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**Arizona Democratic Party
Regular Meeting of the ADP State Committee
Saturday, September 23, 2017
Glassford Hill Middle School, Prescott Valley, Arizona**

Chair Alexis Tamerón called the meeting of the ADP State Committee to order at 1:11 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prescott Valley City Councilwoman and Mayoral candidate Jean Wilcox welcomed everyone to the city and the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Chair Tamerón recognized candidates for election in 2018 and each was provided time to speak. First were candidates for U.S. Senate, including Bob Bishop, Chris Russell, and Richard Sherzan; Deedra Aboud and Jim Moss were not present at this time.

Yavapai County Chair Toni Denis also welcomed members of the state committee. Chair Tamerón also thanked Maricopa County supervisor Steve Gallardo for sponsoring lunch for State Committee members. She then continued to introduce candidates for office in 2018 who addressed the State Committee: Governor – Steve Farley and Dr. David Garcia; Secretary of State – Katie Hobbs; Attorney General – January Contreras; Corporation Commission – Jake Bell and Kiana Sears; Mine Inspector – Bill Pierce; and U.S. House – Talia Fuentes (CD 9), Briana Westbrook (CD 8), and Ana Marie Perez (CD 4). Also introduced were State Superintendent of Public Instruction candidates Kathy Hoffman and David Schapira, who had addressed members at the previous State Committee meeting.

STATE CHAIR REPORT

Chair Tamerón acknowledged all elected officials in the room then introduced Vice Chair Jevin Hodge who thanked everyone for their energy to turn Arizona blue and talked about implementing our 15-county strategy and getting candidates elected at every level.

Chair Tamerón presented a brief overview of where the party stood at the end of the 2014 election cycle and the rebuilding, organization, and mobilization efforts made since then, noting that in 2016 the party had the largest staff of field organizers in its history and set records for volunteer engagement and voter contact. We also have greatly expanded our digital and social reach, including the numbers of recurring and small grassroots donors. In 2017, following the reorganization meeting, the Executive Board held a retreat to discuss short- and long-term goals and establish advisory committees; the Executive Committee has approved a budget to increase our progress; and the staff held a retreat focused on strategic planning and organizing. The party continues to serve as a progressive hub and to invest in those areas we do well, such as the VAN/targeting and compliance services. The party has modernized and secured our IT and digital infrastructure, created messaging focused on a positive Democratic vision, has built a stronger grassroots donor program, is doing more to support county and local parties through the 15-County Strategy and local hiring plan, and is working on the 2018 Coordinated Campaign.

She then presented short-term goals for 2018, including developing specific local organizing and hiring plans for each of the 15 counties, enhanced communications and cohesive messaging, expand recurring donors, full slate of statewide candidates as well as candidates in every congressional and legislative

district, a timeline for the 2018 Coordinated Campaign and national investments in the state, and voter protection strategy. In the longer term, the party will increase its focus on expanding and strengthening grassroots fundraising and engagement, creating and enhancing Arizona's battleground status and our infrastructure, redistricting organizing and legal strategy, and building our bench of candidates, particularly given there will be new districts in 2022.

Chair Tamerón also noted that there are challenges, including short- versus long-term goals, noting that sometimes we make incremental gains that allow us to build; the full scope of what the party and Democrats face in terms of dark money and more; managing expectations, particularly the differences between who is the ADP and what is the Coordinated Campaign; confronting the vicious versus virtuous culture in how we operate organizationally on the state, county, and local level; realizing that communication is a two-way street and that activists can contact staff to ensure they are getting different communiques; and the need for open cooperation among all of us.

To provide background on proposed bylaw amendments, Chair Tamerón also presented a brief look at current ADP policies and procedures, noting that the ADP has an employee handbook that outlines human resources policies that also provides guidance in areas such as codes of conduct and contains a grievance and arbitration procedure as well as sets workplace standards.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

Field Director Jon Sutton discussed the 2017-2018 strategic plan, identifying five ways we win: long-term infrastructure, 15-county strategy, convey consistent winning message, build grassroots donor program, and create inclusive coalitions with partner organizations.

Operations Director Stan Williams, who was the 2016 Coordinated Campaign manager, discussed the Arizona Democratic Academy that is being rolled out to serve as a training resource hub for county and LD parties and candidates. It will house materials, including reproducible templates, and provide video and other online tutorials and resources in specific areas. Kate Gage, who worked on the Obama campaign and in his administration for all eight years, is co-founder of Lab 736 and addressed the State Committee to talk about her group, which is focused on improving how technology is used in state parties and making sure parties are supporting candidates with the best technology. Arizona is only the second state to partner with Lab 736.

