

## DRAFT

**Arizona Democratic Party  
Regular Meeting of the ADP State Committee  
Saturday, January 26, 2019  
Carl Hayden High School, Phoenix, Arizona**

Chair Felecia Rotellini called the meeting of the ADP State Committee to order at 1:09 pm. The Carl Hayden High School Junior ROTC presented the colors and Chair Rotellini led the Pledge of Allegiance. A video message from Senator Kyrsten Sinema was played, then Congressman Ruben Gallego welcomed State Committee members and talked about the successes of the 2018 election, while noting there were 647 days until the next election.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Rotellini said that it had been her honor to be the chair during this historic election. She acknowledged every candidate who ran in 2018 and encouraged those who did not win to run again. She noted that in 2017, Arizona was fresh off a closer-than-expected result in 2016 but still faced a big registration gap. In 2016, approximately 300,000 more Democrats voted than in 2014. But for 2018, we needed more of the 2016 map than the 2014 map.

Coordinated Campaign Director Jacob Smith then said we were able to do what we could thanks to the work of Democrats over the last 2 decades. He noted that in May he addressed the State Committee about the Coordinated Campaign's strategy: (1) put voters on PEVL; (2) GOTV; and (3) protect the vote. PEVL enrollment makes people more likely to vote, so the Coordinated Campaign targeted people with sporadic voting records. For GOTV, he stressed that we "needed to have enough conversations to change an electorate." Voter protection was needed to ensure that all votes were counted.

There were more than 100 Coordinated Campaign staff members and more than 10,000 Arizonans took action through the Coordinated Campaign. More than 23,400 individuals were added to PEVL, partly a result of 1.1 million door knocks and more than 3.1 million text messages sent. Additionally, more than 17,000 voter protection hotline calls were answered and there were 372 election day poll observers. He noted that as early ballots were returned, the GOP ballot advantage was high, but steadily shrank. Ballot chase started October 10 and was intensified greatly on October 22, which was reflected in the bigger drops in the difference between Democratic and Republican ballot returns.

Digital Director Alexis Magnan-Callaway then said there was a strategy to build a team to support the party and that the 2018 digital priorities were: (1) digital organizing; (2) digital fundraising; and (3) digital voter contact/mobilization. Some of the digital tools utilized included mass texting, 1:1 texting, mass email, a redesigned website, and social media. She noted that in 2018 there was a new logo and branding in addition to the new web site. Just under 24,000 volunteers signed up online and digital mobilization including recruiting and training nearly 2,200 texting volunteers. Digital Director Magnan-Callaway also noted that through our online fundraising efforts, we had more smaller dollar donations than any other state party.

Chair Rotellini then called for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Marty Luna, Carolyn Warner, Ed Pastor, Patricia Castro, and Ray Bradford.

### **VOTING PROCEDURES**

Elections Director Sam Almy said that ranked choice voting will be used for the ADP elections and he described the process. He noted that the first three paper ballots provided to all voting State Committee members were for the election to fill the vacancy for Democratic National Committee Member and, by DNC rules, these ballots are not cast anonymously.

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

It was reported that for the January 26 meeting, 592 State Committee members were present in person and 146 by proxy, for a total of 704 (of 870) members or 81% of the total membership, indicating a quorum had been met for purposes of voting.

### **DNC MEMBER ELECTION**

Chair Rotellini introduced Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes who described the election process. This election was necessary to fill the vacancy left by Carolyn Warner's passing and the individual elected will complete her term.

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for Democratic National Committee Member. Fern Ward (LD 27) nominated **Sandra Kennedy** (LD 27); Steve Cody (LD 2) seconded. Mary Darling (Cochise) nominated **Sierra Yamanaka** (LD 9); Jeremy Lasher LD 9 seconded. Hollace Lyon (Pinal) nominated **Danica Oparnica** (LD 28); Christine Marsh (LD 28) seconded. Cathy Hozian (LD 4) nominated **Carol Comito** (LD 23); Carol Maas (LD 17) seconded. The candidates accepted their nominations and addressed the State Committee in order of nomination. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

### **RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Secretary of State Katie Hobbs gave a huge thank you to the ADP, Coordinated Campaign, and everyone at the meeting for the best results Democrats have had in decades, noting that "these are not just wins for Democrats, but wins for Arizona. We have the opportunity to govern and restore trust, to make sure elections are run fairly and securely, and to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote does."

