



**Greetings Fellow Pima County Democrats:**

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know some of the activities I have been engaged in and what your Executive Committee officers and committee members have been doing since the December 15 PCDP biennial organizational meeting. We have been busy on behalf of PCDP during the past few weeks:

- Meeting with elected officials, including Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, Arizona Reps. Randy Friese and Kirsten Engel, Pima County Supervisor Ramon Valadez, former State Sen. Steve Farley, and Tucson Ward 6 City Council member Steve Kozachik (other meetings are on the schedule); former PCDP officers and chairs; Arizona Democratic Party officers and representatives of the Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (ADLCC)
- Starting the hiring process for a new executive-director. See the job posting on the PCDP website: [www.pimadems.org](http://www.pimadems.org)
- Participating in weekly County Chair conference calls with the Arizona Democratic Party
- Helping volunteers clean up and organize headquarters
- Co-hosting a swearing in party for U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick at HQ
- Working with volunteers to get the PCDP website content filled in, and getting the calendar operational
- Attending the kickoff meeting of a new disAbility Caucus
- Interviewing candidates for the volunteer coordinator position
- Starting the process of getting Catalina Democrats activities going again
- Beginning to plan the Udall Dinner



Ann Kirkpatrick Swearing-in watch party – Jan. 3, 2019

As your Chair, I represented you at a number of public appearances recently, including:

- Addressing Democrats of Greater Tucson (DGT) at the December 17 meeting
- Appearing on PBS 6's *Arizona 360* public-affairs show opposite Pima Republican Party Chair David Eppihimer <https://playpbs.azpm.org/video/january-4-2019-rn3gy8/>
- Appearing on a KVOI radio interview

Jan. 7, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting



On Jan 7, the Pima County Democratic Party Executive Committee met for the first time since our December election. The Executive Committee (EC) consists of elected PCDP officers, LD chairs and two representatives from each LD. Additional representatives include members from the party's certified clubs and caucuses. Although only EC members can vote, these meetings are open to the public and it's a good way to learn about what's going on. These meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at HQ.

We had an ambitious agenda that night. I have attempted to summarize some of the highlights below. We'll post the full minutes on our website, [pimadems.org](http://pimadems.org), when they are approved.

Our treasurer, Mary Matiella, reported that she is looking for help doing a self-initiated audit. There are many years of financial data to go through. If there is anybody in the financial community willing to help, please contact Mary at [mary@pimadems.org](mailto:mary@pimadems.org). Mary also reported that she will be working on fundraising. She reminded us that "the more we want the party to do, the more money we are going to have to raise."

Search for a new Executive Director (ED) has begun. Resumes from all over the country have been coming in. On January 15, officers on the Executive Oversight Committee will be starting in-person and phone interviews. We hope to have a new executive director hired before the end of the month.

Second Vice Chair Joel Feinman agreed to chair the **Bylaws Committee** again, and he was approved by the Executive Committee to do so. Please check out our bylaws on our website, and email Joel at [joel@pimadems.org](mailto:joel@pimadems.org) if you have any suggested revisions or are interested in serving on the bylaws committee.

The committee approved Phil Lopes as chair for the newly formed **Platform Committee** (the formation of a platform committee was voted on at the December 15 organization meeting). Phil was instrumental in the proposal to form the committee, so it is fitting that he should chair it. Phil is also looking for volunteers to work on the Platform Committee. The goal is to have diversity of representation from LDs and clubs on the Platform Committee.

Discussions have started regarding forming a **Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee**. Please contact me if you are interested in being on this committee.

The Executive Committee approved the formation of a **Communications Committee**. Newsletter, Social Media and the Website will fall under the Communications Committee. It is hoped that the new executive director will serve as chair of the Communications Committee. Ellie Brecher was identified as the lead on the Newsletter, Marion Chubon is going to take on the Social Media (Facebook, Twitter), Lori Cinnamond is currently handling the website.

We are in the process of forming a **Ways and Means Committee** to address our fundraising needs. Mary Matiella and I will be on that committee and we will be looking for people to join this committee.

We approved the formation of a **Community Action Committee**. We are looking for a chair for that committee.



**Gabriella Cazerres-Kelly (Chair Appointee) and Marietta Martin (LD4) new representatives to the Pima County Democratic Party Executive Committee**

Joel Feinman reported that he will be making a motion to support the ***Tucson Families Free and Together Initiative*** at next month's Executive Committee meeting. EC reps will be deciding whether PCDP endorses this initiative in February. I encourage everyone to become familiar with this initiative and let your voting representatives (LD Chair, EC reps, club representatives) know how you feel so they can represent you in February.

#### **Going Forward**

We are planning a ***Voter Outreach Summit*** for Feb. or Mar. where LDs and other groups can share ideas about what worked and what didn't during the last campaign cycle. We'll also be discussing PC training and recruitment.

If you are interested in serving on one of PCDP's existing and/or new committees, please email me and let's sit down to discuss the opportunities available. I am trying to include a diverse range of people from various LDs.

I hope to see you at a future LD, club or caucus meeting. I also hope to see all newly-elected State Party members at our State Party meeting in Phoenix on Jan. 26.

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