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**Arizona Democratic Party
Re-organization Meeting
Regular Concurrent Meeting of the ADP State Committee
Saturday, January 28, 2017
Camelback High School, Phoenix, Arizona**

Members of the Arizona Democratic Party (ADP) State Committee members met to elect new officers for the 2017-18 election cycle.

Chair Alexis Tamerón Kinsey called the meeting of the ADP State Committee to order at 1:12 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then asked for a moment to send good thoughts to Rep. Daniel Hernandez as he was battling some health issues.

Welcome remarks were made by Maricopa County Chair Steven Slugocki, who acknowledged candidates and elected officials in the “march to blue,” and Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes, who introduced Rey Valenzuela, Maricopa County Interim Elections Director.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Representative Ruben Gallego also welcomed state committee members, particularly new members, and thanked candidates for running. He talked about current situation facing Democrats nationally, and noted that Republicans do not want to fight for the middle class and that we need to serve as checks and balances. We are not the opposition, we are the resistance.

Chair Tamerón Kinsey acknowledged others in the room, including field staff and state party staff. She also thanked Maricopa County Elections for running the day’s elections.

Arizona Corporation Commission candidates Bill Mundell and Tom Chabin thanked the state committee and talked about their race and the \$4+ million spent in the last couple of weeks of the election when Mundell and Chabin were ahead.

Senate Democratic Leader Katie Hobbs recognized legislators in the room and discussed what has been happening in the legislature. The Governor laid out an ambitious agenda but then we saw what he was going to do in the budget, describing education as “a mile wide and inch deep,” citing the governor’s call for a permanent and lasting raise for our teachers but the raise presented in the budget was “an insult.” She also noted that we’re in the position we’re in because of tax cuts that have been made year after year. Sen. Hobbs also talked about our values and what is being done for the next election in recruiting and working with candidates in every district.

STATE CHAIR REPORT

Chair Tamerón Kinsey discussed a lawsuit that has been filed against the ADP by a former employee regarding a contract dispute, specifically disagreement regarding a bonus. In response to another issue that had been raised, Treasurer Rick McGuire discussed the party’s direct mail/fundraising efforts in regard to the previous and current programs/contracts. The floor was opened for questions. Concerns were expressed about the contractors for the direct mail/fundraising and the relationship of the chair to the contracting firm. It was explained that the chair had worked previously at ADP and in the Carmona for Senate campaign with the partner handling the program; the other partner, who is now but was not then the chair’s husband, was not involved with the program. The contractors fronted the costs of the program

and were paid a commission; by all comparisons, it was vastly more successful than any previous direct mail fundraising efforts. It was asked whether there was a basis for the claim in the lawsuit regarding the bonus disagreement, and Counsel Jim Barton explained what the contract called for and said there was no basis for the suit. He noted that comments made in the lawsuit regarding contracts, etc., had nothing to do with the bonus disagreement. When asked if the party was trying to settle the suit and what estimated costs might run, Counsel Barton said we are trying to settle but did not know how much dealing with the lawsuit will cost the party. There were also questions as to policies and procedures regarding contracts and employees and it was indicated that ADP has an employee handbook and other policies, procedures, and bylaws in place that are constantly reviewed and can be revised and expanded.

Chair Tamerón Kinsey then provided a review of the 2015-16 term. ADP has increased in messaging (379% increase in emails), members (859% increase in recurring donors), and money (6,500 more small dollar donors). She also highlighted election victories over the past two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rick McGuire discussed the 2016 budget through Q4 2016 as well as provided comparisons to previous years.

There was a question about the relationship between the ADP and the coordinated campaign in regard to candidates. Chair Tamerón Kinsey explained that the ADP is a partner in the Coordinated Campaign and that an issue described in Pima County was not related to the ADP or the chair.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Sam Almy reported that for the January 28 meeting, 363 State Committee members were present in person and 103 by proxy, for a total of 466 members (of 539 members) or 86% of the total membership, indicating a quorum had been met for purposes of voting.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Chair Tamerón Kinsey introduced National Committeeman Doug Ballard (LD6) who described the election process and order.

