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Central Phoenix-LD 15-Arizona 2010 Election Guide

Phoenix, AZ

Vote by 7 PM, November 2, 2010

2010 Midterm elections are critical to Arizona's and our nation's direction. To progress, we need to take the time to truly understand our situation, and reject the propositions put to us by a radical legislature that affect our daily lives and futures. The one proposition deserving a yes vote is the Medical Marijuana Proposition 203 put forward by citizen initiative. Together we must find good new solutions to economic and environmental sustainability. The choices we make will reflect whether or not we value good communities.

One of the key principles at stake is the role of government. Republicans have a recent record of using government to restrict and punish individuals for decisions of personal freedom while they allow big business to operate free of any rules that would balance interests between profits and people. Republican style big government has brought us more prisons, especially private, for-profit prisons (private government), and tax, trade, and environmental laws that let corporations rule our lives – economically and environmentally, as well as politically.

Policies of Democratic candidates favor individual freedom with laws to provide balances between adversaries of any type to protect the public interest. Democratic style big government means more laws that protect workers, consumers, the environment, and the vulnerable in society.

Libertarians want no government except that needed to keep the peace and without shared responsibility for anything else. The Arizona Green Party lists ten key values, but its base is not large enough to provide candidates, so sometimes a “Green” candidate is an opportunist.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/07/us/politics/07candidates.html?_r=2&no_interstitial

Keep in mind that a party label can't totally predict what an individual office holder will do, but can be an important indicator.

When state leaders stirred anger up into hatred and persecution of the vulnerable I looked for ways to call attention to the importance of the 2010 elections. My parents led by example. In 1943 my father, a captain in the Army, thirty-seven years old with four children, the eldest twelve, was exempt from deploying to WWII battle. He chopped through the red tape to lead his unit into the Battle of the Bulge and other European campaigns. With a Purple Heart and permanent disability, that war left him in physical and emotional pain. So why did he do what he could have let younger, stronger men do? Just like many other veterans he served because he didn't want to stand aside and let hatred, injustice and violence rule the world he would leave to his children. It was his ultimate expression of citizenship in a democracy won always at great sacrifice, along with his diligent habits of voting and participating in public meetings to understand and mold discussion of issues.

I cannot stand aside at this crossroad in Arizona's and America's history either. To let us turn our world into what he fought to avoid would be the greatest dishonor to him and all our veterans. I am compelled to honor him by fighting for the kind of community and world he fought for: safe, peaceful, friendly neighborhoods where shared futures and responsibility hold sway over needless hate-talk and fights.

To that end, I created, without the input or contribution of any candidate or candidate committee, this 2010 Central Phoenix-Arizona-LD 15 Voters' Guide. (Judy Whitehouse, September, 2010)

Office and All Candidate Descriptions, along with my proposition analyses, follow this list of my endorsements. JKW

Central Phoenix-Arizona 2010 Election Guide List of Endorsements by JKW Phoenix, AZ

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Governor Terry Goddard Endorsed Vote: Yes

Secretary of State Chris Deschene Endorsed Vote: Yes

Attorney General Felicia Rotellini Endorsed Vote: Yes

State Treasurer Andrei Cherny Endorsed Vote: Yes

Superintendent of Public Instruction Penny Kotterman Endorsed Vote: Yes

Corporation Commission David Bradley Endorsed Vote: Yes

Jorge Luis Garcia Endorsed Vote: Yes

Mine Inspector Manuel Cruz Endorsed Vote: Yes

Legislative District 15 Representative Katie Hobbs Endorsed Vote: Yes

Lela Alston Endorsed Vote: Yes

Legislative District 15 Senator Kyrsten Sinema Endorsed Vote: Yes

US Senate Rodney Glassman Endorsed Vote: Yes

US Representative – CD 3 Jon Hulburd Endorsed Vote: Yes

US Representative CD 4 Ed Pastor, incumbent Endorsed Vote: Yes

US Representative - CD 5 Harry Mitchell, incumbent Endorsed Vote: Yes

Clerk of Superior Court Maricopa Sherry B. Williams Endorsed Vote: Yes

Board of Central Arizona Water Conservation Dist. Arif Kazmi Endorsed Vote: Yes
Maricopa County Attorney Michael Kielsky Endorsed Vote: Yes

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Governor

The Governor sets the tone for the state's policies in selection of staff and in communications with other state or national governments. The Governor may direct the attorney general to look into corporations conducting business in Arizona or to handle litigation on the state's behalf. The Governor also has input into and veto power over legislative measures and budget priorities.

