

General Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2026
Zoom Meeting
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Call to order by Chair Nancy Burton at pm. This is the 5th General Meeting LD17 in 2026.

2026 LD17 Officers:

Chair: Nancy Burton

1st Vice Chair: Cathy Davis

2nd Vice Chair: Katie Maas

Treasurer: Ethan Riegel

Executive Committee Representatives: Marian Hill & Scott Krooksmer

Regional Representative: Matt Nelson

Corresponding Secretary: Gretchen Winters

Recording Secretary: Shelly Hartman

2026 Committees:

Operations Team: Leslie Clark

Communications Lead: Carla Andrews O'Hara

Program Coordinators: Chris Donat; Rachel Dawkins

Data Lead: Alexandra Wright

Social Media - Kay Schriener

Partnership Relations: Sue Anderson

Welcoming Comments from Chair: July 2026 - General Meeting

Nancy Burton

Program:

- July call to action:
- Shelly Hartman -Save Our Schools AZ - initiative update:
 - Over 420,000 signatures collected - signature challenge lasts until July 22 - currently raising money for legal defense fund
 - Doug Ducey has started a PAC to fight the ballot
 - HCR 2048 - created to knock Protect Ed off of the ballot
 - Donate to help legal challenges: <http://bit.ly/pe-legal>
- Adrian Fontes - Secretary of State
 - Confirmed law suits of education initiative and language in HCR's
 - Casa Grande in Pinal County registered most Democratic voters
 - Reminded us to vote early; and volunteer at poll places
 - Discussed several lawsuits and their outcomes; things are doing well and courts are holding.

- Questions about what DOJ and White House will do for the voting in November.
- Sara Kennedy: Executive Director, ADLCC
 - ADLCC is dedicated to electing democrats to the state legislature, since 2015.
 - Discussion on people employed and on the board.
 - Work of ADLCC; Support services, direct investment into campaigns, recruit and train candidates, staffing each legislative district.
 - Went over 2024 numbers where LD17 was successful.
 - 7 districts fall into competitive range: LD's 2, 9, 17, 23, 16, 13, 4 LD17 is in the protected range.
 - Senate Protecting 9, 23 and pick up 2, 4 13, and 17 with Edgar Soto.
 - Call to action, the path runs straight through 17.
 - Questions about how much Turning Point will be involved, website design and what candidates can do; impacts of the different volunteer actions including signs, phones etc.
- Representative Kevin Volk
 - HB2800 was made into law thanks to Rep. Volk. The bill is a deterrent for impaired drivers and in honor of John McClean.
 - We are in the most hyper-partisan legislatures in the country. Only 10 were Democratic sponsored out of 254.
 - Now we are focused on the campaign through fund-raising, campaigning and getting out in the community.
 - Questions about the constitutional convention bill and the split votes.
- Senate Candidate Edgar Soto
 - Discussed what he is hearing at the doors right now. People are tired of partisanship.
 - Talking about how it's more positive than he anticipated.

Business:

- Approval of June Minutes
 - Minutes were approved
- Treasurer's Report (See below)
- Ops Team Report/Update on Voter Guide, Hard-to-Reach project
- Announcements:
 - Tanque Verde Dems will host Rep. Kevin Volk on August 8th at the Kirk-Bear Canyon Library. The meeting begins at 10:30am. Save the date.
 - Special Event! September 26th at the Tucson Racquet Club from 5-7pm.

Meet the Democratic candidates and elected officials.
tanqueverdedems.org

- July 20 JoMendoza is having fund raiser. Keep your eye out for details.

Officer and Committee Reports

First Vice Chair: [W First VC Board Report 7.1.26.docx](#)

Cathy Davis

- Fundraising Committee meets twice a month.
- Dialing for Dollars (Wednesday evenings 3 times a month) has raised \$1900 with over \$200 recurring dollars.
- 55,000 household need to receive the voter guide which is where the majority of the money is going.
- Act Blue: \$4,938 (\$1732 recurring) 27% were first time donors. These are increases over May,
- Made a request of the board members to reach out to friends and families to ask them to contribute. The committee can send bullet points to help out with this effort. Nancy talked about how she was able to get a contribution by just asking, so this effort is important.

