2020 Arizona Voter Guide

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Mi Familia Vota Stances

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US Senate Arizona Race

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Mi Familia Vota educates, empowers, and mobilizes the Latino community to act on climate justice and protect our Mother Earth. Climate change and environmental pollution disproportionally affect Latino and immigrant communities.

Mi Familia Vota was born out of the labor movement and we keep our fight for workers’ rights as one of our top priorities. From the Fight for $15 to fighting for Family and Sick Paid Days, we are part of national and local coalitions, campaigns, and mobilizations advocating for workers’ rights.

Mi Familia Vota supports comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship. From the passage of a bi-partisan bill in the U.S. Senate to the fight in the Supreme Court to implement DACA and DAPA, our work helps educate, empower, and mobilize the immigrant community.

Mi Familia Vota believes that we must invest directly into the Latino community always, but especially during this time of crisis. We must provide Latinos with economic support, job training and investment in their businesses.

Mi Familia Vota supports and fights for programs and public policies that provide affordable quality access to healthcare for Latinos and all Americans. We also support women’s health rights campaigns and efforts.

Mi Familia Vota believes that we should provide support directly to local and state governments, hospitals and first responders. We believe that we should be providing economic and health care stimulus and access to all frontline workers regardless of immigration status.

Mi Familia Vota works to ensure increased access to the electoral process for Latino voters and to allow them to exercise their right to vote free of intimidation. We also work closely with legal partners to safeguard the civic rights of Latino voters on election day.

Mi Familia Vota advocates to improve public education and close the Latino education gap. Additionally, we work in close collaboration with school districts in the places we operate in to help educate young Latino eligible voters to fully embrace and exercise their civic rights and responsibilities.
Restores hundreds of millions of dollars annually in K-12 education funding to solve the teacher-shortage crisis, lower class sizes, hire aides and counselors, and expand career and technical education.

Who Will Pay the Surcharge on Income? 99% of Arizonans – including the average small business owner, lawyer, doctor and dentist – will NOT pay this surcharge. The Invest in Education Act is expected to raise hundreds of millions of dollars for K-12 education. ONLY the top 1 percent of earners will contribute.

How it Works:
Households making above $500,000 or individuals above $250,000 will pay a 3.5% income-tax surcharge ONLY on the income above those thresholds.

For example, someone with a taxable income of $251,000 will only pay an additional $35 per year.
Mark Kelly (D)  

- Need more testing and access to care during the pandemic.
- Would strengthen the economy and create jobs by opposing tax breaks for the super wealthy and large corporations.
- Will work to ensure people with preexisting conditions have access to healthcare, create a public insurance option, and lower prescription drug costs.
- The Senate should give a path to citizenship now for “Dreamers” who’ve grown up here and “are contributing to their communities — just like my kids.”
- “Massive investments” in research and development into renewable technology will “create thousands of good-paying jobs in Arizona.”
- Wants students to have access to higher education without facing “crushing debt” by providing more financial aid and lowering interest rates on federal student loans.

Martha McSally (R)  

- Blames the virus outbreak on China and the World Health Organization. Agrees with the Trump administration’s reaction to the pandemic.
- Supports lowering corporate taxes as a means of promoting economic growth.
- Voted to let states deny Medicaid funding to health care providers who perform abortions. Supported health care plan that would have cut Planned Parenthood funding. Voted twice for repeal of Obamacare.
- Favored Trump decision to divert money from defense budget to help build the wall. Co-sponsored bill with tough immigration, visa, and border enforcement provisions.
• Wants to stimulate Arizona’s economy by creating more good quality jobs. Endorsed by Arizona Nurses Association, Arizona Technology Council, and Arizona Medical Association.

