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PIMA PROSPERS PIMA COUNTY'S LONG VIEW

Every ten years Arizona counties are required to develop or update existing long range plans. These plans are statements of the county's future vision for how it will develop; the plan also outlines goals and policies to help achieve this vision.

While there are key elements that must be included in all County plans (such as land use, transportation, open space, water, and energy), Pima County's draft plan has

broadened its scope to include housing, human services, economic development, and other topics. It also recognizes what it calls potential "game changers" which, if they were to come to pass, require another more immediate look at all aspects of the Plan.

Game changers that may substantially affect the Pima County and Tucson metropolitan area include:

- Potential for Davis Monthan AFB mission realignment
International southern Arizona trade corridor
- Strength of the regional economic recovery
- Opportunities for new employers
Mining development
- Climate issues

This program will be presented by Arlan Colton, FAICP, Pima County Planning Direc-

tor. Holding a Master's degree in Planning from the University of Arizona as well as an undergraduate degree, Arlan has been with Pima County for over ten years. Arlan started his career with Pima County and returned to Pima County as Planning Director. In the interim, Arlan held several high level planning positions, including Director of the Arizona State Land Department's Arizona Preserve Initiative and Planning Director for the Tucson Airport Authority.

Curious about Pima County's future? Attend this informative presentation and be sure to bring your questions!

HOT OFF THE PRESS: LEAGUE 2014 VOTER GUIDES IN ENGLISH, SPANISH
There will be a brief overview of the State Ballot issues and copies of the LWVAZ Voter Guide will be distributed at the meeting.

JOIN US!

For this exciting program
at the monthly LWVGT Meeting
October 18th

9:30am - Noon

Joel Valdez Main Library (Downtown)

Access to library garage off Alameda
(one way going west)

ELECTION TIDBITS

Gini McGirr
Advocacy Director

Secretary of State Ken Bennett, on the advice of Attorney General Tom Horne, required counties and the state to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a two-tier primary election for a total of 21 voters who registered using the federal rather than the Arizona form. These were eight in Maricopa, seven in Pima, five in

Yavapai and one in Yuma counties. These voters, deprived of the franchise to vote in primary election have filed a claim against the state of Arizona. Hopefully, the 10th Circuit of appeals will soon rule to prevent a repeat of this before the general election.

State voter turnout was 27% and Pima County was 30%. Seven counties that registered higher than 30% were in Congressional District 1 which had one of the most hotly contested Republican congres-

sional contests. Bennett reported 877,270 ballots were cast, out of more than 3.2 million registered voters. He stated that the independents with 1.15 million had turnout of no more than 12%.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

<p>★ OCTOBER 1: - LWVGT Board Meeting 1:00 pm, Aviva Children's Services 153 S. Plumer</p> <p>✓ OCTOBER 3-4: - All day voter registration at select public libraries Contact Sue DeArmond 520.326.6333</p> <p>✓ OCTOBER 6: - Deadline to register for 2014 vote - Statewide Candidate Forums</p> <p>★ OCTOBER 7: - Eastside Unit Social Program 9:30 am, Ward 2 Council Office Ballot issues; Discussion of Seven Ways to Improve Government 7575 E. Speedway Questions to Phylis Carnahan 520.885.3271 prcarnahan@gmail.com</p> <p>✓ OCTOBER 8: - Statewide Candidate Forums</p> <p>✓ OCTOBER 9: - Statewide Candidate Forum</p>				1 ★ <i>LWVGT Board Mtg</i>	2	3 ✓ <i>Register Voters</i>	4 ✓ <i>Register Voters</i>
	5	6 ✓ <i>Candidate Forum</i>	7 ★ <i>Eastside Unit Social</i>	8 ✓ <i>Candidate Forum</i>	9 ✓ <i>Candidate Forum</i>	10 ★ <i>Green Valley Unit Mtg</i>	11
	12	13	14 ★ <i>Saddlebrooke Unit Mtg</i>	15	16 <i>New Member Orientation & Midtown Unit Mtg</i>	17	18 ★ <i>Pima Prospers</i>
	19	20	21 ★ <i>Northwest Unit Mtg</i>	22	23	24 ✓ <i>Deadline to Request Early Ballot</i>	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

