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REPUBLICAN MAJORITY GROWS IN 2024 RED WAVE

Voters sent a strong message this month. They're tired of an open border, inflation, the woke garbage being forced on them by the Left- like allowing boys in girls' restrooms, and they want to restore common sense. As a result, we're celebrating a red wave at the Legislature. Despite the Governor and out-of-state groups spending millions to flip control of both chambers, we not only maintained the majority, but we expanded it. In the Senate, we grew from 16 Republicans to now 17. The House grew from 31 Republicans to now 33. This is the most conservative Legislature in state history. We will continue to deliver an agenda to protect liberty and promote prosperity. We will make sure our communities are safe and that our kids have the best educational opportunities. We will continue to lower taxes and eliminate government waste. We will work with the Trump Administration to make sure our border is safe. We will secure our water supplies and our elections. *-President Warren Petersen*



AZ VOTERS APPROVE SECURE THE BORDER ACT

This month, Arizonans voted to approve the Secure the Border Act, Prop. 314, after Governor Hobbs vetoed the measure twice, along with a dozen other border-related bills. Now, Hobbs is broadcasting that she will IGNORE the mandate from Arizona voters who overwhelmingly supported it. President-elect Donald Trump's administration says they'll prioritize public safety and national security threats when it comes to deportation efforts, however, Hobbs says she won't support those efforts either. She's made it clear she'll be standing in the way of any legitimate attempts to secure the border and make our communities safe again. The people of Arizona have spoken, yet Hobbs remains tone-deaf and committed to spreading false rhetoric, along with Democrat legislators. When Hobbs turned her back on the border crisis, Arizona Republicans vowed to send it to the ballot. Promises made. Promises kept. It's time for Hobbs to do the same.



-Senator Janae Shamp



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CHILDREN, TAXPAYERS, PUBLIC SAFETY WIN BIG!

Arizona voters made their voices heard loud and clear this month when they overwhelmingly passed the “Children Are Not For Sale” ballot measure, Prop. 313. Child sex traffickers in Arizona will now face life in prison for their heinous acts against these innocent victims. Our taxpayers will also be taken care of when their local government fails to enforce laws to mitigate the homeless crisis. Prop. 312 was approved by voters and will allow Arizonans to be compensated when their livelihoods are harmed as a result of municipalities neglecting this growing problem. Families of first responders killed in the line of duty because of a crime will get extra support, thanks to voters passing the “Back the Blue Act.” This is another measure sent to the ballot by Senate Republicans, which will expand benefits to public safety families and create tougher penalties against the criminals responsible. These three measures will make a profoundly positive impact in our state!



-Senator Shawanna Bolick

SLOW VOTE-COUNTING REMAINS A PROBLEM

Arizona was once again the laughingstock across the country for how long it took our state to determine winners and losers in this election. A commonsense election bill I sponsored in 2023 would have sped up the vote-counting process, but the Governor vetoed it. SB1595 would have resolved the biggest contributor to the delay in election results while establishing equal treatment of those coming to the polls on or near election day. The bill required those who decide to hold on to their mailed ballots until after the Friday before election day to follow the same ID requirements as everyone else when dropping off their ballots. The legislation would have eliminated the need to validate signatures on hundreds of thousands of ballots, a lengthy process that greatly delays election results. We will work again to send a bill like this to the Governor's desk next session, and we hope she will do the right thing by signing it this time so we can finally move past this ongoing embarrassment.



-Senator J.D. Mesnard



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NEW SENATE MAJORITY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The dust has settled with the November election, and Senate Republicans have decided who will lead the Caucus for the next two years. Senate President Warren Petersen was re-elected to serve in that role. He's done a great job thus far, and we're happy to have him at the helm of our conservative agenda once again. Senator Shope was reappointed to serve as President Pro Tempore. Joining them will be newly elected Majority Leader Janae Shamp, and I'm grateful to share that I was chosen to serve as Majority Whip. Together, we will answer the mandate from Arizona voters who rewarded us with an expanded majority at the Legislature in order to pass bills that prioritize a secure border, safe communities, lower costs for hardworking Arizonans, protecting our water supply, and alleviating the housing crisis. In the coming weeks, we will be compiling our majority plan for the next session, and we will share it once it's available. Stay tuned!



-Senator Frank Carroll

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Following the November election, our Senate Majority has hit the ground running to prepare for the start of a new session. Senate committees, their chairmen, and members have been announced for the 57th Legislature, and I'm proud to be serving as Chairman for the Committee on Natural Resources. This committee will place a focus on Hobbs' failure to address housing affordability. We will also have a seat at the table for negotiations of Arizona's entrance into the post-2026 Colorado River Operation agreement, which requires Senate approval. The Hobbs Administration has waged a war against housing affordability and commonsense conservation through legislative vetoes and administrative action. The Ag-to-Urban Conservation Program she reneged on would have allowed these important sectors to work together to increase housing supply while conserving water. I am grateful to hold this important role to strengthen water security while increasing housing affordability.



-Senator T.J. Shope



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VETTING AGENCY DIRECTOR NOMINEES IN 2025

On the heels of Katie Hobbs' failed attempts to illegally bypass the Senate confirmation process, I'm doubling down on my commitment to ensuring only highly qualified individuals are overseeing Arizona's critical state agencies as the newly reappointed Chairman of the Senate Committee on Director Nominations (DINO). We've seen the tragic fallout from Katie Hobbs' fake director scheme and its impacts on Arizonans in recent months, including the death of a child in DCS custody, a major \$2 million fraudulent transfer of taxpayer dollars from DOH, and the resignation of Fake Director Lisa Urias, after a serious conflict of interest was uncovered within the Department of Tourism. Corruption, nepotism, and cronyism will not be tolerated in Arizona. These incidents could have been avoided had Hobbs followed the law and taken the Senate confirmation process seriously. While we invite Hobbs to the table, we will not be rubberstamping unqualified radicals.



-Senator Jake Hoffman

FLAGS FLYING FREELY IN AZ

"I finally now am able to honor both my country and my late husband's service." That is a line from an email I received this month that reminded me even some of the "small" bills I sponsor can have a significant impact on Arizonans. The picture on the right was taken on November 10, the 249th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. My constituent, Joyce, was able to fly both patriotic flags outside her house after being denied by her HOA for the past six years, thanks to a bill I sponsored this year. State law previously stated that an HOA cannot prohibit the outdoor display of various types of patriotic flags, including the American flag, an official or replica of a flag of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, a first responders flag, and many others. However, I expanded on the law to allow for two of those flags to be flown at the same time. Every Arizonan should be able to freely show their support for our country, its military, and first responders without an HOA trying to stand in their way.



-Senator John Kavanagh



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