• Highly critical of Trump’s strict and harsh immigration policies including construction of border wall

• Endorsed by the Environmental Defense Fund

• Secured $20 million for school counselors and social workers at our public schools and endorsed by Arizona Education Association, Arizona Federation of Teachers

• Advocates within the legislature against LGBTQ discrimination

Daniel Hernandez Jr (D)

• Does not agree with all the measures that were taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19

• Believes in strong border security and community policing

• Believes in school choice

Deborah McEwen (R)

• Encouraged strict measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and fought for expansive and accessible testing throughout Arizona

• Opposed restrictions on Dreamers or DACA program

• She is one of only four legislators to receive an A+ on the Grand Canyon Chapter of Sierra Club’s Report Club in 2019

• Fights the systemic defunding of public education and against expansion of vouchers

• Andrea’s work on the Senate Judiciary Committee has focused on voter protection advocacy

Andrea Dalessandro (D)
Rosanna Gabaldón (D)

- Supportive of expanding testing in more communities around Arizona
- Supported the legislation to address the opioid epidemic and provided funding to treat Arizonans who are under-insured
- Supportive of refugees and member of the Southeast Arizona Advisory Board for Chicanos Por La Causa
- Supports Red for Ed and sponsored many public education support bills
- Had key votes for workers during her time in the legislature like yes on increasing low income tax credits
- Does not support requiring identification for early voting

Mark Workman (R)

- Supports getting business working at full capacity and getting the government out of their way
- Supportive of lowering taxes and wants to get rid of partisan gridlock which puts heavy regulations on businesses and workers
- In favor of building a border wall to have complete control of anyone entering and exiting the US
- Does not believe it is the government's responsibility to ensure everyone has a livable income
- Does not believe people should be able to vote without identification
AZ District 3

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Andres Cano (D)

- Fight for a living wage for working families and fully fund workforce development programs
- Expand Medicaid coverage, protect women's reproductive health care, and oppose all efforts that restrict access to safe and legal abortion care
- Support renewable energy efforts and safeguard natural habitats and wildlife
- Increase teacher pay, lower class sizes and restore funding to our K-12 schools and Pima Community College

Alma Hernandez (D)

- Alma organized protests in Tucson and Washington DC representing the underserved, uninsured and underrepresented of our home town to protect the Affordable Care Act
- Has family who are immigrants that are undocumented or here under DACA, which she advocates for in the legislature and within her community on the Southern border of Tucson
- Advocated for Arizona students with the Arizona Students Association pushing for funding and support of our state's three public universities and community colleges.
- Voted against requiring identification for early voting

STATE SENATE

Sally Ann Gonzales (D)

- Voted in favor of COVID-19 relief bills and advocated for PPE funding
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club
- Supports fully funding our public schools and improving working conditions for dedicated teachers and is endorsed by Stand for Children
- Supportive of increasing unemployment benefits and advocates for expanding vocational opportunities and upgrading workforce funding
- Advocate for increasing voting rights and accessibility in Native and Indigenous communities and sponsored bill to restore voting rights to people with felonies
A nation without borders isn’t a nation at all. Support Border Patrol and other law enforcement officers.

Supports all educational opportunities for Arizona’s children. Public, Charter, Trade, Technical, Computer, and any other school that benefits our future generations.

Regarding the killing of George Floyd: “I DO NOT support George Floyd and I refuse to see him as a martyr. But I hope his family receives justice.”

Defend voter ID laws, ensure only citizens are voting, and continue use of paper ballots.

Strong advocate for small businesses—for the vision and hard work that makes them such an important part of the economy of northern Arizona communities.

Federal, state, and local policies should work to protect and conserve our public lands and wild spaces.

Will work to get more money into our classrooms, pre-k through college, to make more money available to fix leaky roofs and broken down school buses, and increase teacher pay.

Will work to make it easier to find affordable quality child care, and to go to college without taking on crippling student debt.

Served on Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee as Vice Chair.

Will bring leadership to legislation that sunsets corporate tax breaks and giveaways unless their economic value can be clearly demonstrated.

“All our schools - whether public or charter - should be held to the same set of standards and be provided equal opportunities for innovation and modernization.”

Will fight to ensure ALL voters and candidates, regardless of party affiliation or lack of affiliation, play by the same set of rules.

Supported better, locally-funded kindergarten programs that give Arizona’s kids the right foundation for success.

Helped improve the state’s technical and vocational training programs (JTED) through greater accessibility and partnerships with local industries to train Arizonans for high-demand jobs.

