. What can you do to ensure that politicians are accountable to their votes and not the fringe minority or the special interests?

Answer Senator Mark Kelly- 12:43pm

Well, let me just start by saying, if the draft's Supreme Court decision becomes the actual decision, I mean, this is a giant leap backwards for our country. My granddaughter turns one tomorrow, and it's, you know, really horrible to think that she's going to have fewer rights, possibly than my grandmother. And for over 50 years, you know, a half a century, women have had a fundamental right to make a decision about abortion and their own health care. And, you know, right, right here in Arizona, I mean, we've seen significant abortion restrictions, even before this decision, but I think more will follow. Hey, I trust women, you know, not politicians make the decision. I voted to protect those rights with the piece of legislation called the Women's Health Protection Act. I think the best way we fight back against this is to just stay involved and work hard. You know winning these elections, statewide elections, but also local elections. They're challenging and often the person that wins is the person that ran the better campaign, had more resources, had more volunteers, you know, had people making more calls and knocking on more doors, that that really matters. So I mean, if you believe in this stuff, you know, keep helping the Arizona Democratic Party, help candidates volunteer in your community, and you know, elect, you know, folks who are going to defend your rights. And I think if we if we do that, and we work harder than the other side, we'll be successful.

Chair Raquel Teran- 12:44pm

What are the steps that you are advocating for to make DC and really our democracy work better?

Answer Senator Mark Kelly- 12:45pm

I was really surprised, actually, it was worse than I thought when I got there. But, you know, up close when you see what's really going on, you see how important legislation can be stalled because of whether it's partisan gridlock. Or could be maybe because politicians are paying more attention to other things, things they shouldn't be paying attention to. Like what's in the best interest of some corporation or some political donor, some company that donates money, you know, corporate PAC money being donated to a campaign to help somebody get elected. I mean, that happens where people are paying more closer attention to that, or closer attention to their own personal interests, what they have their personal, you know, money invested in. So, I mean, I've been a public servant for most of my adult life, I went to the Navy when I was 22 years old. I went to NASA when I was 32 years old. You know, I learned early on that we should be focused on the mission, and not our own personal self-interests, and certainly not a political party. So, when I got to the Senate, I did decide that I was going to do things a little bit differently even before I got to the Senate. So, one thing is I don't take corporate PAC money. That's not unique in the United States Senate. But it's, you know, it's sort of rare. I mean, every Republican takes corporate PAC money, and I'd say, probably the majority of the Democrats. So, I introduced legislation to ban corporate PAC money. Raquel, as you mentioned, I publish my official schedule online so people can see what I'm working on and how I'm spending my time. I also introduced legislation to require other members of Congress to do this. And I also put our assets, you know, both Gabby and me into what's called a qualified blind trust, so I have no control over them. And it goes beyond that. I don't even know what they're invested in anymore. And I feel those are necessary steps. So, no corporate PAC money, official schedule, qualified blind trust. There are 535 members of Congress, right? There's 435 in the house, there

are 100. US senators, right now, you know, how many folks don't take corporate PAC money, publish their official schedule, and put their assets into a blind trust? I am the only one. The only person that has done that. Its really important to me that we're transparent, ethical, accountable and if every Senator would do those three things, the place would run a lot better. I am convinced of that.

Chair Teran- 12:48pm

That's amazing. Thank you for that transparency, you're a role model to so many of us as elected officials. We're just so proud you're representing us in the US Senate. We know you are full speed ahead and delivering for Arizona. What can we do to support your race? And I know you alluded to some but reiterate it for us, Senator.

