



# Conservative Golden Ticket

## 2026 AZ Primary Election

Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, Desert Mtn, Carefree, Cave Creek, Anthem, Paradise Valley, Deer Valley (NE Valley)



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Your vote is a **hiring decision**. Vote based on the best, proven conservative for the job, not just a personal feeling.

FEDERAL

### US House CD1 – NE Valley (Scottsdale)

- **Joseph Chaplik (I)** - (I) LD3 Rep. 100% AZ Free, CPAC, NRA; border, 2A bills. Proven, strong consrv'tve. Promote.
- John Trobough** - Tech Exec. Deep nat'l security exp & WH Advisor. New to politics. Consrv'tve.
- Jay Feely** - Past Anti-Trump views. CD5 resident/voter. Will not vote in or move to CD1.

Federal GT



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### US House CD4 – E Valley (Scottsdale, Tempe)

- **Dr. Zuhi Jasser** - Navy veteran, physician, deep nat'l security exp. Proven consrv'tve. Hire.

### US House CD8 – NW Valley (Anthem, I-17)

- **Abe Hamadeh (I)** - 1st term rep. Sponsored 14 bills on vets, elections & taxes. Proven consrv'tve. Rehire.

ARIZONA EXECUTIVE OFFICES

### AZ Governor

- **Andy Biggs** - Str'ng consrv'tve in US House & AZ Leg. Led tax cuts, spending reforms, acct'ability. Promote him.
- David Schweikert** -Fiscal consrv'tve, 14yrs in US House, but no major legislative bills. Takes safe positions.

### AZ Secretary of State

- **Alex Kolodin** - Election atty & LD3 legislator w/ proven results: major AZ election reform laws. Promote.
- Gina Swoboda** - Fmr AZ GOP Chair, elections expert. New to elected office. Opposition to SAVE Act concerns.

### AZ Attorney General

- **Warren Petersen** - AZ Senate Pres w/ 100% AZ Free ratings. Auth & defended border/election laws. Promote.
- Rodney Glassman** - Fmr progr'sve Dem, ran for AZDem Chair 2011, became MAGA GOP 2015. Lost 4 races since.

### AZ Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI)

- **Tom Horne (I)** - Proven consrv'tve, fmr AG & SPI. Opposed CRT/DEI, expanded ESA. Rehire.
- Kimberly Yee** - AZ Treas, Charter sch'ls developer. NAST DEI Comm. Plays loose w/facts.

AZ State GT



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### AZ State Treasurer

- **Elijah Norton** - Self-made businessman, AZGOP Treas audited/repaid party finances. Hire.
- Katherine Haley** - Policy pro & AZ Brd of Edu Pres w/strong school choice record. No financial mgmt exp.

### AZ Corporation Commission (Vote for 2)

- **Kevin Thompson(I)** - Repealed Green mandates. Prioritizes grid reliability. Needs more focus on reliable energy.
  - **Nick Myers (I)** - Green mandates gone. Grid reliability is focus. More work needed to ensure reliable energy grid.
  - Ralph Heap** - Consrv'tve seeking faster rollback of Green mandates and utility price hikes. No utilities exp.
- Note: David Marshall withdrew from this race.

### AZ Mine Inspector

- **Walter Presmyk** - 45+ yrs mining experience, SRP principal engineer 30 yrs. Running unopposed. Hire.



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AZ LEGISLATURE

### Legislative District 2 – N Phoenix, I-17

- Senate ➔ **Tim Ferrara** - 20+ yrs business exp. Pastor, MBA, detailed conservative platform. Alt to Bolick.  
 Shawna Bolick (I) - Poor consrv'tve judgment. Undermines freedom dictating local zoning thru state laws.
- House ➔ **Justin Wilmeth (I)** - Proven consrv'tve legislator. Strong on business, border & liberty. Rehire.  
 (2) ➔ **Paul Carver** (write-in)- USMC vet. Proven consrv'tve leader in DVUSD. Fiscal restraint. Hire.  
*Note: Danielle Skranek withdrew after ballot lock. Paul Carver is the conservative write-in candidate for LD2 House Write him in.*

