



Arizona Native American Voter Forum

Talking Stick Resort

Salt River Room

September 30 - October 2, 2024

AGENDA IN BRIEF

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 Havier

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

11:30 a.m. Jeff Zink AZ Congressional 3^d District

11:45 a.m. Candidate Hold

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, Lourdes Guedes Pierra, HaiCed O'odham

2:00 p.m. Candidate Hold

2:30 p.m. Quasy Smith, AZCongressional 9th District

2:45 p.m. Allie Young

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 Hatathli Delmar

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

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

Panelists: President Jordan Joaquin, Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe, Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Gila River Indian Community, Fort McDowell Yavapai, Robert Miguel, Akhin 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 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, CoCouncil with COLT, 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,

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: Protecting the Native Vote, Moderator, TBD**

Panelists: Jaynie Parrish, Arizona Native Vote, Patty Ferguson Bohne, Arizona State University

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