Congressman Greg Stanton also thanked the ADP for turning Arizona blue. He said the most important lesson from 2018 is that we win together and that teamwork will lead us to victory in 2020. He also noted that this was the first day since he had been a congressman that the government was not shut down. Congressman Stanton further talked about some of the more consequential measures that would be voted on in the House, including universal background checks for gun owners, providing equal pay for equal work, and HR 1, a massive voting rights bill that will also serve to take dark money out of federal elections.

## **RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

### **ADP CHAIR ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for State Chair. Janie Hydrick (LD 18) nominated **Felecia Rotellini** (LD 28); Deedra Abboud (LD 23) seconded. There were no other nominations. Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Felecia Rotellini** as **ADP Chair** by acclamation.

**ADP FIRST VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for First Vice Chair. Steven Slugocki (LD15) nominated **Pat Burns** (LD 3); CJ Briggles (LD 18) seconded. Patrick Seifter (LD 24) nominated **Dante Mitchell** (Yuma); Richard Andrade (LD 29) seconded. The candidates accepted their nominations and addressed the State Committee in order of nomination. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

House Minority Leader Charlene Fernandez and Senator Tony Navarrete provided an update on the Arizona legislature. Minority Leader Fernandez said a goal was to pass the ERA and invest in working families, noting “we are sick of tax cuts in this state – we are in this mess because we have been cutting taxes for the last 26 years.” There will also be discussions with the governor about tax conformity.

Senator Navarrete said that the meeting was being held in his high school alma mater. He stressed that Democrats will make sure that education is a top priority because it needs to be fully funded. “We have to do better in terms of young people getting their degrees and stop the charter school rip off.”

They also stressed that the need to address the water shortage in Lake Mead.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Executive Director Herschel Fink gave an abbreviated report given the details provided earlier about the past election. In short: 2018 was phenomenal and 2019 and 2020 are already here, so buckle up. The first order of business we need to work on is the delegate selection plan for 2020. The ADP Affirmative Action Moderator is in charge of the plan; Executive Director Fink noted that every legislative district and county needs to appoint a member to serve on the Affirmative Action Committee.

**RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Chair Rotellini noted that Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman was in Tucson working with math teachers and unable to address the State Committee.

Corporation Commissioner Sandra Kennedy said that it has been “enlightening” 3 weeks back on the commission and that she had signed a subpoena to review APS’s books. She asked for help on the commission by electing three more Democrats in the next election cycle.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Resolutions Committee Chair Pat Burns presented the committee report and recommendations for actions, noting that a motion to approve the resolutions together as a whole was in order:

- Resolution Against Fracking in Arizona (amended)
- Resolution to Support Apache County Efforts to Implement Voting Improvements
- Resolution to Support Essential Improvement to Vote Builder
- Resolution in Favor of Moving the Primary to an Earlier Date

- Resolution in Support of the Removal of the Deadline Date for Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)
- Resolution for the Condemnation & Expulsion of Rep. David Stringer from the Arizona Legislature
- Emergency Resolution Against Government Shutdown, in Support of Automatic Government Funding and Congressional Accountability
- Resolution to Commence Process of “No Candidate Support” for Michael Nowakowski (amended)

The resolutions regarding Vote Builder and moving the primary to an earlier date were tabled. The resolutions against fracking and regarding “no candidate support” were amended. Lupe Conchas (LD 30) moved and Cynthia Ford (LD 20) seconded to approve the resolutions as presented including amendments. The resolutions were approved by voice vote.

#### **DNC MEMBER ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes announced that **Sierra Yamanaka** was elected **Democratic National Committee Member** based on ranked choice voting.

### **RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

#### **ADP FIRST VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes announced that the State Committee members had elected **Pat Burns** as **ADP First Vice Chair**, based on the following election results: Pat Burns, 368 votes; Dante Mitchell, 335 votes.