Answer Senator Mark Kelly- 12:49pm

in 2020, my campaign and the Arizona Democratic Party worked really closely together to get out the vote and knocking on doors. The pandemic affected that. So that was not ideal. But we did knock on a bunch of doors, but we made a ton of phone calls, and we worked really, really hard together to get out the vote. So, we have to continue to do that. There were so many other folks up and down the ballot that benefited from all this hard work. So, I mean, it's just a matter of continuing to do that. I mean, talking to your neighbors, your coworkers if you're allowed to do that. Depends on where you work. But if you're allowed, making phone calls, reaching out to friends and family, and making a case for why it's not only important to elect me, but to elect other Democrats here in the state of Arizona, you know, national Republicans, I mean, they're going to work really, really hard to win the Senate seat. They're doing it already. They're spending, you know, millions of dollars on TV. We've got to work against that momentum. I think if we do that I have I have a really good chance of getting reelected, and other Democrats do as well. I think the good news for us is, I think in general, we, you know, we generally work harder here, and I think we're more focused on the mission. I think we're a little less focused on the politics and the personalities and all that stuff. It's less chaotic and it allows us as a organization, to be more focused on, you know, what the job at hand is. I'm sure you've heard me say this, but I've flown combat missions. dozens of times, I've flown into space four times, but never once that I do, but that by myself, none of those things. It's always been as part of a bigger team. And here in Arizona for this election, the team is the Arizona Democratic Party.

Welcome Brittany Fonteno - President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Arizona- 12:52pm- Chair Raquel Teran

Thank you so much. I'm so excited that we got to connect with our US Senator, Senator Mark Kelly. Now, we are we're going to hear from a leader that we as Arizonans need to get behind and support. At a time when abortion access is under attack. Planned Parenthood is doing everything to fight misinformation and provide critical health care that we need. I am so proud to introduce Brittany Fonteno, the President, and the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Arizona. She is a seasoned strategist with 15 years of experience in health care, and advocacy, communication, organizational operations, fundraising and coalition building. Brittany, I'm so proud that you are here in Arizona, and being the leader that we need for this moment. Brittany, over to you.

Brittany Fonteno- 12:54pm

Thank you so much, Raquel. Good afternoon. Thank you so much for inviting me to join you all today. My name is Brittany Fonteno, and I'm the new president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Arizona and Planned Parenthood advocates of Arizona. So for those who may not know Planned Parenthood, Arizona is the state's largest provider of sexual and reproductive health care services, inclusive sex education and bold advocacy. Planned Parenthood advocates of Arizona is our advocacy and political arm dedicated to advancing reproductive freedom for all people through policy, advocacy and elections. While I'm new to PPAC I'm not new to the reproductive freedom space. I've spent the past 15 years working in the movement for sexual and reproductive health rights and justice. I started off really young as a peer educator and student organizer on my college campus and felt so deeply in love with this movement that I decided to make this my life's work. I've been with Planned Parenthood in different capacities since 2014 and stepped into my current role in November 2021. And what a whirlwind it's been, if you've turned on the TV or logged onto social media for even 30 seconds within the past couple of weeks than you already know that we're at a pivotal moment in our country's history. Earlier this month, a leaked draft opinion showed that the Supreme Court is prepared to overturn *Roe vs. Wade* and rollback our fundamental right to abortion. Well, this is a draft opinion and not the final decision. It's clear that our deepest fears are coming true. We're at a true crisis moment for abortion access. The court is poised to end the constitutional right to abortion. We have never in the history of our country lost a constitutional right until right now. This outcome is as dangerous as it is unprecedented and will open the floodgates for states across the country to ban abortion, including our own. The consequences of this impending Supreme Court decision will be swift and devastating for communities nationwide. overturning *Roe* means that Arizona and 25 other states could swiftly move to ban abortion. That means that our communities and in half the country, people would no longer have power over their own bodies and their own lives. Arizona is already one of the most hostile states to abortion rights in the country. anti-abortion politicians have been steadily chipping away at our rights for years, putting this essential health care service further out of reach for the people who need it most. Currently, Arizona has a host of medically unnecessary restrictions that are designed to create barriers to care. We have a mandatory 24-hour waiting period, invasive ultrasound requirement and state mandated scripts that doctors are required to read to shame and dissuade patients from making their own decisions about birth control and about abortion. Even with *Roe* as the law of the land. Abortion is inaccessible to many patients today, especially black, indigenous Latino and other people of color. Young people, immigrants, and people with lower incomes. If *roe* is overturned, Arizona is poised to eliminate or highly restrict abortion care. Earlier this spring, Governor Ducey signed a 15-week abortion ban into law. We also have a set of century old bans on the books called Comstock Laws. And they date back to before Arizona even became a state. These draconian pre *roe* bans would criminalize health care providers and advertisements for abortion and contraception. There is a lot of misinformation and confusion about these pre *roe* bans. And I'm sure you've heard about them quite frequently in the last several weeks. And that's part of the opposition strategy. They don't want patients and community members to know about their rights. They don't want them to actualize their rights. But according to the