Terry Goddard

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Goddard, Democratic Party candidate, has conducted himself, most recently as Arizona Attorney General, and formerly as Phoenix's mayor, with dignity. His hard work has helped build communities with broad appeal to residents in the areas of public safety, economic development, and cultural and educational opportunity. He plans to quick-start Arizona's economy by reforming our tax code and funding small business development to stimulate hiring. His ten-page, eleven-initiative plan is available at <http://www.terrygoddard.com/issues/jobs>

Jan Brewer

Endorsed Vote: No

Brewer, Republican Party candidate and incumbent by virtue of Governor Napolitano's departure, has represented Arizona nationally to be a far-right and ideologically impulsive state, with little regard for far-reaching implications of the impact of her statements and policies. Measures she's supported, such as SB 1070, punish people who visit and contribute to our economy, as well as those who are lawful citizens. She has been the opposite of a good ambassador. janbrewer.com

Barry Hess

Endorsed Vote: No

Hess, Libertarian Party Candidate, said he wants to shrink the state's government and deregulate industries. His top priority, according to his website, is repealing the state's income tax.

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/election/azelections/articles/2010/07/10/20100710arizona-libertarian-green-parties-tap-voter-frustration.html#ixzz0y8NTX12u>

Larry Gist

Endorsed Vote: No

Gist, Green Party Candidate, sent media an e-mail outlining his campaign issues, which include pushing for more participatory democracy, making "socially responsible" budget cuts and developing a solar-energy industry in Arizona to create jobs. The e-mail included few specific details.

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/election/azelections/articles/2010/07/10/20100710arizona-libertarian-green-parties-tap-voter-frustration.html#ixzz0y8MbkbQM>

Secretary of State

The Secretary of State records official business of the state, including acts of the Governor, laws and resolutions passed by the state legislature, business and notary filings, voter rolls and election results, and publishes election procedures in accordance with state and federal laws. In addition to these and other record-keeping duties, the Secretary of State assumes the governorship when the governor leaves office during term.

Chris Deschene

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Deschene (Democrat) is a native Arizonan in the true sense (Navajo). He graduated from Annapolis with a degree in mechanical engineering. After serving ten years with the Marines in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, he earned dual major degrees at ASU, a doctorate in law and a Masters in engineering. Using his skills as an attorney, engineer,

and former legislator, he intends to 1) Respect and protect every qualified voter's rights. 2) Remove existing election policies that discriminate against rural voters. 3) Institute a top to bottom review of our election system. 4) Guarantee objectivity as Arizona's Chief Elections Officer. 5) Bring legal and technical experience to all the duties of Secretary of State. More at descheneforarizona.com

Ken Bennett

Endorsed Vote: No

Bennett (Republican) served in the legislature and was appointed secretary of state by Jan Brewer in 2009. He's CEO of his own oil company and is endorsed by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, the Arizona Right to Life PAC, and the National Rifle Association. For most Arizonans who value individual freedoms and a fair balance between public and corporate interests, the positions that these endorsements indicate and show in his legislative voting record, should disqualify him from being second in line to the Arizona governorship. http://vote-smart.org/bio.php?can_id=16292

Attorney General

Attorney General is the state's chief legal officer fighting fraud, conspiracy, and organized crime. The office represents political subdivisions, school districts and municipalities in suits to enforce state or federal statutes pertaining to antitrust, restraint of trade or price-fixing activities or conspiracies, as well as in any lawsuit involving a conflict of interest with other county offices, and organizes the civil rights division within the department of law. The Arizona Agency Handbook that explains laws that govern state agencies, including information relating to bribery, conflicts of interest, contracting with the government, disclosure of public information, discrimination, nepotism, financial disclosure, gifts and extra compensation, incompatible employment, political activity by employees, public access and misuse of public resources for personal gain is the responsibility of the office.

