



Arizona Native American Voter Forum

Talking Stick Resort, Salt River Room
September 30-October 2, 2024

AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. Opening Prayer: Robert Stone, Gila River Indian Community Elder and Lessert Moore, Oglala Lakota Elder

Honor Guard: Ira Hayes Post 84

10:20 a.m. Call to Order: COLT Meeting

Opening Remarks: OJ Semans, Sr., Four Directions Native Vote & Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, Phoenix Indian Center

10:45 a.m. Welcome Address: Salt River Pima Maricopa Tribal Leader, Martin Harvier

11:00 a.m. Four Directions: Setting the Stage

11:30 a.m. Jeff Zink, Candidate for the 3rd Congressional District in Phoenix

11:45 a.m. Daniel Butierez, Candidate for Arizona District 7

12:00 p.m. LUNCH SERVED

12:15 p.m. Candidate Hold

12:45 p.m. **Panel One: Securing the Future - Young Voters Leading the Way, moderated by Greg Mendoza, Gila River, UNITY**

Panelists: Ayden Clytus, Navajo, Jalen Harvey, Navajo/Acoma Pueblo/Hope, Sistine Lewis, Salt River Pima Maricopa

1:30 p.m. Mark Trahant, Editor at Large, ICT: The Polls Are Wrong. We Count. #NativeVote2024



2:00 p.m. Candidate Hold

2:30 p.m. Quacy Smith, AZ's 9th Congressional District

2:45 p.m. Allie Young, Founder and Director, Protect the Sacred

3:00 p.m. Four Directions Co-Executive Director, Barbara Semans

3:05 p.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Stacey Abrams

3:35 p.m. Session Closes

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Tribal Leader Welcome Reception, Talking Stick Resort, 14th floor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. Blessing: Senator Theresa Hatathlie-Delmar

Opening Remarks: (OJ Semans, Sr., Four Directions Native Vote)

9:15 a.m. Ruben Gallego, Congressman for Arizona District 3, running for U.S. Senate

9:30 a.m. **Panel Two: Arizona Tribal Leader Panel, Moderated by, Lycia Ortega**

Panelists: President Jordan Joaquin, Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe; Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community; President Sandra Pattea, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation; Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-chin Indian Community; Chairman Terry Rambler, San Carlos Apache Tribe

10:30 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

10:45 a.m. **Panel Three: Urban Indian Voices Matter, Moderated by Jacob Moore, Arizona State University**

Panelists: Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, CEO Phoenix Indian Center, Hope Craig-Corlew, Board Chair United American Indian Involvement, Inc., Janeen Comenote, National Urban Family Indian Coalition

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. LUNCH BREAK



12:45 p.m. **Panel Four: Reaching Across Communities: Multicultural Voices, moderated by Don Ragona**

Panelists: Jeannie Abrams McLean, PhD, Fair Count, May Tiwamangkala, Arizona Asian Americans Native Hawaiians Pacific Islanders for Equity

1:30 p.m. **Panel Five: Protecting Natural Resources - Our Water, Our Land, Our Rights, Moderated by Lycia Ortega, Thunderbird Strategic**

Panelists: Cassandra Pino, NALC, Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community, Del Laverdure, Co-Council with COLT, Chairman Verlon Jose, Tohono O'odham Nation

2:15 p.m. **Preserving Our Culture and Language, Moderated by Jolyana Begay-Kroupa**

Panelists: One Generation, TO

2:45 p.m. **Panel Six: Our Missing Relatives: A Worldwide Epidemic and the Push for More Law Enforcement Resources, Moderated by: Jennifer Weddle**

Panelists: Monica Antone, Council Delegate Amber Crotty, Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton, Council Delegate, Navajo Nation, Shiprock

3:45 p.m. Cheyenne Kippenberger - Empowering the Next Generation

4:00 p.m. **Panel Seven: Prioritizing Health, Mental Health & Well-being of Native Americans, Moderated by: Chris Sharp, Arizona State University**

Panelist: Walter Murillo, CEO Native Health, Trula Breuninger, CEO Native American Connections,

4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

5:00 p.m. Session Closes

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024



9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer: Dwight Francisco, Gila River Indian Community

9:20 a.m. Opening Remarks

9:30 a.m. **Panel Seven: Systemic Racism in the USPS, Moderator OJ Semans, Sr.**

Panelist: Dr. Jean Schroedel

10:30 a.m. **Panel Eight: Organizing Around and Protecting the Native Vote, Moderator, TBD**

Panelists: Jaynie Parrish, Arizona Native Vote, Patty Ferguson-Bohne, Arizona State University, Rosetta Walker, Lakota Elder

12:30 p.m. Closing and Retiring of the Colors, Lessert Moore - Oglala Lakota Elder