ACLU, these pre roe bans will not go into effect immediately if roe is overturned, but legal action can and most likely will be taken to reinstate them. If the Supreme Court moves forward to overturn Roe abortion and Arizona will be banned after 15 weeks in the months that follow and could be entirely eliminated soon after. So as we navigate quickly toward a post Roe, Arizona PPAC and PPAA have been preparing for this moment. We've been working diligently to establish connectable abortion access for Arizona patients maintain our sustainability so that our doors stay open to our communities, and fight for the future of reproductive freedom for all people. As our elected champions and supporters, I want to share with you what our next chapter will look like. As an expert and compassionate healthcare provider. We're focused on first expanding access to care through new health care services and optimized clinical operations. Since I came on board in November, we've launched telehealth, expanded abortion care rolled out gender affirming care, an established PPAZs first research department. Next up, we're focused on exploring expansion into vasectomy and other advanced gynecological procedures. We're also focused on improving patient experience so that every person who enters our health centers feels cared for and respected. And we're focused on impacting broader public health outcomes and striving to close the gaps on disparities experienced by patients of colors LGBTQ patients of color, LGBTQ people, people with lower incomes and people who live in rural communities. As the nation's leading provider of sex education, we're focused on growing our education footprint even more by implementing a new peer education program for young people, increasing our virtual and bilingual program offerings, and expanding our medically accurate and positive programming for adults who work with young people so that they can better provide accurate information to young people in their lives. As a fierce advocate PPAA will fight to elect and support pro sexual and reproductive health and rights champions like yourselves, pass policies that safeguard our patient's ability to access health care and live healthy lives and create a bright and equitable Arizona, where we are free to make our own personal decisions about our bodies, our lives and our futures. Finally, as a trusted provider and advocate for abortion access, we will work to connect patients to abortion care through our new patient navigator program, which is designed to provide financial and logistical support for accessing abortion. We'll also work to educate patients and communities on their rights in our new legal landscape and will work to lift up to the impact on abortion bans on our patients and communities. And what's most important is that we will never stop fighting to make reproductive freedom, a reality for all Arizonans. Now with Roe crumbling before our eyes, we have the opportunity to not just rebuild our reproductive rights, but to truly reimagine reproductive freedom as equitable and just for all people, like many people, I'm sure you've asked yourselves in the recent days and months, what can I do, and you all are in a truly unique position to be able to make meaningful change. You can use your platform to talk about abortion, birth control, and sex education. without fear and without shame. You can educate and engage constituents about their rights and what's at stake, you can work to register and turn people out to vote for pro reproductive rights candidates. And you can vote the right way on our issues, including abortion, but also the entire range of sexual and reproductive health issues, and other intersectional issues that impact our patient's ability to access the care they need, and live healthy lives. While it's true that we may not hold the majority right here locally, and we may not hold all of the power, it's still critical that our champions are raising their voices in support of our issues. So as we stand on the precipice of Roe being overturned, it can be easy

to feel defeated. But when times are tough, I want you to remember this, as Martin Luther King Jr. once said, The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice. change does take time, but it does happen. And together, we can make a more just tomorrow, a reality for all Arizonans. Thank you so much for your time today. And thank you for your service.

Chair Raquel Teran- Party Business- 1:03pm

We will now move to the party business for those individuals who may not be voting members, you're welcome to stay or leave and enjoy the rest of your day. Now, Jeanne, I'm going to hand it over to you to start the business.

Quorum Call- Jeanne Lunn- 1:04pm

Thank you, Madam Chair. The first piece of business that we have today is a quorum call. Prior to our credentials report, we want to make sure we have enough people to vote today. So what I'm going to be doing is I'm going to be doing a quorum vote. I'm going to start the vote with election buddy.

Quorum vote started 1:05pm

Quorum vote ended 1:13pm- Quorum not meet.