Felicia Rotellini

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Rotellini (Democrat) has over 23 years of experience in private and public law. One of her most publicized efforts was her work on the Baptist Foundation of Arizona (BFA) case prosecuting mortgage and securities fraud whose primary victims were elderly investors. She's earned a reputation as a fair and fierce financial watchdog and criminal prosecutor. Rotellini's priorities will be to continue protecting Arizona's senior citizens; prosecuting financial and mortgage fraud; investigating and prosecuting immigration and border crimes; and supporting and boosting Arizona's economy in a continuing fight to protect Arizona families. Details at www.feliciaforarizona.com

Tom Horne

Endorsed Vote: No

Horne (Republican) has been vocal about getting tougher on juveniles who commit crimes, including boot camps and mandatory curfews. He pledges to prosecute women and doctors for making individual health decisions should the legislature pass punishing legislation. On immigration he plans to promote partnerships with other law enforcement agencies to combat illegal immigration; (does that indicate he would partner with radical sheriff's agencies?) and pressure the federal government to finish the wall along the border; (a probable waste of federal monies.) He's an avid gun-rights supporter, which brings into question if he will support stopping the flow of weapons from Arizona to Mexico which we need to do. His Website is electtomhorne.com

State Treasurer

The treasurer keeps accounts of all monies deposited into and disbursed from state accounts and reports monthly on the state's monetary position. The treasurer makes decisions about whether state surplus funds are invested in Wall Street banks, or in local banks having more direct impact on our local economy and lending environment which would benefit small businesses. An annual statement shall include an estimate of the invested balance including the general fund share of that balance as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year. The treasurer shall prepare a report each February showing the differences, if any, between revenue and expenditure predictions and actual figures.

Andrei Cherny**Endorsed Vote: Yes**

Cherny (Democrat) worked his way through Harvard by holding down three jobs at a time. As State Treasurer, he'll be "the taxpayers' bulldog" in going after those who misuse government funds whether they're in Wall Street banks or in the state bureaucracy. He'll work across party lines to use the powers of the office to make safer investments that spur new job growth; use audits to help reform government so that it works better and costs less; and help make Arizona "the Solar State" -- a national leader in solar energy jobs. www.andreiforarizona.com/

Doug Ducey**Endorsed Vote: No**

Ducey (Republican) touts his experience as an entrepreneur and job builder as Cold Stone Creamery's founder, but he didn't keep his own finances straight. The Arizona Republic reported that he failed to pay taxes on his Paradise Valley home for more than two years, risking loss of his property. He paid the \$15,000 lien placed on his property after the non-payment of property taxes in 2008 and 2009 after entering the race to become Arizona's chief financial officer. As for his business success, CNNMoney.com, in a review of the 10 most-popular franchises, noted that Cold Stone franchisees have a 31 percent failure

rate. Under Ducey's watch, according to the Phoenix New Times, the company overbuilt its franchises and made promises it couldn't keep, positioned the stores in poor locations or located them too close together, causing the franchises high failure rate.

Superintendent of Public Instruction

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the only elected member of the state board of education, can either positively or negatively affect Arizona's future citizens in their growth and education. The board, which is composed of the elected superintendent, a president of a state university or college, three lay members, a president of a community college district, a superintendent of a high school district, a classroom teacher and a county school superintendent, serves for four years.

Duties include setting courses of study and minimum competencies, assessments, data gathering, and moral, civic, and ethical education. It's charged to cooperate with the Arizona-Mexico Commission to assess and enhance the economic competitiveness of this state and of the Arizona-Mexico region. in regard to quality of life, trade and economic development.

Additionally the board is directed to: "On or before December 15, 2011, adopt and maintain a model framework for a teacher and principal evaluation instrument that includes quantitative data on student academic progress that accounts for between thirty-three per cent and fifty per cent of the evaluation outcomes and best practices for professional development and evaluator training."

Penny Kotterman

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Kotterman (Democrat) is ready to step into this office with thirty years of experience and the respect of her colleagues to change the direction of Arizona's students from lagging to succeeding. As a teacher, teacher mentor, and parent, she knows what will work, and how to engage teamwork in our schools. She helped develop policies including AZ LEARNS, Arizona's school accountability system, and Proposition 301, which includes Arizona's first performance-based compensation system for teachers. She served six years as a member of the National Education Association's Professional Standards and Practices committee and was instrumental in development of recommendations related to teacher quality. She will bring her education experience and advocacy for quality teachers and schools to the job of Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction.

