

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST REPUBLICAN CLUB
October 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Randle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at The Church on the Green, Sun City West, Arizona. Marjorie Favia gave the Invocation. President Randle led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America followed by all singing God Bless America.

WELCOME VISITORS: Tom Antal, K.D. Attomo, RoyDen Best, William Campbell, JV Castaldo, Martin Chavez, Donald Croke, Robert Dahlke, Marilyn Due, Jerry Fangman, Ganther Franke, Rick Grandivetti, Jim Haddon, John Harvey, Cheryl Haywood, Mary Hoerling, Judy Jacobsen, Britt Kratky, Milton Lachman, Susan Lukachie, Sharon Marinelle, Maye McCarron, Gary Mayer, David Miller, Susan Mitchell, Linda Nix, Arlene Ohnstad, Allie Ollsten, Claire Pearl, Steve Roberts, Sharon Rodgers, Susan Saguhe, Carol Sagun, Carol Stiles, Ada Sullivan, Cloele Taylor, Thomas Timm, Russ Toman, There were 154 members, 40 guests and 4 speakers present: a total count of 198 present.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes posted on the website. Minutes Approved.

President Randle reminded Sun City West Republicans to consider running for their Community Board.

Randle reported the Sun City West Republican Club is sponsoring an exclusive screening of Steve Bannon's latest documentary, "Government Gangsters". Special guests will be Kash Patel, The Savage Angels, Abe Hamadeh, Director M.A. Taylor and Producer Dan Fleutte. This will be held at Palm Ridge on Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:00 p.m.). You can register online at SunCityWarRoomFilm.Eventbrite.com as tickets are required. Share this information with your friends.

Randle noted concern that the Hurricane Helene victims are in serious need of help and the government is not getting to all areas with help. There is word out that the government is confiscating donations. He reported there is rumor the FBI may be at polling locations. He also reported that there have been many reports of Trump signs being removed. He encouraged people to put the signs away from the sidewalk and in locations your security cameras record any activity. If you have a picture of someone taking a sign, turn it into the authorities as charges will be pressed.

Bob Randle introduced our guest speakers, Arizona Supreme Court Judges Clint Bollick and Kate King. Ms. King was Governor Ducey's last appointment and Bollick was his first appointment. Bollick said he has been advocating constitution principles since he was young. He clerked for Clarence Thomas and was with the Goldwater Institute until he was appointed a judge. He noted judges cannot be political in court. He said Arizona Article 2, Section 26 has clear protection for the right to bear arms in Arizona even if the Supreme Court ruled to take guns. He said the Arizona Declaration of Rights is even longer than the Bill of Rights.



Honorable Kate King said she has served in all three branches of the government; she respects the role of the judiciary. Her oath is the Constitution and the laws of Arizona. She said a percentage of judges come up for confirmation on the ballots. She and Judge Bullock are up for approval to keep their positions. There is a Judicial Performance Review completed and all on the ballot have met expectations. Those that didn't meet expectations are not running. When there is a judge position open, there is a Judicial Nominating committee of 10 citizens and 5 lawyers who review and submit a list to the Governor. The Governor makes an appointment from that list.

Linda Barnes thanked the judges for attending. She said the Sun City West Republican Club is encouraging a yes vote for all judges on the ballot. If any judges receive too many no's, the Governor will then be able to select a judge with her agenda. She also noted that the Golden Ticket that was distributed to homes last week, lists her name as Kathryn Hackett instead of Kathryn Hackett King (as it appears on the ballot).

Linda Barnes showed the ballot for this election – two long pages with info on front and back. She encouraged all to check to make sure their information is correct on BeBallotReady.Vote. You can also print a sample ballot from that website.

Linda Barnes encouraged everyone to attend the Government Gangster movie on October 24. There are flyers on the tables. Invite your friends.

Alex Kolodin was introduced by Linda Barnes. He is an Arizona Legislator and an attorney. Kolodin noted Arizonans have two constitutions: the U.S. Constitution and the Arizona Constitution. He said almost all power resides at the state level. The Arizona constitution framers made it easy to make changes to the Constitution. It just takes 51% approval of Propositions to be added to the Constitution. Once it passes, legislators can't change it.



Proposition 133 is about protecting Partisan Primaries. Vote yes. This protects our current system of primaries.

Proposition 134 is about Geographic Distribution – currently petition signers collect signatures in the larger metropolitan areas and get items on the ballot. Vote yes. This Proposition was sponsored by Ben Toma to make sure Arizona citizens from all counties have a voice in Propositions.

Proposition 135 Gives the legislature power to limit or terminate Governor's emergency powers such as during COVID. Vote yes. Emergency Powers must be limited by the Legislature. Currently Governor has declared heat as an emergency. Need to make sure no long-term emergency declarations are done without Legislature consent.

