

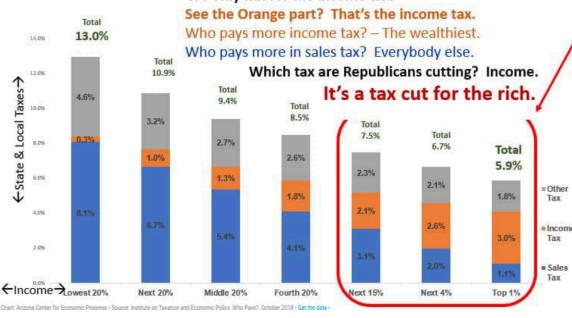
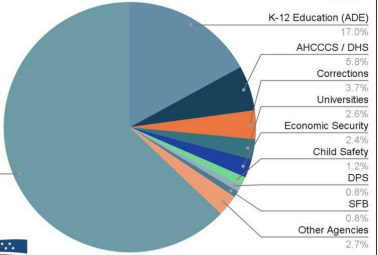




<div><div>CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BEYOND VOTING</div><div></div></div>	<div>Fact Sheet for Cory McGarr Republican Candidate for AZ House — LD17</div>
<div>Criminalizing Abortion</div>	
<div>1</div>	<div>McGarr <a href="#">supports</a> prohibition of abortion except when it is necessary to prevent the death of the mother.* In addition, McGarr <a href="#">has been reported to be involved with anti-abortion organizations.</a></div>
<div><i>Background Information: In Arizona, SB1164 was signed into law effective 9/24/22. This new law is <a href="#">a Mississippi-style abortion ban</a> that only exempts cases of "medical emergency." Because of <a href="#">the absurd way pregnancy dates are calculated</a>, it kicks in at 11 weeks of pregnancy, at most. Doctors who help women anyway would face class 6 felony charges, with no exceptions for rape or incest. It would also <a href="#">ban abortions for families that learn in pregnancy later on that a fetus is not viable</a>. *<b>Arizona pre-Roe law:</b> a near-total abortion ban first enacted decades before Arizona was granted statehood in 1912, and it's only exception is if the life of the patient is in danger. Recently, Arizona's Assistant Attorney General <a href="#">urged a judge</a> to allow the state to enforce the 1912 near-total ban on abortions, and a decision to <a href="#">reinstate</a> the ban was made on 9/23/22. Effectively, there are 2 abortion bans on the books in Arizona, with no certainty about which one is law.</i></div>	
<div>Defunding Public Education</div>	
<div>2</div>	<div>McGarr <a href="#">supports</a> allowing <b>all</b> parents to use tax credits, vouchers, or education savings accounts to enable their children to attend any public, charter, private, homeschool or online academy. He believes "you should not be forced to attend failing schools just based on your zip code" – a phrase often used by opponents of public schools to justify a failure to support them.</div>
<div><i>Background Information: This removes priority status from students with special needs who use the current ESA voucher program and <a href="#">will siphon at least \$1 billion from AZ K-12 public schools every single year</a>. This is a 20% cut to schools, which they cannot withstand. Teachers will be laid off, class sizes will grow, and schools will ultimately be forced to close, resulting in fewer neighborhood options for Arizona families. "The proponents of these policies and the corporate interests that bankroll them insist their goal is to improve the quality of education – a dubious claim, <a href="#">this report states</a>" "in the face of the reality that too often there is little to no public accountability, fiscal transparency, or maintenance of civil rights protections for students in privatized programs." ESA proponents often laud "the money following the child" without acknowledging that public schools are faced with far less resources and unchanged overhead costs. <a href="#">(enlarge infographic here)</a></i></div>	

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<p><b>3</b> McGarr <a href="#">opposes</a> keeping last year's massive income tax cut in Arizona's state tax code, but further states, "I believe (income tax) should be greatly reduced until it is eliminated."</p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b> The majority of our taxes fund education in Arizona, and cutting taxes will only starve our schools further. The revenues that AZ collects add up to all the services you receive: neighborhood schools, roads, parks, broadband, libraries, civic services, and healthcare. If lawmakers reduced the tax cuts and credits received by pet special interests, the wealthy, and businesses, the state could cut taxes for ALL. Decades of irresponsible governing and the new "flat tax" have fed economic <a href="#">economic inequality</a> in Arizona. For the average Arizona resident, sales tax comprises the majority of their tax burden, and <a href="#">elimination of the flat tax will net a savings of \$47.</a> (view full-size <a href="#">bar chart</a> &amp; <a href="#">pie chart</a>)</p> <div data-bbox="219 814 787 1165"> <p>The GOP "flat tax" is not flat for all the AZ taxes you pay. It's only flat for the income tax. See the Orange part? That's the income tax. Who pays more income tax? – The wealthiest. Who pays more in sales tax? Everybody else.</p> <p>Which tax are Republicans cutting? Income. <b>It's a tax cut for the rich.</b></p>  </div> <div data-bbox="820 850 1421 1165"> <h3>Arizona General Fund Budget vs. Tax Cuts &amp; Credits</h3> <p>11/2019</p> <p>Total General Fund budget in FY 2021: \$12,739,847,900</p> <p>Total tax cuts &amp; credits in FY 2021: \$21,823,289,587</p>  <p>www.CEBV.us CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BEYOND VOTING</p> <p>Sources: Joint Legislative Budget Committee Staff, Appropriations Report, August 2021 Arizona Dept. of Revenue, "The Revenue Impact of Arizona's Tax Expenditures, FY 2021"</p> </div>	
<h2>Election Denial</h2>	
<p><b>4</b> McGarr: "I am <a href="#">running</a> for state House to fix the broken elections system, to eliminate fraud and to ensure that something like the 2020 election doesn't happen again."</p>	
<p><b>Background Information:</b> GOP lawmakers are working to restrict voting rights in Arizona. "Legislation is categorized as restrictive if it would make it harder for eligible Americans to register, stay on the rolls, and/or vote as compared to existing state law." To read further about voting laws that current Arizona state lawmakers have continued to introduce or enact that restrict access to the vote click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<h2>Endorsements</h2>	
<p><b>5</b> McGarr is <a href="#">endorsed</a> by the AZ Free Enterprise Club, a dark-money group that backed a recent successful lawsuit to <a href="#">eliminate the AZ Free and Fair Elections Act from the November ballot</a>. This pro-voting ballot initiative was signed by nearly 500,000 Arizonans.</p>	
<p><b>6</b> McGarr is <a href="#">endorsed</a> by Center for Arizona Policy, a right-wing dark-money group. "CAP's extremist agenda is <a href="#">facilitated</a> by like-minded lawmakers." CAP's success in lobbying the Arizona Legislature has been described as follows: CAP "<a href="#">take(s) advantage</a> of the fact that most Arizonans don't bother to turn out for the primary election where most races are decided. And then CAP makes sure that the legislators who do get elected know they are being watched."</p>	