John Huppenthal

Endorsed Vote: No

Huppenthal (Republican) has an extensive record of votes in the legislature that show a disregard for quality education and child and family safety. These range from allowing concealed weapons in restaurants, banning Ethnic Studies classes, putting restrictions in place that make it easier for abusive parents to retain custody of children, and diverting

funds to decimate the Early Childhood Development and Health Program (First Things First.) As legislative committee chair, he had a history of refusing those who'd registered to comment on potential legislation that opportunity. His disrespect of a high school journalist was a big story last year. See votesmart.org for his voting record.

Corporation Commission

The corporation commission regulates classifications, rates and charges collected by public service corporations; regulates corporations in the transaction of business within the state; and makes and enforces regulations for the convenience, comfort, safety, and health of the employees and patrons of corporations. It has the sole power to issue certificates of incorporation to companies organizing under the laws of this state, and to issue licenses to foreign corporations to do business in this state, except as insurers, as may be prescribed by law.

The corporation commission has the power to inspect and investigate the property, books, papers, business, methods, and affairs of any corporation offering stock for sale to the public and of any public service corporation doing business within the state; to act as a court of general jurisdiction to enforce the attendance of witnesses; and the production of evidence by subpoena, attachment, and punishment throughout the state. This is one of the state offices where balancing private and public interests is vital, and some Republicans have had trouble seeing both sides.

David Bradley

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Bradley (Democrat) plans to turn his strong support for Arizona's environment into new business development and jobs in clean energy research, energy production and infrastructure development by working with our universities and public utilities.
www.bradleyforarizona.com

Jorge Luis Garcia

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Garcia (Democrat) also had a strong environmental voting record in the state senate, and says that currently less than 2% of our electricity in Arizona comes from clean energy sources. He promises to keep future utility rate increases modest, establish a new round of renewable energy standards, and to make Arizona a leader in sustainable energy policies and renewable energy standards.

Brenda Burns

Endorsed Vote: No

Burns (Republican) has the endorsements of the most far right politicians and organizations in the state and nationally. Votesmart.org did not contain recent voting data. If you value, as do I, the public interest, do not vote for her.

Gary Pierce

Endorsed Vote: No

Pierce (Republican) seems to talk first and think maybe not at all. He's the one who threatened the L.A. mayor that if they declared a boycott over S.B. 1070, then Pierce would cut off Arizona's supply of electricity to California in retaliation. We need commissioners with clearer thoughts and actions.

Mine Inspector

Mine Inspector is responsible for inspection of current mines to assure that conditions assure the health and safety of workers. The office handles processing of changes in types of mine activities, new mines, and inspection and community-notification of abandoned mines.

Manuel Cruz

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Cruz (Democrat) has fifteen years experience as a miner, explosives engineer and safety director. He has two plans, one legislative, one citizen activated, to close down abandoned mines. He plans rigorous inspection of the over 700 active mines in Arizona to bring them into compliance with safety, community, and environmental standards.
<http://cruzforarizona.com/>

Joe Hart

Endorsed Vote: No

Hart (Republican) received low marks as a legislator from environmental and labor groups (50%) or below. Major donors of his 2004 campaign for the legislature included energy, natural resources, real estate, transportation, and business groups. Apparent bias toward owners instead of workers should disqualify him from the job of protecting worker health, safety, and community interests.

Legislative District 15 Representative

LD 15 stretches from Papago Park on the east through central Phoenix and northwest into Glendale. Representatives formulate and vote on laws that affect our daily lives.

Katie Hobbs

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Hobbs (Democrat) has proven capability. Her volunteer leadership at the district level, her leadership of the AZ EMERGE candidate training program, and her professional experience as an administrator and political liaison of Sojourner Center, a respite home for victims of domestic violence, combine to give her the skills she'll need at the legislature. She's a strong advocate for human rights, education, and renewable energy,. She hopes to encourage legislation that will restore balance in the tax system, so working families no longer shoulder the burdens for the wealthy.

Lela Alston

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Democrat Alston, while she served in the legislature, helped obtain ASU West Campus for students in that area. A winner of the U of A Distinguished Citizen Award, she currently serves on the Phoenix Union High School Board. We can trust her to work for restoration of civility and respect at the Capitol, and to prioritize funding for schools and high-wage job growth. She will fight to re-open parks and restore health care to children who lost it due to Republican mismanagement.

Luisa Evonne Valdez

Endorsed Vote: No Endorsement

Valdez is the Green Party candidate for LD 15 Representative. Visit luisavaldez.com

Caroline Condit

Endorsed Vote: No

Condit is one of two Republican Party candidates for LD 15 Representative.