Served on Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee as Vice Chair.
Felicia French (D)

- Will fight for affordable medical prescriptions and fight for critical and life-saving access to quality treatment in our rural communities
- Protecting our limited natural resources is vital for rural Arizona’s success, safety, and security.
- We must prioritize K-12 education in our state budget, reduce class sizes, and encourage quality educators and school support staff to stay in Arizona
- We need to reduce local unemployment, create jobs with stable, livable wages, and support small businesses and entrepreneurial job creators in rural Arizona
- Endorsed by Sierra Club

Wendy Rogers (R)

- We must protect the free market, keep regulations low, and keep taxes low.
- Favors getting the federal government out of our healthcare industry as much as possible.
- Defend our borders and sovereignty by putting Arizonans and Americans first. Immigrants are welcome, as long as they come legally. Ban sanctuary cities.
- Money must go to the classroom rather than administration, reduce class sizes, recruit better teachers, and promote private, charter, and homeschool options when at all possible.
STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Randall "Randy" Friese (D)

- Supports Medicaid expansion (and KidsCare) in Arizona.
- Does not support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police
- Supports state funding for the development of renewable energy and regulation of greenhouse gas emissions
- Supports an increase of minimum wage in Arizona.
- Advocated for funding public schools

Brendan Lyons (R)

- Responsibly opening up Arizona and getting businesses back up and running to get people working again.
- Work to have public-private partnerships provide healthcare at an affordable cost, rather than creating a new government system.
- Advocate for strong public and private education
- Supporting Public Safety: I want to protect those who protect us.

Pamela Powers Hannley (D)

- Supportive of the Affordable Care Act. Fighting against opioid epidemic and nicotine addiction
- Supportive of DACA program and recipients
- Supports sustainable energy and sound water policy
- Fully supports the Red for Ed movement and their demands for raises for teachers and support staff
- Supports increasing minimum wage

STATE SENATE

Victoria Steele (D)

- Supports Medicaid expansion in Arizona health care
- Does not support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police
- Supports state funding for the development of renewable energy. Endorsed by the Sierra Club
- Supports increasing the minimum wage of Arizona and requiring employers to provide paid family leave
STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Domingo DeGrazia (D)
- Fight to make sure that everyone has access to affordable care and is endorsed by Planned Parenthood
- Wants equal and affordable education for younger and older students whether through college, a trade, or getting re-trained to take on new career paths as technology and economies change
- Supports fair wages and improving skills in the workforce
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club

Mabelle Gummere (R)
- Will work to increase economic and job development for District 10 so that all of its residents can benefit.
- Will work to provide all children a quality education, as well as fair and equitable compensation for teachers.
- Will work to limit the size and scope of government, along with limiting over-regulation, which stifles economic growth.

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)
- Repeal SB1070, since this legislation permits racial profiling and unjustified traffic stops
- Regulations need to be put into place regarding water use, ranching, farming and mining to protect the planet. Endorsed by the Sierra Club.
- Children in Arizona deserve a fully funded education. Higher education should be affordable and free for students and increased funding for community college
- Believes every Arizonan should have accessible and affordable healthcare and is endorsed by Planned Parenthood

Michael Hicks (R)
- Explore expansion of Transit services (pedestrian, bus and trains). Supports creating a permanent funding source for Tucson’s Transportation system.
- I pledge to continue working with and promoting our public and private education institutions throughout the State and Tucson.
- Wants to increase number of police and firefighters and is endorsed by Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs
Kristen Engel (D)

- Pushes for strong solar panel manufacturing and thriving transportation community for the shipment of goods.
- Believes Arizona should be the #1 Solar State in the Country and on the cutting-edge of energy and water conservation.
- Supported the Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona ballot initiative. Endorsed by the Sierra Club.
- Supports fully funding public education. Endorsed by Children’s Action Alliance

Justine Wadsack (R)

- Abolish Obamacare 100%. Privatize Health Insurance.
- Build The Wall. Stop DACA. Deport Illegals/Criminals.
- Stop Child Body Autonomy. Pro-life. Stop Planned Parenthood’s Agenda.
- Defund U.S. Dept. Education
- Supports President Trump
• During these difficult times, it is important that resources be allocated to helping those going through unemployment and lay-offs.