ADP CHAIR ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for State Chair. Raquel Teran (LD30) nominated **Alexis Tamerón Kinsey** (LD26); Dan O'Neal (LD12) seconded. Marian Lindmeier (LD2) nominated **Michele Manos** (LD2); Jim Hannley (LD2) seconded. The candidates accepted their nominations and addressed the State Committee in order of nomination.

State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot. Mr. Ballard announced that the State Committee members had elected **Alexis Tamerón Kinsey** as **ADP Chair**, based on the following election results: Alexis Tamerón Kinsey, 325 votes; Michele Manos, 119 votes.

ADP FIRST VICE CHAIR ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for First Vice Chair. Steven Slugocki (LD15) nominated **Bill Roe** (LD9); Joseline Mata (LD2) seconded. There were no other nominations.

Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Bill Roe** as **ADP First Vice Chair** by acclamation.

ADP SENIOR VICE CHAIR ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for Senior Vice Chair. Pat Fleming (LD14) nominated **Holly Lyon** (LD11); Pat Spencer (LD11) seconded.

Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Holly Lyon** as **ADP Senior Vice Chair** by acclamation.

ADP VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for Vice Chairwomen. Dante Mitchell (LD13) nominated **Joseline Mata** (LD2); Shasta McManus (LD9) seconded. Rebecca Winger (LD24) nominated **Raquel Teran** (LD30); Mark Cardenas (LD19) seconded. Steven Slugocki (LD15) nominated **Karyn Latham** (LD18); Alexis Tamerón Kinsey (LD26) seconded. Doug Ballard (LD6) nominated **Sue Castner** (LD23); Ray Bradford (LD24) seconded. Mikel Weisser (LD5) nominated **Beth Weisser** (LD5); Toni Denis (LD1) seconded.

National Committeeman Ballard then called for nominations for Vice Chairmen. Alexis Tamerón Kinsey nominated **Dan O'Neal** (LD12); Jenise Porter (LD9) seconded. Ray Bradford (LD24) nominated **Jack Levine** (LD24); Mark Cardenas (LD19) seconded. Jo Holt (LD11) nominated **Ralph Atchue** (LD11); Evelyn Lathram (LD11) seconded. Frank Barlam (LD18) nominated **Jevin Hodge** (LD26); Henry Wade (LD11) seconded. Steven Slugocki (LD15) nominated **Mark Manoil** (LD28); Harriett Young (LD6) seconded. Matt Kopec (LD9) nominated **Randy Keating** (LD26); Janie Hydrick (LD18) seconded. Charlene Fernandez (LD4) nominated **Dante Mitchell** (LD13); Terri Woodmansee (LD13) seconded.

The candidates accepted their nominations and addressed the State Committee in order of nomination. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

REGULAR MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Anne Greenberg presented the minutes from the September 10, 2016, state committee meeting. It was moved and seconded from the floor to approve; the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

DNC REPORT

National Committeeman Doug Ballard discussed reorganization at the DNC and the meeting in Phoenix with DNC officer candidates.

2016 ELECTION ANALYSIS

The election analysis scheduled will be presented at the next state committee meeting; Stan Williams will travel around the state to discuss the analysis in the counties.

CAUCUS REPORTS

The Young Democrats described efforts being made on college campuses.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

ADP VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

National Committeeman Ballard announced the first round of voting. With a total of 442 voting, an individual needed a minimum of 222 votes to be elected.

Vice Chairwomen candidates received the following numbers of votes: Joseline Mata, 256 votes; Raquel Teran, 219 votes; Karyn Latham, 225 votes; Sue Castner, 225 votes; and Beth Weisser, 215 votes.

Joseline Mata, Karyn Latham, and Sue Castner were elected **ADP Vice Chairwomen**.