Paul Yoder

Endorsed Vote: No

Yoder (Republican) says, "I am in complete agreement with the platform of the Arizona Republican Party as adopted at our annual meeting. This document says it all and if elected, I will work wholeheartedly for its implementation into state law."

Legislative District 15 Senator

The LD 15 senator represents an area from Papago Park through central Phoenix west and north into Glendale. With other legislators, the senator makes policies and laws that affect our daily lives.

Kyrsten Sinema

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Sinema (Democrat) throughout her years as District 15 Representative is known for staunch advocacy of fairness, justice, and adherence to Arizona's Constitution. Her human rights work extends as far away as Africa. She's received national attention in her selection as an Aspen Scholar, a bi-partisan program to engage leaders from around the country in working together to find solutions for our divisive problems. We can trust her to work on our behalf.

Bob Thomas

Endorsed Vote: No

A conservative Republican in strong support of SB1070, endorsed by Phoenix Law Enforcement Association, Sheriff Joe, Senator Russell Pearce, Arizona Right to Life and the NRA. His Website is votebobthomas.org

US Senate

Senators are elected to represent the state from which they are elected. In conjunction with the US House of Representatives they have the authority to pass laws. They also, together with the House pass Constitutional Amendments for ratification by the states. The Senate has powers that are exclusive to that body including: Ratification of Treaties, Consenting to the appointment of Federal Judges, cabinet Secretaries, certain federal officers, and military officers.

Rodney Glassman

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Glassman (Democrat) is a former Tucson City Council Member, a former intern with Arizona's 7th Congressional District Congressman, Raul Grijalva, and active in Tucson civic affairs. On the Tucson city council he helped pass the policy to put gray-water systems into new buildings to conserve scarce water resources. His jobs plan includes tax credits and moratoriums on payroll taxes for new hires, good credit restoration for small businesses hit by the downturn, and extension of credits for solar energy research and development. Visit www.rodneyglassman.com for more information.

Jerry Joslyn

Endorsed Vote: No

Joslyn is the Green Party candidate for US Senate. See JosyInforsenate.com

John Sidney McCain III

Endorsed Vote: No

If we look at the Republican McCain's listed votes, endorsements, and policy ratings on votesmart.org, a picture forms of someone who is pro-war and assents to the resulting human and environmental destruction; pro corporate-owner and comfortable with denying workers the right to associate in unions; anti-choice and anti-education - particularly after 2000; pro-gun and anti-health care; in favor of importing an unprotected and inexpensive labor force but anti-immigrant.

His campaigns are financed by the defense sector, the fossil fuels sectors, big media and communication, the health insurance industry, banking, securities, lobbyists, and real estate. His years in Washington, D.C., have solidified his Republican ideals of giving business and private companies free reign, with few protections for the rights and freedoms of ordinary people.

US Representative – CD 3

Congressional District 3 starts in the middle of Phoenix at about 52nd St and Thomas and winds its way up as far east as Scottsdale Road and north past Carefree and Cave Creek before heading west past New River and Biscuit Flats to about 64th Ave. It winds its way back south, eventually connecting to Thomas Rd. at 32nd St.

Jon Hulburd

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Hulburd (Democrat) is a small business owner and attorney, a partner with Fennemore Craig. He's volunteered extensively in the community, and is on the Board of New Way Learning Academy and Phoenix Childrens' Hospital. His first priority as a member of Congress will be to create jobs and give small business the tools to succeed, including well-educated and trained workers, a stronger transportation infrastructure, and relief from skyrocketing healthcare costs. www.hulburdforcongress.org

Ben Quayle

Endorsed Vote: No

If his campaign ads are any indication, this son of a former misspeaking Republican vice president would not cooperate with anyone in Washington except the party-crowd, in both senses of "party."

Michael Schoen

Endorsed Vote: No

Schoen (Libertarian) is anti-choice, wants to eliminate the income tax, eliminate federal funds for education, advocates private schools instead, would establish English-only, privatize Social Security, and would not increase the minimum wage. His statements are radically anti-federal government. http://www.votesmart.org/npat.php?can_id=106377

US Representative – CD 4

CD 4 starts in the south at Dusty Lane below South Mountain Park between 3rd Ave and 32nd St., winds north as far east as 52nd St. before going west to 48th St. It finally ends up at Northern and 43rd Ave and heads south again along 71st ave and then 83rd ave, before connecting back up at 3rd Ave and Dusty Lane.