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<p><b>Controlling &amp; Censoring Education</b></p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p>McGarr <a href="#">states</a> that we have “schools teaching critical race theory and radical sexuality to young children.” He <a href="#">supports</a> giving parents the ability to opt their children out of school materials and lesson plans to which the parents object.</p>
<p><i><b>Background Information:</b> Critical Race Theory or “CRT” is increasingly being used by far-right conservatives as a catch-all term for equity programs and teaching about systemic racism. The AZ Legislature has sponsored bills that would allow parents to scour lessons for elements of “critical race theory” or anything else they didn’t like. This year the AZ Legislature tried to pass bill <a href="#">SB1211</a>, which would require teachers to upload a list of every book and worksheet they use in their classrooms online for parental review. Recently, Governor Ducey signed a book ban bill, HB2495 which passed on party lines. In its initial language, this bill <a href="#">prohibited public schools from sharing any sexually explicit learning material</a> with students including the depiction of homosexuality. An amendment removed the term homosexuality from the bill language and allowed material defined as “part of classical or early American literature,” but as these terms are not defined, critics say it still essentially acts as a book ban. State law already makes it a felony to show pornography to children.</i></p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p>McGarr <a href="#">supports</a> requiring any government entity, including schools, to inform parents about their child’s physical, emotional, or mental health.</p>
<p><i><b>Background Information:</b> Gov. Ducey recently signed a new law that gives parents <a href="#">disturbingly broad</a> access to all their children’s public school records unless <a href="#">abuse reporting law</a> is involved, and allows parents to sue if not “satisfied.” <a href="#">HB2161</a> by Rep. Steve Kaiser, R-Phoenix, began its legislative life as a more controversial bill that would have forced teachers to tell parents everything a student tells them — including outing them if a student <a href="#">confides in a teacher that they are LGBTQ+</a>.</i></p>	
<p><b>LGBTQ+ Rights for Adults and Youth</b></p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>McGarr <a href="#">opposes</a> adding “sexual orientation,” “gender identity,” or “gender expression” to the protected classes of race, religion, age, sex, and ancestry in nondiscrimination law.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p>McGarr is <a href="#">opposed</a> to allowing children assigned male at birth who identify as girls to play in team sports. He further states “someone’s self perception of gender is of no value in objective reality.”</p>
<p><i><b>Background Information:</b> The narrow, unscientific belief that there are only two genders has infected our politics and culture, and is often used by nonscientists to claim a scientific basis for dehumanizing those they don’t understand. The truth is, <a href="#">biological sex and gender are complicated</a>. Over a third of Americans in their teens and early 20s <a href="#">know someone who uses</a> gender-neutral pronouns, and <a href="#">one out of every 100 Americans is intersex</a>. Nonbinary people have existed across history and cultures, and deserve identification that matches their identities. Arizona’s LGBTQ+ Equality Profile is <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p>	

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<p><b>LGBTQ+ Rights for Adults and Youth — continued</b></p>	
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p>McGarr <a href="#">supports</a> allowing parents to seek professional counseling for their minor children with same-sex attraction or gender identity issues.</p>
<p><i><b>Background Information:</b> This is in reference to reparative (conversion) therapy, which the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry asserts "<a href="#">lacks scientific credibility and clinical utility.</a>" "Additionally, there is evidence that such interventions are harmful." <a href="#">In 2022, the Arizona Legislature held a hearing</a> on HB2802 which proposed making licensed health providers offering conversion therapy to minors subject to discipline from their state licensing boards, effectively banning the practice in an official capacity. Parents and unlicensed religious figures, however, would be exempt.</i></p>	
<p><b>Far-right Politics</b></p>	
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p>McGarr <a href="#">authored</a> a letter to the editor stating "The America First agenda is our policy forward." He <a href="#">states</a> "We need someone in the State House who has and will continue to support President Donald J. Trump's AMERICA FIRST Agenda." McGarr is <a href="#">running as a team of 3 Republican candidates in LD-17</a> that refer to themselves as "America First."</p>
<p><i><b>Background Information:</b> <b>America First</b> refers to a <a href="#">policy</a> stance in the United States that generally emphasizes <a href="#">nationalism</a> and <a href="#">non-interventionism</a>. America First has a <a href="#">disturbing history</a> that a number of scholars (such as <a href="#">Deborah Dash Moore</a>), commentators (such as <a href="#">Bill Kristol</a>) and Jewish organizations (including the <a href="#">ADL</a> and <a href="#">JCPA</a>) criticized Trump's use of the slogan because of its historical association with <a href="#">nativism</a> and <a href="#">anti-Semitism</a>.</i></p>	