- ★ OCTOBER 10:
- Green Valley Unit Monthly Mtng
11:30 am, La Posada Campus, Madera Rm
Present & Future Plans for Sahuarita
Kelly Udall, Sahuarita Town Manager
Contact Sue Girardeau | 520.648.7969
Bring sack lunch or buy a sandwich (\$7.50) by calling Ermaline (520.625.1711) by Oct 8.
- ★ OCTOBER 14:
- Saddlebrooke Unit Planning Meeting
10:30 am-Noon, w/ Career Day Volunteers
Saddlebrooke 1 Clubhouse, Coyote Rm North
Contact Beverly Kloehn | 520.818.0914
- ★ OCTOBER 16:
- New Member Orientation
8:30 am - 11:00 am | Joel Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone, Lower Level Meeting Rm
- Midtown Unit Monthly Meeting
11:30 am, Brown Bag Lunch
Ballot Issues, Natl Convention - Paula Wilk
1820 N. Norton Ave (Rosemary Niemann's)
Contact Sue DeArmond | 520.326.6333
or Freda Johnson | 520.622.1933
- ★ OCTOBER 18:
- Pima Prospers - Arlan Colton, Ballot Issues
9:30 am - Noon
Joel Valdez Main Library
101 N Stone Avenue, Lower Level Meeting Rm
- ★ OCTOBER 21:
- Northwest Unit Monthly Meeting
2:00 pm, Monitoring Ukraine's Presidential Election - Sue Ward
2552 N. Overton Ridge Pl (Janice Lee's)
Contact Janis Lee | 520.742.6951
janis122@comcast.net

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Note: See Pages 5 & 6 for Updated Schedule

Pima Community College West Campus
Proscenium Theater
2202 West Anklam Rd.

To attend, reserve your free ticket for the evening at lwwgt.org and pick up at the theater.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
6:30 pm, Attorney General
7:45 pm, Arizona Corporation Commission

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
6:30 pm, Superintendent of Public Instruction
7:45 pm, Secretary of State

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
6:30 pm, Governor

Watch for a listserv with information about the forums. Some may be "meet & greets".

NOVEMBER PREVIEW

- NOVEMBER 3
Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- NOVEMBER 4
Eastside Unit, 9:30 am
Green Valley Unit, 11:30 am
GENERAL ELECTION TODAY!
- NOVEMBER 15
General Meeting 'School Choice/ Arizona Style', 9:30am (Main Library)
- NOVEMBER 18
Northwest Unit, 2:00 pm
- NOVEMBER 19
Saddlebrooke Unit, 8:30 am
League Book Club, 2:00 pm
Carol West | 520.298.2447
- NOVEMBER 20
Midtown Unit, 11:30 am
- To learn topic and to confirm time and place, contact Unit Chairs listed in October calendar.

All members are welcome to attend the **New Member Orientation**. Think about bringing a friend or neighbor who is interested in or just curious about the League. Be sure to RSVP by Oct 7 to Thais Rutledge Young (thais@lwwgt.org) or 520.327.7652.



LWVGT NEWS

RUNNING & WINNING 2014

Judy Moll
LWVGT President
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I attended my first Running and Winning program on Thursday, September 11 at Flowing Wells High School. I must say I was very impressed with the organization and schedule that Shirley Sandelands put together. This is the 12th time that the LWVGT, the AAUW and the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission have presented this opportunity to high school girls in Tucson. Leaguers Marion Pickens, Mary Gresham, Shirley Muney, Sue DeArmond, Marilyn Smoler, Paula Wilk, new member Arlene Sikkink, and, of course, Shirley Sandelands were there to help out as well as members of AAUW and the UA School of Government and Public Policy grad students.

The day began with time for elected officials and candidates running for office to visit and have a cup of coffee. Twelve women, who graciously gave up their morning to be part of this great program, attended. When the 46 juniors and seniors from Flowing Wells High arrived,



Judy Moll and participants at R&W 2015

Judge Karen Adam began the day by presenting the mission of Running and Winning which is to increase the number of women running for office. Then the girls had an opportunity to meet in small groups with the women guests. These elected officials talked about why they decided to run for office, how they ran their campaigns, and what they found to be the hardest parts about running for office. Then the girls got down to business.

Each one of the eleven tables of girls chose one girl to run for the U.S. Senate and the issue she would be discussing. The other girls helped write the speech, create a poster or slide to support the speech, and discussed how they would publicize their candidate. After lunch the eleven candidates gave their speeches. By far the most popular issue was immi-

gration and the speeches were excellent. After all the presentations, the girls voted on which one was best. These young women were very engaged and seemed to enjoy the whole experience. The word I heard the girls use most often to describe the day was "awesome." The adults' most popular word to describe the speeches was "amazing." Shirley said these were the best speeches of the twelve years.

Shirley Sandelands deserves a great deal of credit and a big "thank you" for running this program all these years. It takes a great deal of planning and organization by Shirley and hard work by a big committee. I would heartily recommend that more League members become involved in this excellent program in the future.