Quorum second round of voting starts. 1:23pm

Quorum voting ended 1:43pm.

Jeanne Lunn- 1:43pm

We have Quorum

Comment from Chair Raquel Teran 1:44pm

All right. So, we thank you everybody for your patience and our love for election buddy. I know it's bad It's been our, our back and forth every state committee. Thank you so much.

Jeanne Lunn-1:45pm

Madam Chair, we have 359 members present by in person or by proxy, which gives us 40% of our 896 members which is quorum.

Chair Raquel Teran—Approval of last meetings Minutes-1:46pm

The minutes have been distributed to you are there any corrections please raise your raised your hand icon. If you have any corrections.

Same question was raised again at 1:47pm

Approval of Meeting minutes at 1:48pm

Treasure's report- Rick McGuire- 1:49pm

Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Remember, the information is confidential

Rules Committee Report-Anne Greenburg-1:58pm

Thank you all this will be a short report. The Committee met on May 7. We had no proposals for bylaw amendments that were submitted. So we really did not have anything specific to present

for this meeting. Just so everybody gets a heads up likely for our next state committee meeting, there will be at least one bylaw amendment to consider. And as we know, redistricting has created all new legislative districts and once again, many of those have boundaries that encompass multiple districts. And in some cases, formal LD committees are being established in some LDS not all, and currently bylaws say that when it comes to election for state committee members that will occur at the LD level only in Maricopa and Pima County's and at the county level elsewhere. We are under discussion to create an amendment that will sort of flip that narrative. So, elections will start in all newly formed LD committees and then go on to the counties. We are looking at language that will ensure that representation remains proportional since state committee members are accounted for per elected PCs at the county level. Jim Barton, our legal counsel is currently reviewing to make sure that whatever comes in as a final draft will work with all applicable statutes and ag opinions, etc. So just wanted to give you a heads up, that will likely be coming next meeting. And with that, I'll turn it back over.

Rules of Debate-Jeanne Lunn- 2:01pm

Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to limit debate to three Pro and three constant figures for no more than two minutes each.

Seconded by Rick McGuire

Parliamentarian-Dr. Joe Theobald-2:02pm

Any objection to limiting debate to three pro three opposed with each no more than two minutes for one time? Objections being heard. The debate limits as described or adopted. There'll be three in favor, three opposed each may speak up to two minutes.

No Objections

Resolutions committee Chair Rina Wojcik- 2:03pm

Thank you. The resolutions Committee met on May 4, and we received one proposed resolution. It's the resolution to support President Biden in resending title 42. Summary of the resolution is that title 42 authorizes the president and the Surgeon General to suspend entry from a country to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases. This public health statute has been abused since 2022 for applications for asylum. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found no public health justification for the use of title 42 during the COVID 19 pandemic. The ADP platform states that Arizona Democrats are committed to protecting the rights of asylum applicants. The ADP stands for President Biden in resending title 42 and directs the executive board to send a letter to all members of Arizona's congressional delegation, urging them to support the president and lifting title 42. By the direction of the Committee, I move the adoption of this resolution.

Dan O'neil-2:05pm

Leslie Pilgrim-2:07pm

Elizabeth Putnam-2:08pm

Pat Carr-2:10pm

Mitzi-2:12pm

Keith Larks- 2:14

Debate Closed

Voting has begun-2:15pm

Jeanne Lunn- Voting Results 2:26pm

Madam chair with 241 votes to 96 votes, the motion passes by 71%

Closing Remarks- Chair Raquel Teran- 2:27pm

That was a quick election buddy. And while we It certainly has been a long day, but a productive day these days are what keeps me motivated, being able to hear from all of you across our great state. I really feel so lucky to help all of you out there on the ground representing this party. I want to make sure that we leave today with clear eyes about what is in front of us. We have so many races this election year that are going to need our support and we must keep the momentum going in the state legislature. So let's continue to work together across counties across cities and towns. And let's show the nation that Arizona continues to be on the path of turning blue.

Motion to adjourn- Chair Raquel Teran-2:29pm

Seconded

Adjournment 2.30pm

Submitted respectfully by Lisa Sanor ADP Secretary