Ed Pastor

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Pastor, incumbent Democrat, has served CD 4 with dignity and distinction since 1991, and currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee, and on subcommittees on water and energy, on transportation and urban development, and on interior and environment. In terms of ability to help Arizona and the country, these are powerful committee memberships. He's currently endorsed by the Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, the National Education Association, and Planned Parenthood. A native Arizonan from Claypool, a former North High School chemistry teacher, a staff aide of Arizona's first Hispanic governor, the distinguished Raul Castro, he definitely represents the district's constituents. He has co-sponsored the bipartisan Security Through Regularized Immigration and Vibrant Economy (STRIVE) Act, H.R. 1645. .More at www.edpastor.com

Joe Cobb

Endorsed Vote: No

This Libertarian candidate's policies are a drastic departure from what American's are used to, but are logical within his Libertarian world view. The problem is that we have had too much of all or nothing ideology which turns out to be a bad experiment with real people's real lives such as in Chile and other countries molded by the World Bank policies. World Bank policies are not even as extreme as Cobb's written policies. <http://joecobb.com>

Janet Contreras

Endorsed Vote: No

Reading this Republican candidate's short issue statements makes you realize she should have run as a Libertarian, although she is not as qualified as Joe Cobb. She really sounds like someone who knows how to start a fight, but not how to work for solutions.

www.vote4janet.com

Rebecca Dewitt

Endorsed Vote: no endorsement

The Green Party Candidate Dewitt, a Senior Financial Analyst with a degree in accounting, has issue statements that showcase all that a Green Party candidate or platform should be. Please visit her site, <http://dewitt4congress.org> to read thoughtful statements about how we should treat each other and the environment.

US Representative - CD 5

Congressional District 5 runs from far east Phoenix, Tempe, Scottsdale, and as far east as Tortilla Flats and Sunflower. It has one representative in Congress.

Harry Mitchell, incumbent

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Mitchell (Democrat) is a fiscal conservative, which fits many CD 5 constituents concerns. He's a champion of veterans' rights and issues, and of development of new energy resources for both jobs and the environment. A likable long-time resident, former government teacher, and former Tempe Mayor and state legislator, he responsibly represents Arizona and its citizens.

Nick Koons

Endorsed Vote: No

Coons (Libertarian) On his Website, he says, "Social Security is one of the worst financial scams ever perpetrated by our government." He also quotes Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged" in which her character fails to acknowledge the power that money, the possession or lack, holds over someone's right to be truly free when those who possess it are corrupt. Rand is the writer whose ideas have led us to the prevalent libertarian-world view of no restrictions on what may be done to pursue profit, which arguably led to the great derivatives crash of 2008.

David Schweikert

Endorsed Vote: No

Schweikert (Republican) is a Tea Party favorite and subscribes to the radical libertarian views of the Heritage Foundation – as little government in the public interest as possible and as much government as possible protecting taxpayer subsidies for private profits. He would be one more anti-choice, anti-personal-freedoms, anti-environment voice. The nation and Arizonans can't afford that.

Clerk of Superior Court, Maricopa County

Sherry B. Williams

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Williams will bring to the Maricopa County Superior Court Clerk's chief recordkeeping duties a BA in Political Science, concentration in Economics from North Carolina State in Raleigh, and a Masters Degree in Information Systems from Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL. Her life experiences of small business owner, organizer, and writer, along with her ability to inspire enthusiasm in co-workers, make her well-suited for this office.
<http://williams4clerk.com>

Arizona Central Water Conservation District, Maricopa County

Arif Kazmi

Endorsed Vote: Yes

At the Central Arizona Project Website: <http://www.cap-az.com/> is posted the current board's 16-page 2009 Strategic Plan. The limited scope of the board's current plans is testimony to how valuable Kazmi will be as a board member. He is a Civil Engineer with both masters and doctorate degrees from Kansas State University, and a thirty-year career in Arizona as a manager of water resources. Internationally with Engineers Without Borders, Arif traveled to several African and Middle East countries, providing expertise in the design and construction of pumps, tunnels, and other water transportation projects. His plans for CAP include utilizing new design technologies to maximize water conservation, create alternative energy, and in doing that, create new jobs for Arizonans.
<http://arifkazmi.com>

Maricopa County Attorney

County attorneys are charged by state statute with handling public prosecutions within the county, drawing indictments when evidence indicates, advising county officers, and defending the county in litigation.

