

**LD10 General Meeting**  
**September 18, 2019**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Chair Bonnie Heidler at 6:30 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Bonnie Heidler  
**We have a quorum**

**Chair's Opening Comments:**

Welcome to all new attendees. We have 6 new guests from LD10 and presenters from other LDs and organizations (local and/or state caucuses).

We had a successful Ballot Chase with many precincts reporting an increase in voter turnout.

Regina Romero is our Democratic candidate for Mayor of Tucson. But the push is on because Republicans will most likely vote for the Independent candidate.

Our Democratic State Meeting is on Saturday, 9/21.

**Approval of April Minutes:** Motion by Karen Randolph, seconded by Patti Bersbach, and approved by acclamation.

**Fund Raising -**

Zoey Fife - Our Fall Fund Raiser is to be a "Direct Mail Ask." Addressing envelopes will be a Tuesday night endeavor.

**Membership Committee -**

Stephanie Oleary - We have added 25 new PCs this year! We have added 42 new names to our data base which surpasses our goal.

There was a Ballot Chase celebration on 9/15 with 35 people in attendance. Paul Cunningham (running for City Council re-election) addressed the group.

Our new name tags are available and can be purchased on-line on the LD10 web page. The original cost was \$10.00 but is actually \$12.00 which is stated on the web page.

Canvassing for Democrats: Chesney Richter

Campaign Manager for R. Romero - Elvira S. Din. Ms. Din is the primary contact for the Romero campaign. If you are involved with that campaign please notify S. Oleary as well.

**Canvas every Saturday:** 9:00 AM until noon

**Sunday:** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Both start at PCDP Headquarters.

**Debate Watch Party:** Will be on 10/15

**Treasurer's Report,** Type to enter text

Marshall Coyne — We currently have a balance of \$10,324.00

**Corresponding Secretary Report -**

Rebecca Crow continues her efforts to add LD10 PCs and volunteers.

**Communications Officer:** Andy Flach -

Ballot Chase Report: the goal was to increase voter turnout using a data base of newly registered voters and those having a history of voting but not in the last election. 6,800 voters targeted with a randomly chosen control group of 481 Democrats who were not

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contacted. Andy pulled up the names of those who had already voted and those remaining were notified. There was a 79.9% turnout rate with those notified and a 77.3% turnout for the control group. The 2.6% difference is significant when you consider how close elections have become. Next steps: increase canvassing and develop virtual phone banks.

**PCD - Executive Committee -**

Marion Chubon. The GOTV initiative is in full swing with the control center at the PCDPHQ. Walk for Prop 205 - canvas to get support for the Families Free and Together ballot initiative. ACLU Arizona is supporting Prop 205.

A Platform Committee has been developed and is meeting every 2 weeks; talking to the LDs and focus groups. There will be a yes/no vote at the 12/7 meeting.

Information will be sent out to the PCs so that they can make an informed decision.

Pat Burns, First Vice Chair of Arizona Dems and member of DNC stated that he would like to improve communication between himself and the LDs

Marion Chubon and Allison Musvosvi are EC representatives so they invite you to take issues to them so they can be addressed by the Pima County EC.

All LD Chairs had presentations and, of course, ours was the best thanks to Bonnie.

Michele Manos from LD2 talked about affirmative action and the under-representation of some people.

**CAC -**

Judy Falconer - There will be a meeting of the Pima County CAC on Saturday, 9/28.

**Outlaw Dirty Money -**

Lew Coppes - Get your petitions from Lew. They must be notarized and there will be a notary present before our General Meetings.

**Old Business:**

Gail Kamaras announced that the Labor Day event went well. The booth was fully staffed and there were a lot of visitors. 4 or 5 new voters were registered.

**50/50 winner** - Ed McCullough was the winner and he donated the money back to LD10.

**Main Event :** Greer Warren explained a change in the ADP bylaws passed by the Republican Legislative majority. ADP clubs and caucuses will all become PACs while the LDs will remain part of the ADP. PACs cannot be associated with a political party, so some groups may decide to become a PAC or, if they are state caucuses, can chose to become associated with a political party.