#### **ADP SENIOR VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for Senior Vice Chair. Anne Greenberg (LD15) nominated **Michele Manos** (LD 2); Gabriela Cazares Kelly (LD 9) seconded. J’aime Morgaine (Mohave) nominated **Mary McCord Robinson** (Mohave); Ben Johnson (Pinal) seconded. The candidates accepted their nominations and addressed the State Committee in order of nomination. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **CAUCUS REPORTS**

Representatives from various caucuses addressed the meeting:

- Secular Caucus – Margo Thomas (LD 18) said a new board was named and the caucus was working out its structure.
- Environmental – Rebecca Hinton (LD 18) discussed current activities.
- Disabilities – Celeste Pettijohn (LD 20) said the caucus will intro a resolution focused on ensuring that all places in which the ADP meet are accessible and in code.
- Young Democrats – President Kalie Pawlik noted that a new board was elected for the Maricopa YDs and new VP membership for YDA.

- Rural – Susan Breen (Greenlee) said that at the caucus’ standing room only meeting earlier there was a discussion about how important the Legislature’s Request to Speak process is for rural counties. She also noted that 24.7 percentage points was the greatest increase in Democratic voting per county and that occurred in Mohave County.
- LGBT – Brianna Westbrook (LD 22), newly elected chair, said the caucus had expanded its board to 9 members to increase outreach throughout the state.
- Social Workers – Debbie Nez Manual (LD 26) noted that the caucus was looking at areas that need our help
- Labor – Ted Prezelski (LD 2) said that the caucus will be introducing a new labor-related resolution at the next State Committee meeting.
- Latino –Xenia Orona (LD 19), newly elected chair, noted that the caucus’ biggest win was the State Committee passing the cultural competency resolution last year. The caucus plans to do more outreach to rural counties.
- Progressive – Jenise Porter (LD 9) and Patrick Morales (LD 18), newly elected co-chairs, announced the rest of their board and provided some legislative updates.

## RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

### ADP SENIOR VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes announced that the State Committee members had elected **Mary McCord Robinson** as **ADP Senior Vice Chair**, based on the following election results: Mary McCord Robinson, 398 votes; Michele Manos, 289 votes.

### ADP VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for Vice Chair. David Brill (LD 1) nominated **Bryan Rasmussen** (Yuma); Joe Viccica (Yavapai) seconded. Shannah Redmon (Coconino) nominated **Missa Foy-Jentoft** (Navajo); Berdetta Hodge (LD 26) seconded. Steven Slugocki (LD 15) nominated **Deborah Nardozi** (LD 24); Patrick Seifter (LD 24) seconded. Jon Ryder (LD 23) nominated **JP Martin** (LD 9); Paul Durham (LD 9) seconded. William Nelson (LD 27) nominated **Brianna Westbrook** (LD 22); Lupe Conchas (LD 30) seconded. Alison Porter (LD 18) nominated **Beth Weisser** (Mohave); Berdetta Hodge (LD 26) seconded. Karen Bayless Feldman (LD 24) nominated **Patty Contreras** (LD 18); Mike Schiller (LD 18) seconded. Dante Mitchell (Yuma) nominated **Xanthe Bullard** (Yuma); Rina Wojcik (Yuma) seconded. Roy Tatem (LD 17) nominated **Deedra Abboud** (LD 23); Steven Slugocki (LD 15) seconded. Steven Slugocki (LD 15) nominated **Damian Preciado** (LD 24); Lisa Schoop (LD 24) seconded. Karen McClelland (Yavapai) nominated **Jevin Hodge** (LD 26); Jeff Fortney (LD 15) seconded. The candidates accepted their nominations.

David Braun (LD 27) moved and Cynthia Ford (LD 20) seconded to cut the time for Vice Chair speeches in half. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Candidates for Vice Chair addressed the State Committee in order of nomination. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

### ADP SECRETARY ELECTION

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for Secretary. Christine Marsh (LD 28) nominated **Anne Greenberg** (LD 15); Virgel Cain (LD 15) seconded. Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Anne Greenberg** as **ADP Secretary** by acclamation.