• Believes in accessible and affordable health care for all and she has sponsored bills that made health care more accessible to Arizonans.

• Endorsed by the Sierra Club section of Arizona.

• She cares strongly about making quality education accessible, affordable, and attainable.

• Strongly supports equal pay and is an advocate for each minority group’s equal pay fight. She was also named a “Champion” for paid leave.

• Co-sponsored House bills protecting voting rights and is in favor of removing unnecessary barriers to voting.

• Pledged support for Arizona small business owners hit hardest during the pandemic.

• A doctor, himself, representative Shah pushes for quality, affordable health care for all.

• Endorsed by the Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Chapter, and earned a 94% rating from the club.

• Very strong advocate for Arizona’s children and vows to fix a broken and unfair education system.

• Teachers need to be paid well and treated with respect.

• Endorsed by professional associations like the Arizona Nurses and Arizona Realtors.

No public opinions on the issues of Covid-19, Economy, Health Care, Immigration, Environment, Education, Workers Rights, Voting Rights

• Strongly supports full re-opening for all business, especially bars and restaurants.

• Supports access to quality and affordable health care.

• Considers education and the safe return of teachers a major issue in the campaign.
Ensuring that Arizonans can receive unemployment and insurance during the pandemic is of the utmost importances.

Will continue the fight for access to quality, affordable healthcare for every Arizonan.

DACA advocate and supporter of most immigrant issues during her long time in the Arizona congress

Consistently supported measures for alternative energy to keep Arizona's air clean and water sustainable and pure

Quality education from early childhood to higher education should be accessible and affordable.

Does not support expanding unemployment or insurance benefits during the pandemic

“We must allow the creativity and ingenuity of the individual flourish without excessive governmental regulations and barriers. A free market system will allow all citizens to truly live out the American Dream”

Believes children should be educated about Citizenship and what it means to live in and be a party to the greatest experiment in human history

Prefers fair and equal redistricting. "No gerrymandering"
STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Athena Salman (D)

- Provide Arizona’s workforce with a liveable wage and less handouts to big corporations
- Healthcare is a universal right and will fight to guarantee paid family leave
- Supports policies that keep families together and provide an opportunity to citizenship to all that is free of obstacles
- Access to clean water is the climate justice fight of our lifetime.
- We need solutions that prioritize the health of our communities
- Teacher shortage crisis must be solved and eliminate school privatization and segregation. Give all families access to a universal education system.

Bill Loughrige (R)

No public opinions on the issues of Covid-19, Economy, Health Care, Immigration, Environment, Education, Workers Rights, Voting Rights

Seth Sifuentes (R)

No public opinions on the issues of Covid-19, Economy, Health Care, Immigration, Environment, Education, Workers Rights, Voting Rights
• Require masks in public places and ensure guidelines for re-opening are equitable for families of all incomes.

• Universal, affordable and accessible healthcare is a right

• Support DACA and welcome refugees and asylees

• Water, pollution and clean energy are major environmental issues that have been neglected by the Republican party

• Equitable and accessible education for all and end emphasis of private schooling.

• Liveable wage needs to keep up with the profits made by corporations and no more big tax cuts for the wealthy corporations

No public opinions on the issues of Covid-19, Economy, Health Care, Immigration, Environment, Education, Workers Rights, Voting Rights
Reginald Bolding (D)

- Believes health care should be affordable for all and economic support be accessible for those hit hardest during the pandemic.
- Supporter of DACA and immigration reform advocate.
- A ranking member on the Education Committee in Arizona Congress and strong supporter of Invest in Education bill.
- Endorsed by the AFL-CIO and LUCHA, organizations that support democratic initiatives including workers’ rights.
- Voted against multiple Republican voter suppression bills, including one that would make it difficult for newly naturalized citizens to vote.