Shirley Sandelands and Honorable Karen S. Adam at FWHS

NEWS: FROM NATIONAL & STATE

Gini McGirr
Advocacy Director

The National League joined other reform groups to support S. 2754, the Lobbying and Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2014. This would limit the ability of lobbyists to use bundled contributions to obtain undue influence with members of Congress.

In September, the United Nations is having a summit on the climate crisis, where leaders from around the world will discuss and make commitments to fight climate change. The League is joining hundreds of organizations from across the country to show support for the fight against climate change with a Peoples Climate March and demonstration on September 21 in New York City.

For 49 years the Voting Rights Act (VRA) has protected the right to vote regardless of race or language, but legislation to repair damage from the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby v. Holder* is currently stalled in the U.S. House. Tell your Representative to stop stalling and move the voting Rights Amendment Act forward.

National Voter Registration Day was September 23rd with 350 Leagues signed up to take part in this national celebration of democracy!

The state board welcomed Charles Provine as the new office manager who is replacing Alice Stambaugh. Ms. Stambaugh produces the E-Blast and is doing

other League projects.

A League voting message will be shown at the beginning of movies in Harkin Theatres in Flagstaff, Sedona, Prescott and Yuma. The slide will be shown from October 19 through General Election day. It was too late to get it into the theaters in Phoenix and Tucson.

The LWVAZ ED Fund Voter Guide was printed and delivered on September 5 to the state office in Phoenix. 50,000 copies in English and 10,000 copies in Spanish were unloaded by Charles Provine, Alice Stambaugh, Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, and Gini and Gordon McGirr. The McGirrs brought 15,500 English and 8,500 Spanish copies back to Tucson where the pickup was unloaded and copies stacked in the Tucson office. Thanks go to Sue DeArmond, Paula Wilk, Pat Manion, Bunny and John Davis who came down to help out on a hot afternoon.

MEMBER DIRECTORY

If you did not receive a copy of the membership directory, call the office (520.327.7652) and a copy will be mailed to you. Note these corrections: the Northwest Unit meets the third Tuesday of the month. Lois Kulakowski's new email is loiski@gmail.com.

Many thanks to people who assembled the Directory: Lu Kembel, Trish O'Flaherty, Gini and Gordon McGirr, Ken Bierman and the Voter Mailing Crew.





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- MEMBER DIRECTORY
- 2015 LEAGUE CALENDARS (\$5)
- [ASK THE LEAGUE OFFICE]

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valuable information?**
Send an email to eNews@lwvgt.org to stay in touch!



SPOTLIGHT

Check out lwvgt.org to learn about transit oriented development and affordable housing, care of Carol West and the Drachman Institute Workshop.



MEDIA RELEASE

September 23, 2014

League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson Forced to Rethink Candidate Forums After Office-Seekers Decline to Participate

Contact Us: 2014Forums@lwvgt.org

The League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson announced early in the summer of 2014 a series of six forums involving candidates for statewide office in Arizona. Partnering with Arizona Public Media, one of the forums was held prior to the August primary election and five were scheduled over three nights in early October.

Invitations to all the candidates with their names on the ballot in the general election for Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Arizona Corporation Commission were sent the day after the primary election. The candidates were given a deadline of September 12th to respond.

"I was very disappointed to learn that a large number of the candidates declined to participate," says LWVGT President Judy Moll. "The League both locally and nationally has been hosting candidate forums for decades. They are an important part of the process a voter uses to make an informed decision in the voting booth."

"When candidates decline to participate in a televised debate in Tucson, it shows disrespect for Pima County and its voters," says LWVGT Voter Service Chair Sue DeArmond. "Invisible candidates are running for public office. A brief TV commercial is the only way by which we know our candidates. To say the least, democracy is compromised under these conditions."

Moll says actual candidate forums will be held only for the offices of Governor and Arizona Corporation Commission. And even with those two, some candidates will not be present.

For the other three, Moll says the League has opted to host a "Conversation with the Candidate". It will allow voters to interact with and question candidates who have agreed to appear. A complete schedule of the candidate forums and conversation sessions is attached. All the events will be held at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts, West Campus.

Arizona Public Media has indicated it will schedule the two candidate forums for broadcast, but will not broadcast the conversation events.



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Here is the revised list of LWVGT forums for candidates for statewide office:

Candidate Forums

October 6, 7:45 pm. Arizona Corporation Commission
Pima Community College Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre, West Campus

October 9, 6:30 pm, Governor
Pima Community College Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre, West Campus

Conversations with the Candidate

October 6, 6:30 pm, Felecia Rotellini, candidate for Attorney General
Pima Community College Center for the Arts Recital Hall, West Campus

October 8, 6:30 pm, David Garcia, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Terry Goddard, candidate for Secretary of State
Pima Community College Center for the Arts Recital Hall, West Campus