Greer explained that caucuses are under-represented groups who come together for change, eg. LGBTQ or African Americans.

Councils are issue-related groups.

At both the state and county level there are groups of like-minded people - a community of interest.

Greer than introduced organization and caucus leaders who gave brief descriptions of their activities and asked for LD support at our State meeting.

**African American Dem. Caucus** - Connie DeLarge - Goals include increasing voter turnout in her community, supporting African American candidates, conducting

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campaign training, fund raising, and financial support for candidates. Connie stated that her group would most likely become a PAC.

**Disability Caucus** - Merrill Eisenberg - Their goals include raising the visibility of issues related to people with disabilities and providing brief check lists to campaigns to make their venues more accessible.

**Asian and Pacific Island Caucus** - Lori Tochiara - There are 300,000 Asian Americans in AZ, the largest group is from the Philippines. There are 15,000 eligible voters from their group in Pima County. They have found that 70% of their community are not contacted prior to elections; English is not the primary language for 71%; and there are 14% of the community living in poverty. Their goals include increasing the visibility of Asian Americans, conducting voter registration drives, scheduling events with candidates, and supporting their candidates. She mentioned that LD9 had a movie night and showed the film "And Then They Came for Us."

**Environmental Caucus** - Rebecca Hinton LD18 - Tempe. Their's is a new group and they most likely will identify as a council. Their goal is to support the "Green New Deal" and to support the youth activists groups and their strike on Friday at Presidio Park from 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

**AZ Secular Caucus** - Margot Thomas - this is a group of agnostics, humanists, atheists and other secular groups who campaign for the separation of church and state.

**Progressive Caucus** - also Margot Thomas - they give a voice to the more progressive ideas of our party, eg. Medicare for All.

**Labor Caucus** - Steve Diamond and Ted Prezelski - Please support the walk-out of the nurses from St. Joseph's and St. Mary's who are demonstrating for patient safety issues including nurse-to-patient ratios. 70% of Arizona Republic reporters have filled out cards to unionize but are being blocked by the owners - they need your support. There is a long history between the Democratic Party and Unions.

The Pima County Labor Caucus meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at PCDPHQ.

**LGBTQ Caucus** - Riley Conklin - her group gives a voice to this community. Reported that the queer community has become too complacent and this is dangerous - 19 trans women, mostly women of color, have been murdered this year. She reported that efforts are on-going to remove homophobic professor(s) at the U of A: one has called members of the queer community perverts, etc.

9/18 is Tucson Pride.

They are registering voters and ask for our support of their community.

**Education Caucus** - Luci Messing - Luci started this caucus in 2015. Under the new law this group will become a council. The RED for ED movement is on-going so remember to wear red on Wednesdays. Be aware of what happens at the state level and its effect on education.

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**Announcements:**

**Families Free and Together** - Marion Chubon introduced Zaira Livier who debunked many of the arguments which are being used to oppose Prop 205.

1. Tucson will lose money - Not true. It is unconstitutional to withhold funds

2. Tucson will lose up to \$100 million dollars - again not true.

This initiative If passed, Prop 205 would:

- prohibit Tucson police officers from making assumptions about a person's immigration status based on certain characteristics including whether they speak English or how they are dressed;
- prohibit Tucson police officers from asking individuals about immigration status in hospitals, houses of worship, and courthouses;
- prohibit Tucson police officers from asking most vehicle passengers about their immigration status; and
- prohibit Tucson police officers from asking victims of certain crimes including domestic abuse about their immigration status.

This is a citizen-led initiative - the first in the US.

Tanque Verde Dems: The mayor will address the group at Risky Business on 10/13 and the Veterans Day Parade will be on 11/11.

Paul Stapleton Smith asked for support for the nurse's walk-out.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm by Bonnie Heidler - Chair.**

**Submitted by:**

Judyth Falconer  
LD10 Secretary