Diego Rodriguez (D)

- Supports President Trump
- Anti - immigration and pro-life
- In support of lower taxes and increased fiscal responsibility
- Believes each child should have access to the education that best fits their individual needs

Tatiana Pena (R)

- Approved bills giving health care stimulus to frontline workers and their families
- Supported proposals that eliminated some of the most egregious parts of 2010’s SB1070
- Fought for additional public school funding during the Red For Ed Movement
- Endorsed by the AFL-CIO and LUCHA, organizations that support democratic initiatives including workers’ rights
- Partnered with representative Bolding in defeating voter suppression bills.
Rebecca Rios (D)

- Champion for families in need of economic support during the pandemic.
- Advocates for paid leave whenever necessary
- A Latina, herself, representative Rios is a strong supporter of immigration reform and DACA
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club
- Strongly supports Prop 208 - More teachers, smaller class size, and more money for innovative education programs.

Garland Shreves (R)

- “Science and the reality that people have to live life is the perspective I will bring to the Arizona Senate”
- Cares about economic opportunities through lower taxes and less government regulation
- Plans to protect parents' “right to send their child to any public or charter school”
- Believes special needs education and allocating resources to such is a major issue that needs to be addressed, in order to free time for teachers to work with all students.
AZ District 29

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Richard Andrade (D)

- Supporter of affordable health care for all
- Strong proponent of DACA and has sponsored all major pro-immigration bills as a Arizona House member
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club for District 29
- Consistent advocate for workers’ rights and pro-union activity.
- Endorsed by Our Voice, Our Vote, an organization that advocates for Latino and African-American communities and their involvement in voting

Cesar Chavez (D)

- Believes in affordable and accessible health care for working families
- Vehemently supports immigration reform and DACA
- Working for higher salaries for teachers and additional funding for schools
- Champion for Latino Voting rights and is Co-Chair of the Arizona Latino Legislative Caucus.
- Received an “A” grade from the Sierra Club

Billy Bragg (R)

No public opinions on the issues of Covid-19, Economy, Health Care, Immigration, Environment, Education, Workers Rights, Voting Rights

Helen Fokszanskyj - Conti (R)

- Member of the healthcare industry, but does not have any public opinions on specific healthcare issues or Covid-19
- Supports expansion of tax credit/voucher/educational savings account program that could allow children to attend any private, charter, or public school available
- Supports the Citizens Clean Election Commission, and the Commission is her largest public donor.
Believes that healthcare for all is human right and affordable health care is a must.

DACA advocate in a heavily Latino district

Received the Sierra Club’s District 29 endorsement.

Supports fully funded public schools and is a member of the Pendergast Elementary School District Governing Board in Arizona

Strong Supporter of workers’ rights, including reducing burden on working families and equal pay for equal work regardless of gender or race.

Strong supporter of Mission For AZ, a group that helps Spanish-speaking voters

Believes voting experience should be easier and more accessible to all eligible voters
STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Raquel Teran (D)

- Believes comprehensive healthcare is imperative, including reproductive health and vows to fight to remove barriers to families receiving the health coverage they deserve.
- Protecting and Supporting Families with a Fair Immigration Policy is a primary issue.
- Believes bold action on climate change needs to happen now and received an “A+” rating of support from the Sierra Club.
- Advocates for investments in safe neighborhood public schools within District 30 and supports making college tuition-free for all Arizona students.

- Strong supporter of health care workers and children’s education through the pandemic.
- Considers Immigration a priority social issue and devotes time to social organizations like Chicanos por la Causa.
- Endorsed by Arizona Education Association and supports more additional school funding and stronger support of the STEM education initiatives.
- Endorsed by Professional Firefighters of Arizona

STATE SENATE

Tony Navarrete (D)

- Supports raising the minimum wage and reducing the tax burden on middle and low-income families.
- Avid DACA supporter with a lot of hands-on experience helping secure fees for the program.
- Received an “A+” grade from the Sierra Club.
- Believes that investing in our children, and their education, should be the state’s top priority.
- Deputy Director for Promise Arizona, a nonprofit community based organization that supports policies that advocate for civic participation.