**ADP TREASURER ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for Treasurer. Steven Slugocki (LD 15) nominated **Rick McGuire** (LD 15); Scott More (LD 25) seconded. Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Rick McGuire** as **ADP Treasurer** by acclamation.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bylaws Committee Chair Michele Manos presented the committee report and described the process for submitting proposed bylaw amendments. She then presented two amendments that had been authored by the bylaws committee.

Amendment 1, which was drafted to keep caucuses operating in accordance with current statute and law and to remove barriers to keeping the bylaws current in this regard, revised Article VI, Section 7D1(d) to require caucuses to incorporate and operate financially as required by current Arizona Statutes, United States Code, or the Arizona Secretary of State's office. A friendly amendment was accepted that changed "incorporate" to "organize." Jay Gittrich (LD 25) moved and Ray Weinhard (LD 2) seconded to approve the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 2 clarified the process for amendment bylaws as contained in Article XII, Section 2. The changes also removed deadline exceptions for the organizational meeting and required that any final proposed changes made during the discussion of the amendment be reviewed by the members present. Steve Cody (LD 2) moved and Berdetta Hodge (LD 26) seconded to approve the amendment. The motion passed by voice vote.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Anne Greenberg presented the minutes from the September 22, 2018, state committee meeting. Jay Gittrich (LD 25) moved and Maureen Salz (LD 11) seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Rick McGuire presented the fiscal year 2018 report. He noted that some donations came in after the election, helping increase cash on hand at the end of the year. Expenses came in "right on the money" at 101.7%.

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**ADP EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for Educational Coordinator. Doug Ballard (Coconino) nominated **Janie Hydrick** (LD18); John Beaulieu (LD 24) seconded. Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Janie Hydrick** as **ADP Educational Coordinator** by acclamation.

#### **ADP AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MODERATOR ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes called for nominations for Affirmative Action Moderator. Henry Wade (Pinal) nominated **Benjamin Johnson** (Pinal); Paul Skalicky (Pinal) seconded. Garrick McFadden (LD 20) nominated **Lupe Conchas** (LD 30); Patrick Seifter (LD 24) seconded.

Mikel Weisser (Mohave) moved and Debbie Nez Manuel (LD 26) seconded to limit the time for Affirmative Action Moderator speeches to 2 minutes. The motion was approved on voice vote.

Candidates for Affirmative Action Moderator addressed the State Committee in order of nomination. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes announced that the State Committee members had elected **Lupe Conchas** as **ADP Affirmative Action Moderator**, based on the following election results: Lupe Conchas, 356 votes; Benjamin Johnson, 175 votes.

#### **ADP VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

In the initial results from **ADP Vice Chair** voting, Maricopa County Recorder Fontes announced that the State Committee members had elected **Deedra Abboud** with 298 votes (288 of 576 votes required) in the first round and **Jevin Hodge** with 238 votes (226 of 451 votes required) in the second round.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

CJ Carenza reported that fundraising for contributions to the Federal Employees Relief Fund that had been occurring during the meeting raised \$1,578.

#### **CAUCUS REPORTS**

Caucus reports continued:

- Election Integrity – Randall Holmes (LD 30) said the committee needed members from outside of Maricopa County and that for elections, poll workers are needed in each precinct.
- African-American – Quiana Dickenson (Pinal) reported that 28 African-American candidates had been elected throughout Arizona.

Chair Rotellini urged people to contact her with their thoughts about ranked choice voting.

### **RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

#### **ADP VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

Maricopa County Recorder Fontes announced that the State Committee members had elected **ADP Vice Chairs** as follows: **Missa Foy-Jentoft** with 233 votes (227 of 454 votes required) in the third round; **Damian Preciado** with 237 votes (225 of 456 votes required) in the fourth round; **Brianna Westbrook** with 364 votes (338 of 676 votes required) in the fifth round; and **Bryan Rasmussen** with 343 votes (340 of 679 votes required) in the sixth round.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Thereafter, a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Deedra Abboud (LD 23) and seconded by Brianna Westbrook (LD 22). The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Greenberg  
ADP Secretary, 2019-2020  
March 10, 2019