

Sun Lakes Republican Club Minutes

When: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Where: Sun Lakes Country Club Phase 1 AZ Room

Who: Approximately 120 people.

AGENDA

1. Chairman Michael Tennant welcomed the guests and led them in a short prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The first speaker was JD Mesnard. He gave us an AZ Legislature update. Thanks to the Republican-led State Legislature and Governor Ducey, AZ is in the best economic state than it has been in many years. There is a billion dollars in the Rainy Day Fund and also a billion dollar surplus, over and above the state budget. JD would like to find ways to get some of the surplus billion back into the hands of the taxpayers.
3. We had some candidates speak next: Eric Sloane, Nick Meyers and Kim Owens who are running for the Corporation Commission, Jerry Sheridan, who describes himself as a Conservative Constitutional Candidate, is running for Sheriff, and Liz Harris who is running for the House of Representatives.
4. The “Keynote” speakers spoke about the election process and the up coming election in November. First, AZ Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita discussed election reform efforts at the State Legislature, including the recently challenged law prohibiting ballot harvesting. This case has now been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Senator Ugenti-Rita was the sponsor of three election reform bills recently passed and signed into law. The next speakers were the Executive Director of Election Integrity Project, AZ, Vera Anderson, and Corporate Secretary Lynne Breyer, who

introduced the Project to the attendees:

1.) The Election Integrity Project Arizona, LLC, is a nonpartisan, non-profit group of Arizona citizens whose goal is to ensure our state's rights under Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution.

2.) The Election Integrity Project Arizona seeks to preserve a government of, by and for the people. As a nonpartisan organization, EIPAZ empowers citizen volunteers, through education and training, to participate actively in protecting our freedoms and way of life. The vigilance of trained volunteers ensures the integrity of that part of our Republic through which citizens exercise our most fundamental right: the right to choose our representatives by fair and honest elections. Only total transparency of the entire election process will restore confidence in Arizona's election system. The objective is for Arizona citizens to oversee the voting process from the voter rolls to watching the last reported vote be lawfully secured, to ensure "every lawfully cast vote is accurately counted".

3.) They discussed the many ways the election process can be compromised and explained ways these problems can be fixed. One way is to introduce bills to change the existing procedures. For instance, SB1090 prescribes, before voting at an emergency voting center, a voter must declare a personal voting emergency by signing a statement they are experiencing an emergency preventing them from voting at the polls on election day. Governor Ducey also signed SB1072 into law, requiring a voter to present the same proof of identity at an early voting location that voters approved in Proposition 200 in 2004 for election day voters at polling

centers. The third bill, SB1054 resolves litigation regarding the number of days allowed to verify a questionable signature. For consistency among the counties, they will have no more than five days to verify any questionable signature submitted.

4.) The speakers encouraged the attendees to take an active role in the election process. They need volunteers to be poll observers, poll workers, administration assistants and coordinators. They also need donations to keep the project active. Their website is www.eipaz.org. You can donate on the webpage.

5.) Another way to make a difference is to sign up for “Request to Speak” through the AZ Legislature. They offer to get you registered down at the capitol so that you can send emails to your representatives and weigh in on the bills they are voting on. You can ask them to get you registered by emailing them at : secty@eipaz.org and asking them to help you get registered.

5. Our March 10th speaker will be a Republican candidate running for County Recorder, Stephen Richer. After the debacle of the last election under the leadership of partisan democrat County Recorder Adrian Fontes, , we must remove the existing recorder from his position!

Also speaking will be Dr Larry Schweikart, Schweikart’s bestselling books include *Seven Events that Made America*, *How Trump Won* with Joel Pollak (completed before the 2016 election) and his #1 *New York Times* bestseller with Mike Allen, *A Patriot’s History of the United States*. He has been on almost all media, from Al-Jazeera to Glenn Beck, from Tavis Smiley to Rush Limbaugh. Since 2009, he has been a film producer. His documentary, “Rockin’ the Wall,” appeared on PBS. Author of over 25 books and numerous

screenplays, his multi-year project, *Reagan: The American President*, was recently released.

6. The winner of the 50/50 raffle won \$52 in cash. The raffle helps pay for the rent for the AZ room for our meetings.