Vice Chairmen candidates received the following numbers of votes: Dan O’Neal, 140 votes; Jack Levine, 16 votes; Ralph Atchue, 149 votes; Jevin Hodge, 300 votes; Mark Manoil, 132 votes; Randy Keating, 179 votes; and Dante Mitchell, 209 votes. **Jevin Hodge** was elected **ADP Vice Chairman**, and per bylaws, Jack Levine was removed from the ballot as he received the lowest number of votes. Mark Manoil withdrew his name from consideration. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

ADP SECRETARY ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for Secretary. Rebecca Wining (LD24) nominated **Anne Greenberg** (LD15); Steven Slugocki (LD15) seconded. Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Anne Greenberg** as **ADP Secretary** by acclamation.

ADP TREASURER ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for Treasurer. Steven Slugocki (LD15) nominated **Rick McGuire** (LD15); Judy Kennedy (LD20) seconded. Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Rick McGuire** as **ADP Treasurer** by acclamation.

ADP EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for Educational Coordinator. Anna Lucia (LD26) nominated **Janie Hydrick** (LD18); Randall Holmes (LD30) seconded. Pursuant to an unopposed motion, the State Committee elected **Janie Hydrick** as **ADP Educational Coordinator** by acclamation.

ADP VICE CHAIRMAN ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard announced the second round of voting. With a total of 406 voting, an individual needed a minimum of 204 votes to be elected. Vice Chairmen candidates received the following numbers of votes: Dan O’Neal, 121 votes; Ralph Atchue, 134 votes; Randy Keating, 213 votes; and Dante Mitchell, 280 votes. **Randy Keating** and **Dante Mitchell** were elected **ADP Vice Chairmen**.

ADP AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MODERATOR ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard called for nominations for Affirmative Action Moderator. Luis Heredia (LD12) nominated **Damian Preciado** (LD24); Stephanie Miller (LD3) seconded. Sean Bowie (LD18) nominated **Ernesto Fonseca** (LD18); Mikel Weisser (LD5) seconded. Andrea D’Allesandro (LD2) nominated **Celeste Pettijohn** (LD20); Alexis Tamerón Kinsey (LD26) seconded.

The candidates accepted their nominations and addressed the State Committee in order of nomination. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolutions Committee Chair Pat Burns presented the committee report and recommendations for actions, noting that a motion to approve the resolutions together as a whole was in order:

- Protect Tribal Sovereignty – recommend approval
- Against Dakota Access Pipeline – similar to one passed by DNC – recommend approval with small grammatical clean-up
- Support Democratic Core Values and Principles – recommend approval of amended resolution with similar language to the original submission
- Support for New DNC Chair – recommend approval
- Support Keith Ellison for DNC Chair – recommend rejection

Jevin Hodge (LD26) moved approval, which was seconded by several members from the floor. Although Resolutions Committee Chair Burns ruled the resolution recommendations were passed as a whole, the voice vote was challenged. The vote was retaken via division and the resolution recommendations were approved on the division vote as follows: Yes: 258, No: 28.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

ADP AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MODERATOR ELECTION

National Committeeman Ballard announced the first round of voting. With a total of 367 voting, an individual needed a minimum of 184 votes to be elected. Affirmative Action Moderator candidates received the following numbers of votes: Damian Preciado, 95 votes; Ernesto Fonseca, 166 votes; and Celeste Pettijohn, 105 votes. No one was elected on first ballot and per bylaws, Damian Preciado was removed from the ballot as he received the lowest number of votes. State Committee members thereafter proceeded to vote by individual ballot.

National Committeeman Ballard announced the second round of voting. With a total of 284 voting, an individual needed a minimum of 143 votes to be elected. Affirmative Action Moderator candidates received the following numbers of votes: Ernesto Fonseca, 187 votes; and Celeste Pettijohn, 97 votes. **Ernesto Fonseca** was elected **ADP Affirmative Action Moderator**.

REGULAR MEETING

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Tamerón Kinsey called for new business. No new business was raised.

ADJOURNMENT

Thereafter, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Greenberg
ADP Secretary, 2017-2018
March 21, 2017