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Pima County Democratic Party Holds 8th Annual Udall Dinner

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 11, 2019) - Author Nancy MacLean headlines the Pima County Democratic Party's 8th Annual Udall Dinner & Spirit of Arizona Awards on Saturday, April 13.

MacLean is the William H. Chafe Professor of History and Public Policy at Duke University and an award-winning author. Her most recent book, *Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America* (Penguin Random House, 2017), was a National Book Award finalist.

The Tohono O'odham Nation is hosting the event, 6:30 p.m. at the Desert Diamond Casino, 7350 S. Nogales Highway, Tucson. The 42-table dinner is sold out.

The annual dinner is named for brothers Stewart and Morris "Mo" Udall, beloved Southern Arizona Democrats who represented Arizona's 2nd District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Stewart also served as President John F. Kennedy's Secretary of the Interior. The Udalls worked tirelessly for environmental protections and conservation, which remain front-burner issues for the PCDP.

This year's Spirit of Arizona Awards go to Shirley C. Scott, Ward 4 Tucson City Council member, the grassroots voter-education organization Represent Me AZ, and the Pima Area Labor Federation.

The event also recognizes four student advocates as Community Activist honorees: Sharmila Dey, University High School; Colter Thomas, Tucson High School; Lucia Meinig-Reeves, Tucson High School, and Nia Flenory, City High School. Their issues are public education, immigration, gun-law reform and climate change, respectively.

Richard Elías, Pima County Board of Supervisors chair, and Gabriella Cázares-Kelly, an educator, community organizer and member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, will emcee.

VIPs expected include U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, U.S. Senate candidate Mark Kelly, former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, and former U.S. Rep. Ron Barber.

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