Executive Director/Finance Director Herschel Fink has started conversations regarding the Coordinated Campaign with candidates and partner groups, noting that he had just returned from a trip to DC and had long conversations with friends and partners there and everyone is excited about Arizona. Not only is Arizona a battleground state, but he said that nationally, everyone recognizes that there is no path to take back the U.S. Senate that does not include Arizona. He added that information about the annual Hall of Fame nominations and dinner would be forthcoming.

Maria Belén Sisa, founder of Undocumented Students for Education Equity, addressed the State Committee and discussed how growing up undocumented meant she could not get a driver's license or apply for college because she lacked a Social Security number but this changed thanks to people fighting for her and others and President Obama passing DACA. The more involved she became, the more injustices she saw. With DACA now ending, everything is changing again and a target is being put on the backs of dreamers. She asked everyone to defend the dreamers and speak out against hate, to call Senators Flake and McCain and tell them to introduce a clean DREAM Act bill in the Senate, to bring friends in for public support, and to donate so dreamers can renew DACA requests. Chair Tamerón said that all donations to the ADP today will go to help DACA recipients.

ADLCC REPORT

ADLCC Executive Director Dana Walton noted we have more than 94 Democrats who have said they will run, which is five away from having candidates in every legislative district. While the ADLCC maintains a multi-cycle strategic vision, Walton said we have a real opportunity to make changes this cycle. The ADLCC offers everything it can to legislative candidates to help train them how to run.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Rick McGuire began discussing the Q2 2017 budget. Woody Thomas (LD 13) moved and Nancy Miller (LD 28) seconded to suspend the agenda. The motion passed by voice vote.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Chair Tamerón reported that for the September 23 meeting, 260 State Committee members were present in person and 119 by proxy, for a total of 379 (of 537) members or 70.5% of the total membership, indicating a quorum had been met for purposes of voting.

ELECTION OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION MODERATOR

Steven Slugocki (LD 15) nominated and Patrick Seifter (LD 24) seconded **Damian Preciado** (LD 24) for Affirmation Action Moderator. There were no other nominations. A motion to approve by acclamation was made Jevin Hodge (LD 26) and seconded by Richard Wall (LD 25). The vote to approve was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolutions Committee Chair Pat Burns presented proposed resolutions, which he said would be voted on in groups. The committee recommended three be approved with no changes; those in support of Women's Reproductive Rights, Ending Gender Pay Inequality, and the People's Platform. Matthew Boyd (LD 2) moved and Berdetta Hodge (LD 26) seconded to approve the resolutions. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chair Burns then presented two resolutions that the committee recommended be approved with changes: Strengthen Cultural Competency in ADP Policy, Business Practices and Communications and Solidarity of the Removal of Monuments to the Confederacy. These would be voted on together. The recommended changes to the Cultural Competency resolution were to delete a resolved clause about budgeting for cultural competency and friendly amend the final resolved clause to direct the ADP to form an ad hoc committee to create a process for budgeting and implementing cultural competency. Jim Hannley (LD 9) moved approval of the amendments; Patricia Contreras (LD 18) suggested a friendly amendment to include a time frame that the ad hoc committee be formed by the next state committee meeting in January. The friendly amendment was accepted with the proviso that all submitters (who were not present at the meeting) agreed. Woody Thomas (LD 13) seconded the motion to approve the amendments. The motion passed on voice vote.

The recommended changes to the resolution regarding Removal of Monuments to the Confederacy were to delete the number of monuments and the list of monuments in the first whereas clause and change "replaced with memorials" to "propose replacement with memorials" in the resolved clause. Steven Cody (LD 2) and Michael Rosnick (LD 23) seconded a change to delete everything in the resolved clause after "to be removed." A discussion ensued regarding Civil War battles and the state of monuments in Arizona; Patrick Seifter (LD 24) and Rob Kull (LD 9) spoke against the amendment; Ted Prezelski (LD 2) noted that we tend not to know who the Union heroes were because no one built monuments to them and that most of the monuments were a campaign to promote the other side, adding that we should build a monument to the Apaches. Doug Ballard (Coconino) called the question, which was seconded by Roman Ulman (LD 16). The question was called on a voice vote, and the amendment was defeated on voice vote.