### Legislative District 3 – N Scottsdale, Fountain Hills

- Senate ➔ **John Kavanagh (I)** - 20 yrs in AZ Leg., NRA A+, Finance Chair. Prov. consrv'tve. Rehire.  
 Robert Wallace - No elected off exp, conspiratorial views. No match for Kav's exp.
- House ➔ **George Khalaf** - Top conservative state policy guru, solid influential consrv'tve. Hire.  
 (2) ➔ **Cody Reim** - Appt'd. to House Mar '26. Led Rio Verde water crisis fight. Hire.  
 Jay Schlum - Ex- FH Mayor, cut FH budget 50% in 2008 while funding public safety  
 Thomas Walsh - Ret dentist & AF Captain. Consrv'tve platform ideas. Healthcare focus.

AZ Legislature GT



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### Legislative District 4 – S Scottsdale, Paradise Valley

- Senate ➔ **Carine Werner (I)** - Proven consrv'tve leader in AZ Senate. Deep invest'gtns into Hobbs' fraud. Strong rehire.
- House ➔ **Matt Gress (I)** - Effective 50/50 moderate, but votes consrv'tve on top bills. Budget hawk. Rehire.  
 (2) ➔ **Sandra Christensen** - Strong consrv'tve, PVUSD Brd, School choice. Fights back libs. Willing to push. Hire her.  
 Pamela Carter (I) - 1<sup>st</sup> term, Has voted consrv'tve, sponsored/passed Cade's law & 4 other bills.

### Legislative District 8 – S Scottsdale, Mesa - AZ Senate – Bill Loughridge, (write in); AZ House, Donald Hawker

M'copa Co

#### All MC candidates are running unopposed

- Clerk, Sup MC Court ➔ **Jeff Dial (I)**  
 JoP – McDowell Mtn ➔ **Michelle Reagan (I)**  
 JoP – N Valley ➔ **DesaRae Tucker (I)**  
 Constable – McDowell Mtn ➔ **Dan Diaz (I)** (Skillicorn withdrew)  
 Constable – N Valley ➔ **Mike Rowe (I)**

LOCAL

#### Fountain Hills

- FH Mayor ➔ **Gerry Friedel (I)**  
 Brenda Kalivianakis
- FH Town Council (3)  
 ➔ **Ben Larrabee**  
 ➔ **Dan Kovacevic**  
 ➔ **Matthew Corrigan**

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LOCAL

#### Scottsdale City Council (3)

- ➔ **Barry Graham (I)** - Solid consrv'tve record. Residents first. Fought overdevelopment. Budget hawk. Strong rehire.  
 ➔ **Michelle Ugenti-Rita** - 12-yr AZ legislator, sponsored reforms and consrv'tve tax policies. Strong consrv'tve. Hire her.  
 ➔ **Bob Littlefield** - Fmr City Council '02-'14, "No" to aptmt devel. Supported preserves. Strong consrv'tve. Rehire.  
 Eric Sloan - Public affairs consultant. Involuntary dismissal from Ducey Admin is a relevant hiring concern.  
 Crystal Carroll - Hasn't voted since 2020. Factional attacks & Old Town-only focus limits electability.

*Note: All other Scottsdale candidates are strongly liberal/progressive and are not listed.*

#### Cave Creek

- CC Mayor ➔ **Bryan Hardy**  
 Kathryn Royer (I)
- CC Town Council (6)  
 ➔ **Kathleen Abaie**  
 ➔ **David Ackerman**  
 ➔ **Tom Aughterton (I)**  
 ➔ **Cynthia Driskell**  
 ➔ **Joe Freedman (I)**  
 ➔ **Patricia Murphy**  
 Thomas McGuire(I)

#### Carefree

- CF Mayor John Crane (I)  
 Melissa Price
- CF Town Council (3)  
 Shiela Amoroso (I)  
 Peter Gladkin  
 Les Hardie  
 George Nelson  
 Sharon Smith (Write in)  
 Ted Taylor
- Residents are advised to watch the [Candidate Forum](#) for Carefree to decide

#### Paradise Valley

- PV Mayor ➔ **Mark Stanton (I)**
- PV Town Council (3)  
 ➔ **Anna Thomasson (I)**  
 ➔ **Bill Nassikas**  
 ➔ **Bob Brown**  
 Daran Wastchak