Bill Montgomery

Endorsed Vote: No

This Republican candidate is endorsed by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, state Sen. Russell Pearce, R-Mesa, and Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Fountain Hills, who have driven the state's illegal-immigration legislation, and the tea party movement. Read more: <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2010/07/23/20100723maricopa-county-attorney-candidate-bill-montgomery0723.html#ixzz0yVexMTwl>

Michael Kielsky

Endorsed Vote: Yes

Kielsky, a Libertarian and 31-year resident of Arizona who lives in Scottsdale, said in campaign literature that if elected, he would make sure no more funds are allocated for victimless crimes. Kielsky opposes SB 1070, contending that is a poorly thought-out law, and that it pursues media headlines instead of pursuing violent offenders. He does not fully support the death penalty, citing errors in the justice system while implementing it. Source: East Valley Tribune.com

Proposition 106 - Health Care

Endorsed Vote: No

106 contains deceptive wording. It is a radical libertarian proposition that restricts public health initiatives. It quashes cost-spreading so that the US will continue to lag behind other countries. Arizonans will suffer if this is passed.

Proposition 107 - Affirmative Action

Endorsed Vote: No

This is another deceptively-named proposition. It would take away the policy that is aimed at helping those who because of prejudicial laws were and still are prevented from their constitutional legal rights of marriage, inheritance, and other property rights, and the privileges that those rights confer.

Proposition 109 - Hunting and Fishing

Endorsed Vote: No

This is one more example of waste of tax dollars by the Republican legislature. This is a constitutional amendment to protect a right that already exists, is under no threat. It is a one-sided power grab on behalf of gun-rights activists and against the balance of environmental and humane concerns.

Proposition 110 - State Trust Lands

Endorsed Vote: No

This is another constitutional change power grab that would hurt future reform efforts and could put open space land on the exchange list for non-public use.

Proposition 111-Secretary of State Name Change

Endorsed Vote: No

This is another troublesome proposition from the legislature. It would erode what independence the state's elections officer now has. Candidate Chris Deschene stated, "If we look at a race where there's a sitting lieutenant governor and a governor, and they're both part of the same party, now we have the lieutenant governor administering the election for his boss. I think we failed to look two steps down the line to see what the potential conflicts of interest would be." Independents say that by making it a party-ticket candidacy in the same election it will eliminate an independent from being able to pursue the office.

Proposition 112-Initiative filing

Endorsed Vote: No

This is one more attempt by the legislature to restrict grassroots, or citizen-initiated measures. It moves up the deadline for filing petition signatures by two months, which gives citizens less chance to react to current events. It also makes it more likely that out of state dollars can pay signature gatherers and file initiatives easier than Arizona residents.

Proposition 113 - Secret Ballot

Endorsed Vote: No

How can you be more deceptive? This would cause prospective union members to lose the right to join an association (Employee Free Choice Act),(much as employers do when they join the Chamber of Commerce, etc.) by forcing them to announce plans in advance and leave employees open to firing and other intimidation tactics by employers. Americans have been killed for trying to form unions. It can be a life or death matter to instead guarantee the right to associate without telling an employer first, because employers have hired thugs and hit men to discourage unionization efforts.

Proposition 203 - Arizona Medical Marijuana Act

Endorsed Vote: Yes

This is a true citizen initiative. It would allow people who are diagnosed with cancer, AIDs, HIV, Alzheimer's, Hepatitis C and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to buy prescribed cannibas from non-profits, protecting them from criminal prosecution and from having to support the illegal drug trade to deal with their symptoms. We have more harmful controlled substances on the market now. They are just made by pharmaceutical companies.

Proposition 301 -State Land Trust

Endorsed Vote: No

This is one of three ploys by the legislature to strip citizen-passed measures of funds and use those funds to make up for several years of business and property tax cuts that have caused the state's current money problems.

Proposition 302 - First Things First

Endorsed Vote: No

The cruelest ploy of the legislature to destroy citizen-passed measures, create more school drop-outs, and make Arizona the black hole of business creation because of the lack of schools that succeed and a lack of educated citizenry.

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