Proposition 139 Abortion Access Amendment. Vote no. Current Arizona law passed on 4.2.24 allows abortion up to 15 weeks. This Proposition legalizes abortion up to birth. It also allows any health care to provided abortions such as a Chiropractor.

Proposition 140 – Vote no on this because it will have all people voting in one primary. There are three parties: Progressive, Establishment and Conservatives. This would in effect make the selections on the ballot be for one party. This would implement fascism. If the Governor and Legislature can't agree, then the decision will be made by the County Attorney who was never voted have this power.

Proposition 314 Vote yes. This allows state/local police to arrest noncitizens who cross the border illegally. This is similar to Texas SB4. Ben Tomas sponsored this.

Proposition 315 Agency Rulemaking Oversight. Vote yes. This is very important to make sure the Legislature has control of anything by an agency that costs over \$500,000.

Proposition 479 Extending funding sales tax for transportation. Vote no. Our current highway system is built. Cities are looking at using these funds for road diets, rapid transit bus lanes, street cars and light rail expansion. These items lead to traffic congestion plus it is approving transportation sales tax for another 20 years.

Linda Barnes introduced Justin Heap who is currently the Republican candidate for the Maricopa County Recorder. He has been in the Arizona legislature representing LD10 for two years, a

member of the Freedom Caucus and on the House Elections Committee. He is running for the office because you can't fix elections if they don't follow the laws.. In 2022, there were breakdowns of election printers and a three-week delay in finalizing the election numbers. There has been a massive decline in voter confidence; 350,000 active Republicans did not vote in that election. He intends to run a transparent office. He intends to clean the voter rolls and secure chain of custody. Heath told why red states turn blue. He said in 2016 five of seven seats were Republican. It takes one Democrat in the Recorder position to change rules for elections such as Adrian Fontes did. The Election Rules Book was written by Fontes and there are limiting new items in it. Heap said he want to make sure our elections are fair and run by the law. Every American citizen has a God given right to vote. He wants confidence that the vote is correct – not by parties but by each citizen. In closing, Heap said he needs funding because his Democrat opponent is well funded and has no knowledge about being Recorder.



Question: There are 218,000 registered voters with no proof of citizenship. Heap said the media is misrepresenting this for saying they may have illegal status. Almost all are Arizona citizens who had driver's licenses prior to 1996 (when they did not require proof of citizenship). The DMV system allowed renewal of licenses after 1996 to not require proof of citizenship. Richer believed all these voters should get a Federal Only ballot and requested a ruling be expedited with the Supreme Court. The Court decided these voters can vote this election but the proof of citizenship update will be required after the election.

Question: Can voters be arrested at polling places. Heap said yes if you impede the voting, create a scene, electioneer within 75' of the voting polls. Adriane Fontes said in the new training manual voters could not wear a shirt for a candidate and the Court said that it was permissible.

Question: What about Runbeck and procedures. Heap said they were originally hired to do the mailing of the mail in ballots. That further led to them being involved in processing after the election. He believes their services should be reduced.

Question: What about dead people on the voter rolls. Heap said Richer said they were checking obituaries although many people do not publish them. He believes they should be checked with Vital Statistics every quarter and removed.

Question: What about the voter registrations through DMV. Heap said they need to assist with the voting registrations but there need to be better safeguards and checks to confirm citizenship.

Question: What about military voting. Heap said we should look into a way for overseas voters to vote via email rather than the long-distance mailing system.

Question: Can the Sheriff arrest the Recorder for unattended ballot drop boxes. Jerry Sheridan said yes but he thought this should be referred to the County Attorney to get a court order.

Question: What is the best way to scrub the voter rolls. Heap said they can use Vital Statistics, Change of Address forms, Social Security and run addresses of business to find multiple people listed at business address.

Linda Barnes introduced Jerry Sheridan. Sheridan said he is running for Sheriff to keep you safe. Please vote for me.



President Bob Randle spoke about the “Get out the vote”. He encouraged everyone to check with your neighbors to make sure they have or plan to vote their mail in ballots and turn them in as soon as possible. You can take them to Voter Center and drop off your completed ballot rather than mailing them as less hands have to handle them. Then encourage your neighbors to check with their friends to follow up with their friends. Encourage everyone to vote this election.

Jan Shank from the Grand Republican Club said they are having problems with Trump signs being removed. 900 were put up and 400 were removed. They did have proof that a Grand Democrat officer removed Trump signs. This is a 2nd Class Misdemeanor and can be prosecuted. She encouraged you to put signs away from the sidewalk and in view of your Ring camera so you could provide evidence of theft. Bob Randle encouraged Sun City West residents to report incidents to him.

Randle encouraged members to put up candidate signs in your yards or special locations. You can get Trump signs from the West Valley office or from individual candidates. Some candidates have signs here today.

The 50/50 Raffle winners were drawn. There were two winners of \$70.00 each.

There being no further business, President Randle adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Loper
Recording Secretary