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2018 Candidate Endorsements for Arizona Legislature Published by Arizona Technology Council

*Council Endorses Candidates to Serve in the 2019 State Legislature and Help Advance
a Pro-Technology Industry Agenda*

PHOENIX, June 24, 2018 – To help provide a comprehensive overview of Arizona Legislature candidates who can affect the technology industry, the [Arizona Technology Council](#) has released its 2018 endorsements. The support of these candidates is based on the most recent two-year voting records of incumbents, written responses to a survey and interviews of new candidates.

In a related move, the Council in a few weeks will publish its 2018 Vote TechSmart, a biennial voters guide that will offer details of its official endorsements of candidates for the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives in the upcoming elections.

"Our members understand the role technology plays in Arizona's economy and it's crucial we come together as one voice to elect Arizona Legislature candidates who have a strong and supportive view of our industry," said [Steven G. Zylstra](#), president and CEO of the Arizona Technology Council. "We make endorsements for legislative candidates and also publish the Vote TechSmart guide every two years to provide the facts needed to make informed choices."

The Council's Public Policy Committee researches incumbents thoroughly to determine whether they provide ongoing support of the technology agenda. The issues most heavily weighted in the Committee's decision to endorse include expanding access to investment capital, supporting tax policy to incent research and development investments, technology-based economic development, advocating for enhanced technology infrastructure, and a strong commitment to improving our public education system from kindergarten through postsecondary with technology-based and blended learning.

The Council focuses its endorsements on candidates for the Legislature in Arizona's 2018 election and backs only those candidates who support a technology agenda, so some districts may have no recommendations. Also, the Council is not making recommendations on other statewide or congressional races.

The Arizona Technology Council's legislative candidate endorsements are:

Arizona State Senate:

District 1: Karen Fann (R)
District 2: Andrea Dalessandro (D), Shelley Kais (R)
District 4: Lisa Otondo (D)
District 5: Sonny Borrelli (R)
District 6: Sylvia Allen (R)
District 7: Jamescita Peshlakai (D)
District 8: Frank Pratt (R)
District 9: Jim Love (D)
District 10: David Bradley (D)
District 11: Vince Leach (R)
District 12: Jimmy Lindblom (R)

District 14: Drew John (R)
District 15: Heather Carter (R)
District 16: David Farnsworth (R)
District 17: J.D. Mesnard (R)
District 18: Sean Bowie (D)
District 19: Lupe Contreras (D)
District 20: Paul Boyer (R)
District 21: Rick Gray (R)
District 22: David Livingston (R)
District 24: Lela Alston (D)
District 28: Kate Brophy McGee (R)

Arizona House of Representatives:

District 1: Noel Campbell (R)
District 2: J. Chris Ackerley (R), Daniel Hernandez (D)
District 3: Andrés Cano (D), Alma Hernandez (D)
District 4: Charlene Fernandez (D)
District 5: Regina Cobb (R)
District 6: Bob Thorpe (R)
District 8: David Cook (R), T.J. Shope (R)
District 9: Randall Friese (D), JP Martin (D)
District 10: Todd Clodfelter (R), Kirsten Engel (D)
District 11: Mark Finchem (R)
District 12: Warren Petersen (R), Blake Sacha (R)

District 13: Darin Mitchell (R), Tim Dunn (R)
District 14: Becky Nutt (R), Gail Griffin (R)
District 15: Josh Allen (R), Nancy Barto (R)
District 17: Jeff Weninger (R)
District 18: Jill Norgaard (R)
District 19: Diego Espinoza (D)
District 20: Anthony Kern (R), Chris Gilfillan (D)
District 21: Kevin Payne (R), Tony Rivero (R)
District 22: Ben Toma (R)
District 23: Jay Lawrence (R), John Kavanagh (R)
District 24: Ken Clark (D), John Glenn (D)
District 25: Rusty Bowers (R), Michelle Udall (R)
District 27: Reginald Bolding (D)
District 28: Kelli Butler (D), Maria Syms (R)

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About the Arizona Technology Council

The Arizona Technology Council is Arizona's premier trade association for science and technology companies. Recognized as having a diverse professional business community, Council members work towards furthering the advancement of technology in Arizona through leadership, education, legislation and social action. The Council offers numerous events, educational forums and business conferences that bring together leaders, visionaries and community members to make an impact on the technology industry. These interactions contribute to the Council's culture of growing member businesses and transforming technology in Arizona. To become a member or to learn more about the Arizona Technology Council, please visit www.aztechcouncil.org.

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