

## **AZ GOP LD4 MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION(S)**

**DATE:** March 13, 2024 @ 7:00 pm. Check-in/credentialing begins at 6:15 pm.

**LOCATION:** The Retreat at 6140 E. Thunderbird Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

**PURPOSE:** Regular meeting and election for Chair and Treasurer, and possibly First Vice Chair.

Our Treasurer Katy Romley has resigned. We thank her for her excellent service and we must now conduct an election for her successor at our next meeting.

Additionally, several PC's have made timely challenges to some aspect(s) of the execution of the February 15, 2024 elections for Chair and First Vice Chair. After an exhaustive review of these and the conduct of the elections, we conclude defects identified neither indicate bias nor indicate any outcomes of the elections would likely have changed if perfected. However, one challenge in particular has merit that deserves attention: we have concluded our long-standing practice of providing email notice for a meeting that includes an election to fill board vacancy/ies does not meet the standard for adjacent ARS situations (e.g., our biannual organizational meeting), is not consistent with court interpretations of proper notice in similar situations (per discussion with counsel), and also is not the best interpretation of applicable MCRC bylaws (Art II, Sect. 4 C 1), which our LD4 bylaws reference. Notice for regular meetings without elections can, we believe, remain unchanged.

Years of past practice and precedent is relevant, but the language of the ARS and related rulings outweigh these. And simply because a practice has not previously been timely challenged does not mean we can dismiss such a challenge when it is raised, which it now has been.

Beyond this key correction, a few suggestions for modest improvements to our election process have been made, have merit, and will be incorporated on March 13.

LD4 is a leader and needs to remain so. Your LD4 Board will not follow the reprehensible examples of overt election interference and conflict of interest recently demonstrated to us by Katie Hobbs and our MCRC Board lead by Shelby Busch and Craig Berland. And we firmly believe LD4 can withstand such challenges and emerge stronger for it – even if they are intended to damage the LD and even if falsely promulgated by members of MCRC leadership. Therefore, we have decided it is in the best interests of LD4 to prepare for and recommend to the LD4 body to conduct replacement election(s) on March 13, 2024 for those held on February 15, as noted above.

Visit [www.azld4gop.org](http://www.azld4gop.org) for additional pertinent information, including details of the challenges made and reviewed (forthcoming). Visit [www.azld4gop.org/nominations](http://www.azld4gop.org/nominations) in particular if you would like to run for elective office and submit nomination information for your name to be included on the ballot.

## **AGENDA**

Call to order  
Invocation & pledge of allegiance  
Treasurer's report  
Credential report (establish quorum)  
Approval of previous meeting minutes  
Approval of meeting rules  
Candidate speeches, Chair and Treasurer  
Election, Chair and Treasurer  
Candidate speeches and election, 1st Vice Chair (as needed)  
Recognition of elected officials and candidates present  
Speakers: Tom Horne (Sup. of Public Instruction); Tamra Farah (AZWOA)  
Election integrity updates  
PC election process updates  
State and National Convention updates  
Adjourn