Second Vice Chair: [W Second Vice Chair July 1 2026.docx](#)

Katie Maass

- TLs collaborated with ADLCC Campaign staff, to hold 8 canvass launches with the candidates during June. Rachel Dawkins makes calls to recruit more volunteers to canvass or drive.
- A new universe was created for turfs.
- Canvassers and tablers continued securing signatures for Protect Ed and Protect the Vote AZ. The petitioning phase is now done.
- LD17 Democrats canvassing materials are being updated (flyer and talking points).
- A new turf tracker is being developed by ADLCC staff and will be shared with TLs and data team.
- Canvassing conversations training will be held mid-July on Zoom and in-person trainings will be offered to TLs.
- A training session for PCs – new and current – will be held August 26 on Zoom.
- LD17 GOTV Hubs will be identified and begin training runs September 26.
- Next TL meeting is July 10, 4 – 5:15 p.m. via Zoom. Priority precincts will be covered as the persuasion phase. will cover campaign priorities. TLs will be reminded to create Mobilize sign-up links for canvasses scheduled through September.

- There was discussion about the necessity of training and getting the word out all around the territory.

Treasurer: [2025-2026 Treasurer's Reports](#)

Ethan Rigel

June 1 - June 31	
\$52,334.27	
Dues and Donations	\$7,098.00
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Fundraising Expenses	\$100.00
Paid Ads	\$311.10
Partner Sponsorships (Udall)	\$1,000.00
Subscriptions	\$100.79
Texts & Calls	\$272.48
Volunteer Supplies	\$45.41
	\$1,784.37
\$57,647.00	

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Leslie Clark

- Mobilize links are on master tracker to have Rachel be able to sign people up as soon as she makes calls.
- Beth Britton and Joyce Howard are running a pre-canvas postcard program designed to get more people to open the doors when the canvases are run. The first batch will go out Monday for the 2 canvases in Marana.
- Chris volunteered to help send postcards on the East side.

- Coming: Canvasser training; July 18 - Emergency Food Box Event; Meet & Greet with Edgar in Saddlebrook; House Party for Edgar - July 31st; Aug. 6h, candidate forum in Civano; August 26th a PC meeting.
- Phone banking has raised about 4,000 dollars and dialed about 5,000 people.
- Hard to Reach Project:
 - Mailer as a test run for voter guide
 - Developing a strong plan for who will contact and align the phone bank to be ready with a new script.
 - Hard to reach project is finding about 28,000 behind gates that are hard to canvas and we are looking at 10-12,000 people who have never been directly contacted.

Executive Committee Representatives: **PCDP Exec Com 7 6 2026 report**

Marian Hill; Scott Krooksmer

- Speakers: Dr. Sylvia Lee (Pima Community College); Kadi Tierney spoke on Pima County Tax Formula Spending Adjustment Ballot Measure. Information can be found on [Pima.gov](https://pima.gov) website under Expenditure Limit Adjustment. Committee moved to endorse measure, it passed.
- Chair Report:
 - DNC representative Elija Watson is the Rural Arizona field organizer – hiring 55 part time field workers
 - Copper State office opening in Tucson Sunday, July 12, 12:30 – 1:30 – scheduled to feature Gov. Hobbs, Ken Martin and others
 - ADP voter outreach grants are placing one organizer on UA campus, one in tribal areas, and a third TBD
 - ADP voter file of 138,000 likely unregistered voters in Pima Co. – work with LD's to contact/register/GOTV
- Concert for Peace and Democracy will be held on October 8.
- PCDP Digital Voter Guide will go live after the primaries

Regional Representative:

Matt Nelson

- No meetings in Pinal County meetings this month.
- SB Dems meeting had discussion about redistricting. Discussing canvassing efforts. Sep 23rd - there will be a meeting on Social Security and Medicare with Joanna Mendoza and John Bauman. All are invited including Republicans and Independents.
- Nancy and Matt need to discuss how the voter guide will work with Pinal County.

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Carla Andrews O'Hara

- Paid digital ads are up and running. New messages will be targeted.
- The committee has been dissecting contact data so it is streamlined and usable.
- \$1500 has been spent.

- Facebook posts:
 - Education, health care, affordability, democracy, fund-raising
 - Total engagement 984
- Voter Guide will be next focus.
- Discussion on the status of petitions and initiatives.

Data Team Lead:

Alexandra Wright

Partnership Relations:

Sue Anderson

Program Coordinators: **LD17 Programming Committee: July Status Report**

Chris Donat; Rachel Dawkins

- July speakers; still contacting and awaiting responses from several people. Nothing confirmed yet.
- Suggestions;
 - Kevin and candidates have more time.
 - Ops more time with voter guides.
 - Priya and ADLCC
 - Donna suggested a call to action
- August: (potential speakers; nothing confirmed)
 - Governor Hobb
 - CAA for Pete Buttigieg

Next Steps:

- Next meeting - August 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at pm.