

# Proud District 17 Democrats

## Monthly Meeting!

**Tues, June 10th**  
Info Exchange 6:30 pm  
Meeting 7 pm

**Pyle Center**  
on Southern,  
West of Rural

### Speakers

Election 2008 Update  
Emily Bittner –  
AZ Democratic Party  
Communications Director

Gather with energized  
Democrats and get  
more involved in local,  
state, and national  
politics!

### Questions?

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**June 14**

## Vote for Change Canvass

**Saturday June 14**  
**8:30 am**

**Palma Park**  
**1135 E Dunlap**  
**Phoenix, 85020**

Join thousands of  
Obama volunteers  
across the US, as they  
build on their work in  
the primaries, expanding  
and changing the face  
of the electorate in our  
country

### RSVP, or for more info:

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## Legislative Highlights from Ed and Dave

### From State Rep Dave Schapira:

This session hasn't been quite as fruitful as last year, because of much of the election-year gaming transpiring at the capitol. We are over 150 days into the session, and the Legislature has still not produced a budget proposal for the next fiscal year. Whenever the budget comes, the initial proposal will likely "slash and burn" crucial state services like education and health care. Our job is to speak out against this proposal and advocate for a bipartisan negotiation process. Fortunately, with the Governor at the helm, this will likely be the end result.

In the meantime, I am still working hard on the lawmaking end. My AIMS Augmentation bill was signed into law recently, a law that allowed ~6,000 students to graduate last month that would not have otherwise. I also have four other bills still moving through the process on: teacher-loan forgiveness in shortage areas; expansion of medical professions that can provide certification for pupils with chronic health problems; opt-out of No Child Left Behind; and giving the AG power to indict suspects on crimes related to elder abuse.

### From State Rep Ed Ableser:

I worked to get the AZ Board of Regents to re-evaluate how the Legislature funds state universities, hoping to move from the 2:2:1 ratio to a full-time student equivalency that will disperse funding more equitably.

I also had three pieces of significant legislation regarding environmental sustainability pass (Solar Power Credits, Energy Omnibus bill, and Water Disclosure for Home Sales).

I passed legislation to get the Universities and Community Colleges to ban the gifts on campus that credit card predators use to lure the students into applying for a credit card.

Through my bill, and the courts, the Desert Nesting Bald Eagle was placed back on the Endangered Species list!

Lastly, I sponsored and passed legislation that made the State of Arizona divest in any companies that support or do business with Sudan, recognizing their government's role in the genocide in Darfur.

**THE BIG PICTURE** Film Series   
[www.bigpicturefilmsseries.blogspot.com](http://www.bigpicturefilmsseries.blogspot.com)

### *Blood and Oil*

**Thurs, June 12, 7:30pm**  
**ASU: Coor Building, Room 174**  
(Park at the NE corner of Mill and 10<sup>th</sup>)

This new documentary, based on the critically-acclaimed work of *Nation* magazine defense-correspondent Michael Klare, unearths declassified documents and highlights forgotten passages in prominent presidential doctrines to show how concerns about oil have been at the core of American foreign policy for more than 60 years—rendering our contemporary energy and military policies virtually indistinguishable. In the end, *Blood and Oil* calls for a radical re-thinking of US energy policy, warning that unless we change direction, we stand to be drawn into one oil war after another as the global hunt for diminishing world petroleum supplies accelerates.

For more info: [www.bloodandoilmovie.com](http://www.bloodandoilmovie.com)

## Navarro and Woods Win!

Congratulations, Corey and Joel!

All the tireless work by LD17'ers Joel Navarro, Corey Woods, and their hundreds of supporters paid off on Tuesday, May 20th, as Corey and Joel won the two remaining seats on the Tempe City Council.

For weeks, through candidate forums, early balloting, and finally voting day, Joel and Corey maintained an unwavering focus on "community" while leaving their shoe leather in every neighborhood in Tempe.

And when the ballots were finally tallied, it was clear that the face of Tempe politics had changed, and changed dramatically.

Corey and Joel now join Mark Mitchell, who won reelection in March, on the council that will lead Tempe into the 2nd decade of the 21st century.

Next up: the fall elections. This year we have Harry, Meg, Ed, and David fighting to retain their seats, plus a former D17 vice chair, Ed Hermes running hard for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

Let's keep D17 completely blue in 2008!

**Next Meeting: Tues, June 10**

**Free Big Picture Film: June 12**

<b>June Events!</b>	<b>More info:</b> www.d17dems.org 480-628-2481	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10 D17 Monthly Meeting:</b> Pyle Ctr, 7 -9 pm <b>GREAT SPEAKERS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Big Pix Film Series:</b> <i>Blood and Oil</i> , Coor Bldg, Rm 174, 7:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Opening of Harry Mitchell's Campaign HQ,</b> TBA www.harry2008.com
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Nucleus Club Lunch,</b> 602-234-6545, PHX Country Club, 11:30 am-	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Demmie Happy Hour:</b> El Penasco, B'way & Mill, 6:30 pm,	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Voter Registration Tempe Library:</b> 10-1 pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Visit the D17 booth at Tempe Town Lake July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration!</b>	<b>5</b>

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