Resolutions Committee Chair Burns then called for the vote on the resolutions as amended by the committee. Fran Chadwick (Yavapai) asked for a point of information as to why the two resolutions were being voted on at the same time. Resolutions Committee Chair Burns noted that it was the decision of the committee to present them together and someone could move to separate them. No such motion was made and the resolutions were approved as amended on voice vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Anne Greenberg presented the minutes from the May 20, 2017, State Committee meeting. Dante Mitchell (Yuma) moved and CJ Briggles (LD 18) seconded to approve; the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bylaws Committee Chair Doug Ballard went over the process for considering and voting on bylaw amendments, noting that the Bylaws Committee had spent several hours reviewing the proposed amendments and working with the individuals proposing them. The process was that the proposer will have three minutes to present and discuss the proposed amendment and Bylaws Committee Chair Ballard would then give the committee recommendation, and then a motion would be made. During discussion, an individual could discuss something no more than twice. Per the bylaws, amendments require a two-thirds vote to pass. He noted that all recommendations from the committee were unanimous

The first amendment to be considered on changes to duties of officers was withdrawn by submitter Sarah Moorhead (LD 25).

The second amendment to be considered on Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest was presented by its submitter, Sue Castner (LD 23). She submitted it so the party has a conflict of interest and ethical standard to be held to in a culture of accountability and transparency. Bylaws Committee Chair Ballard presented the proposed Bylaws Committee amendment. He noted that Committeemember Castner had incorporated the Bylaws Committee wording for the code of ethics portion of the amendment she submitted and that the Bylaws Committee agreed that there should be a conflict of interest policy. Legal counsel opined that what was submitted was overly broad and unenforceable and presented contract law issues. That was the reason why the Bylaws Committee proposed other language. Roman Ulman (LD 16) moved and Frank Reed (LD 22) seconded the motion to approve the amendment submitted by Committeemember Castner. Joseph Murphy (LD 30) introduced a friendly amendment to add a section to the amendment to create a Conflict of Interest and Ethics Committee; the amendment was accepted by Committeemember Castner with a change from legislative district to county chairs. Roman Ulman (LD 18) challenged the opinion of legal counsel. Nancy Miller (LD 28) moved and Stephanie Rogall (LD 22) seconded to call the question. There was a question of whether a quorum was still present. Roman Ulman (LD 16) moved and Robert Rowley (LD 3) seconded to call for roll call, but Rosanna Gabaldon (LD 2) noted that the question had been called and called division. The count of State Committee members present in person or by proxy was 292, so quorum was met. A bylaw amendment required a vote of not less than two-thirds members present; thus, 195 votes were required for approval. The amendment received 166 votes and thus did not pass.

Bylaws Committee Chair Ballard read the proposed Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest amendment from the Bylaws Committee. Cathy Hozian (LD 4) moved for its approval and Jeanne Lunn (LD 15) seconded the motion. Michelle Manos (LD 2) offered a friendly amendment to remove the clause that individuals will be "subject to the same substantive rules of ethical guidance as State public officials" but withdrew the friendly amendment after discussion about what constituted ethical guidance. A motion to table the amendment made by Scott Prior (LD 16) and seconded by John Chiazza (LD 12) passed by voice vote.

Roman Ulman (LD 16) withdrew the four amendments he had submitted after noting that Chair Tamerón had agreed during the morning Bylaws Committee meeting to create an ad hoc task force to research options and costs of digitally recording State Committee meetings. Bylaws Committee Chair Ballard then tabled the remaining amendments from the Bylaws Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeffrey Tucker (LD 18) asked why caucus chairs had been removed from the Executive Committee, as the bylaws do not have a provision to remove seated chairs from the Executive Committee. It was explained that it was an oversight that the chairs were not listed as members and that chairs of all current certified caucuses meeting the membership criteria remain members of the Executive Committee.

Jeanne Lunn (LD 15) said that the chair of the Native American Caucus had requested she report that the caucus has grown and has added two new vice chairs.

Karyn Lathan (LD 18) noted that applications for the next Emerge Arizona class were open.

Randall Holmes (LD 30) discussed how the Election Integrity Committee came to be and how important it is. Currently he is the only committee member and asked that people consider joining.

ADJOURNMENT

Thereafter, a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Rob Kull (LD 9) and seconded from the floor. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Greenberg
ADP Secretary, 2017-2018
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