

#### **DORR 2024 Annual Meeting**

Democrats of the Red Rocks (DORR) kicked off the 2024 election year at its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21. The room was filled to capacity, despite the rain. It was a festive community event featuring elected officials, candidates, passionate progressives and lots of petitions. The excitement was palpable! Thanks to Margaret Connery and her team of volunteers for putting the pot luck dinner together. Another outstanding job!!

CD2 Congressional Candidate and former President of the Navajo Nation, Jonathan Nez, was the keynote speaker. He's running to unseat our freshman Representative, Trump-endorsed Freedom Caucus member, Eli Crane. President Nez needs signatures to qualify for the 2024 Democratic primary ballot - <u>click here to sign.</u> If you missed the meeting, you can become acquainted with Mr. Nez's <u>biography</u> here.

Congressman Greg Stanton from CD4 (Tempe) also addressed the group and his enthusiasm was contagious. It's critical that Democrats retake the US House of Representatives! Learn more about Congressman Stanton <a href="here">here</a>. His seat is regarded as precarious and any financial help we can offer will be greatly appreciated!





Jonathan Nez

House Rep. Greg Stanton

### DORR Board Members for 2024



New and continuing DORR Board members were elected for 2024. The slate of Board members was introduced by President Ellen Ferreira and approved by the membership.

#### **DORR 2024 Board**

Ellen Ferreira - President

Diana Christensen - Vice President

Frankie Riemer - Secretary

**Gary Stewart - Treasurer** 

Kathy Kinsella - Parliamentarian

Mark Antin – Member

Shelley Haiken - Member

**Beatrice Hanks - Member** 

Angela LeFevre – Member

George Lee – Member

Holli Ploog — Member

**Cathy Ransom - Member** 

**Linda Scott — Member** 

Barbara Litrell Community Service Award



Past DORR President Cathy Rutherford received the Award honoring community activist and friend, Barbara Litrell, who passed away in 2021. The Award is given annually to a member of DORR who displays the generous spirit, work ethic and devotion to the progressive community that was epitomized by Barbara. Cathy was nominated by Maddy O'Callaghan for her accomplishments during her 6 years on the DORR Board, including 4 years as President.

#### Are you a DORR Member?

If not, why not? Look at all the fun you're missing! Please join the movement to elect Democrats. **Action is the best antidote to anxiety!** To join us, please visit: <a href="https://www.democratsoftheredrocks.org">www.democratsoftheredrocks.org</a>.

#### Sign Candidate Petitions Online!

In Arizona, candidates are required to obtain a minimum number of petition signatures to appear on a ballot. Have your driver's license ready and go to: <u>The Arizona Secretary of State E-Qual Online Petition web page</u> This site allows you to sign candidate petitions for U.S. Senator, CD 2 U.S. Representative, State Senator and Representatives for Legislative District 1, Corporation Commission, and Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, District 3.

#### 2024 AZ LD1 Legislative Candidates

We're SOOOO close!! Each chamber of the AZ State Legislature is only 2 seats away from turning BLUE! The decisions made by the legislature directly affect our lives. Arizonans deserve legislators who focus on the needs of their communities. Democrats running for the Legislature

in LD1 are pictured below: **Mike Fogel** (Senate), **Jay Ruby** and **Marcia Smith** (House). These candidates stand for human rights, democracy, responsible stewardship of the environment and the responsible direction of our tax dollars. Let's give them the support they need by 1) signing their petitions to qualify for the ballot AND 2) donating \$5.00 as "seed" money for Clean Elections (public financing) for their campaigns.



From left, candidates Mike Fogel (LD1 State Senate), Marcia Smith (LD1 State House), Jonathan Nez (**CD2** U.S. House), and Jay Ruby (LD1 House Candidate).



# How to Give Seed Money to Clean Elections Candidates

The **Arizona Clean Elections Commission** provides an <u>optional public financing program</u> to qualified statewide and legislative candidates.

By running "Clean" our three LD1 candidates must meet certain requirements, including collecting a certain number of \$5 qualifying "seed money" contributions and forgoing contributions from special interests or corporations. Our candidates Mike Fogel, Jay Ruby and Marcia Smith require \$5.00 donations to qualify to run clean. You can contribute \$5.00 to each candidate separately here. If you are so inclined, Democratic candidates for Corporation Commission Anna Tovar and Jonathon Hill are also running clean campaigns and require \$5.00 donations. https://apps.azsos.gov/apps/election/eps/qc/Home/List The maximum donation citizens may make for Clean Elections candidates is \$210 per candidate, per person. For more info about how to make these contributions, email: info@cleansladeazld1.com.

#### **Biden-Harris Accomplishments**

Celebrate these accomplishments with your friends and families. An even more <u>detailed list</u> is available on the White House website. **Help Joe Beat Trump** - donate to the campaign and/or sign up to start getting the campaign emails. Become an info warrior for the Dems and commit to volunteer however you can. As we move forward to November 2024, Arizona is once again a must-win state, so let's be loud and proud!

### 3 YEARS

## of the Biden-Harris Administration



A total of \$136 billion in student debt relief for over 3.7 million borrowers through various actions



14.3 million jobs created



22+ million Americans saving \$30-\$75 per month on their internet bills



Delivered over \$4 billion to replace lead pipes across the country



Over \$640 billion in private sector investments in manufacturing and clean energy



Saving millions of Americans \$800 per year on health insurance



The most significant expansion of benefits and services for toxic exposed veterans in more than 30 years



Unemployment rate under 4% for the longest stretch in more than 50 years



Three strongest years on record for new business applications, with 16 million applications filed



Protecting access to reproductive health care



The largest investment in history to build a clean energy economy and meet our climate goals



More executive action than any other President to reduce the trauma and tragedy of gun violence