

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
October 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: President Bridget Nelke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. President Nelke gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America and singing America the Beautiful.

WELCOME VISITORS: Julie Antal, Daniel Bentley, Donna Burrell, Barbara Copeland, Deanna Durt, Cheryl Hopwood, Francis Huff, Kathie Jamn, Carol Junge, Judi Just, Marla Kempf, Rebecca Martin, Arlene Ohnstad, Ilone Perkins, Steve Remige, Sharon Rodgers, David Saputo, Steve Schank, Edward Scott, Linda Swanson, Mike Trainer, Julia Urban, Lynne Werle and Barb Zeman. There were 96 members present; 24 guests and 3 speakers/staff present for a total of 123 in attendance.

There was a motion and a second to approve the General Meeting Minutes from the September 12, 2026 Minutes. Motion carried.

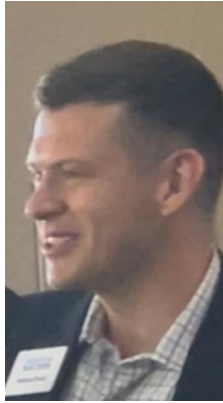
President Nelke gave an update on election processes for this election. Justin Heap will handle staffing and machines through the early voting process. Voting day will be handled by the Board of Supervisors and different machines will be installed after the machines purchased by Justin Heap have been removed. It is the recommendation of several Republican organizations that voters take their mail in ballots to voting locations and have the envelope ID'd so the ballots can go through the tabulators prior to the Friday before elections day when the new machines will be replaced by the previous voting machines used. President Nelke said the consensus among most groups is that we should vote yes for all the judges on the ballot as the Governor could appoint far left judges to fill rejected judges' replacements.

President Nelke reminded members of the October 23 Meet & Greet event at Lizard Lounge from 11:00am-3:00pm. Due to restrictions at the facility, we may not reference the Republican Club or Trump, etc. Wear flag clothing or bring flags to make the room festive. Special prizes have been purchased to give drawing prizes throughout the event. Please plan to stop in to welcome other fellow SCW Patriots.

Nelke invited members to attend a movie called Diagnosis Communism – the Deadliest Disease on October 10 at 16040 N 59th – behind a Century Realty office from 2:00-40 p.m. This is sponsored by the West Valley Republican and Independent Coalition. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

President Nelke told of a new program starting January 1 at the Assessor's office to do an ID process for both commercial and residential properties to protect owners from having a title transferred by a non-owner. You will be able to register online at mcassessor.maricopa.gov. They note that this type of fraud happens to properties with no mortgage on them.

She asked if anyone is a resident of Grandview Terrace – as we need help getting access to the property to deliver the Golden Tickets. She said volunteers are needed next week to finish delivering all the Golden Tickets.



President Nelke introduced Nathan Duell, Arizona State Director for Heritage Action for America. Their focus in Washington, D.C. is to do research and present to Congress center right actions they would like to see enacted. Arizona State issues they are involved with: Governor Hobbs has vetoed a record 541 bills since taking office in January 2023 – more than 70 of those vetoes were election integrity bills. Hobbs has vetoed dozens of bills related to protecting kids, defending the unborn, strengthening border security and combating the CCP. Former Governor Napolitano previously held the record of vetoes with 181 vetoes in a six-year period. Duell shared some Countering CCP issues:

- The United States is in a New Cold War with the People's Republic of China (PRC) led and controlled by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)
- China believes that state and local governments will be the weak links by which it can infiltrate and undercut the US political system
- States should prohibit all individuals or entities acting as agents on behalf of foreign adversaries and their clients

Ways to Take Action

- Vote November 3rd – Election Day
- October 5th is the voter registration deadline
- Remind at least 5 friends to vote
- Bring someone to the polls with you – don't go alone
- Become an election worker or poll observer
- Electioneer on Election Day
- GOTV with a campaign or coalition partner

Duell noted he can be reached at Nathan.duell@heritageaction.com

Question: Have there been data breaches to your system. Duell – We strive to be secure.

Charmaine Roth and Jamie Alford of Arizona Free Enterprise spoke on ballot initiatives.



Ms. Roth reviewed the ballot for last day voting: use black or blue pen, completely fill in the circle for the issue or candidate, don't write anything else on the ballot, you cannot make corrections or crossout (ask for a new ballot). She reviewed the Bills that will be on the ballot and recommended voting yes for each of them:

Constitutional:

Prop 141 – Protects our Freedom to Move by banning government from taxing, tracking or limiting the miles we drive.

Prop 142 – End DEI and Affirmative Action by any level of government in the State

Prop 144 – Ensures Fast, Accurate, Secure and Transparent Election results: only citizens can vote, voter ID, on-site tabulation on election day, no foreign funding

Statutory:

Prop 316 – Caps the Grocery Tax at 2% and requires a vote of the people to approve

Prop 317 – Declares that drug cartels are terrorist organizations

Prop 318 – Protects Girls Sports

Prop 319 – No photo radar without a vote of the people

Prop 320 – Requires at least 60% of funding go to students, not administrators

Jamie Alford reported on some other issues:

- Maricopa County is directed to tabulate all early ballots by the end of election day
- The black boxes used in prior elections will replace the new green ballot equipment for final election day balloting. The new ballot machines purchased by Justin Heap's office will be used only for all early ballots.
- Reminder to vote early so ballot chasers can focus on people still holding ballots
- Adrian Fontes office had been ordered to provide illegal alien and felon records so the Recorder can remove unqualified persons from the eligible voter list. They only received it two weeks ago so the Recorder's office is diligently working to complete this large task before the election. Illegal aliens do get driver's licenses and that is qualifying information to prove your identity at the voting centers so voter records must be compared.

She reminded voters to get their mail in ballots returned to a voting center at least 5 days before election day and show them your driver's license and a second form of ID so your ballot will flow faster in the election counting. If you just drop your ballot off at the voter center in the drop off box, it can take up to 5 days before they are verified. On the last election, over 3000 ballots were not counted because they arrived too late. Reminder to vote the Republican ballots up & down the ballot and also for Republicans running for non-partisan offices.

The 50/50 drawing was held. There were two \$50.00 prizes and they were both one by one person. She donated the second \$50.00 to the Republican Club.



President Nelke introduced Hailey Matson, West Valley Turning Point Representative. She spoke of a new division in Turning Point – Classic American’s Coalition which is for the 55+ voters. They are holding several volunteer events: Super Chases 9:30 am October 8 at Spener’s Place, 15341 W. Waddell Rd, Unit B101, Surprise, 10/14 9:00 am at Zuni Clubhouse, 17159 N. Willow Path, Surprise, 10:00 am 10/24 at Reclaim Church and 10/28 4:30 pm at Zuni Clubhouse, 17159 N. Willow Path, Surprise. Contact Turning Point to get further information.

Questions: Do you use different voter lists than the Republican Clubs to do door knocking. Ms. Matson said yes they do and she could run a report in a few days if Golden Ticket people need other contacts for the brochures.

Question: Asking for clarification on voting on judges. Ms. Matson said they are not focusing on the judges as it a 30 to 1 chance of rejecting a judge. They are more focused on the type of judges the Governor appoints.

Abe Hamadeh’s representative reminded members their office if there if they need help with a government issue.

Jan Shank of the Sun City Grand Republican invited members to attend their meeting on October 17.

President Nelke reported we will have a representative from Goldwater Institute and a speaker on the red-light cameras at our next meeting,

There being no further business, President Bridget Nelke adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Recording Secretary