

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 ARIZONA SENATE RACE

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Abortion: Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Ban. "I'm pro-life." Voted to ban after 20 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest, & life of the mother.	Legal. Uphold Roe v. Wade. "A woman, her family, & her doctor should decide what's best for her health – not Washington politicians."
Campaign Finance: Support DISCLOSE Act to require political ads to disclose their largest funders? Stand on Supreme Court <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	No stand found on DISCLOSE Act or <i>Citizens United</i> . On separate bill voted against making it easier to see who was funding TV ads.	Co-sponsored DISCLOSE ACT. "Overturn Citizens United." Only way to fix "our broken political system is to get the vast sums of secret money out of politics & shine a light with more transparency."
Climate Change: Consider climate change a serious threat?	Unclear how serious a threat she considers. Says climate is changing, & that humans have played a role. But also voted to end Defense Dept assessments of climate-related threats to military installations & operations.	Yes. "Our climate is changing & human activity is contributing." Voted for continued Defense Dept assessment of threat.
Climate Change: Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	No. Opposed Obama Clean Power plan, citing impact on Apache generating station. Voted against potential carbon tax in 2018.	Mixed. Supports limits & opposed condemning Obama Clean Power plan, but raised issues about impact on Apache & opposed potential carbon tax.
Contraception: Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree morally?	Yes. Says not about women's access to contraception, which she supports, but legality of Obamacare mandates.	No. "Women in our district want a chance to...make their own health care decisions."
Courts: Support Brett Kavanaugh nomination? (before recent allegations)	Yes. Calls Kavanaugh "a highly qualified nominee."	Unclear. "Should be judged by his body of work & the judgment of his peers."
Economy: Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	Generally, no. Need to get spending under control. Did support federal transportation funding for AZ.	Mixed. Supports infrastructure bank to help "create good jobs," cosponsored Balanced Budget Amendment.
Economy: Support President Trump's imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	Unclear. Opposed tariffs on imported solar cells. Backed tariff exceptions for products used in manufacturing.	No. Worry about retaliatory tariffs & "reckless trade war."
Education: Help parents send their children to private schools with public money?	Yes. Supports education vouchers. Backed SOAR Act to help DC students attend private schools.	No. Opposed SOAR Act, & vouchers in general for eroding public education.
Financial Regulation: Support cutbacks in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)?	Yes. Voted for 2017 Financial Choice Act, which weakened the CFPB.	Mostly no. Opposed Financial Choice Act & legislation that would have ended independent CFPB funding.

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Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	Personally opposes, "marriage is between one man & one woman," but now accepts as the law.	Yes. Sinema is Bisexual and strong LGBT rights supporter. Called Supreme Court decision "A historic victory for families."
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	Mostly no. Enforce existing laws & address mental illness issues, rather than enacting new gun laws. Supports banning bump stocks.	Yes. Supports some gun rights but also stronger background checks. Voted to end law banning federally funded research on gun violence.
Healthcare: Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Repeal. Says, "Obamacare, which was flawed from the beginning, is collapsing under its own weight." Says should replace with a different plan based on bringing down costs & increasing competition.	Support, shaped by not always having health insurance as a child. "No family should be forced to choose between getting the care they need & paying their bills." Says Repeal would strip coverage from hundreds of thousands of Arizonans, & skyrocket premiums for older patients & those with pre-existing conditions.
Healthcare: Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	No. Voted to defund.	Yes. Voted to continue allowing.
Immigration: Support path to citizenship for "DACA" recipients or "Dreamers," who grew up in the US after coming here as children?	Formerly supported citizenship options. Now supports extending DACA protections but no path to citizenship.	Yes. "Congress must act to secure our borders & provide an earned path to citizenship for Dreamers."
Iran: Support withdrawal from treaty limiting Iran nuclear capability while lifting sanctions?	Yes. Supports decision "to terminate U.S. participation in this rotten deal."	No. Withdrawing without defined strategy does not make us safer.
Marijuana: Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	No. Voted against letting states legalize medical or recreational cannabis. Would allow prescriptions for veterans.	State option. Voted to let states legalize medical or recreational cannabis.
Minimum Wage: Raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25/hr?	No stand found.	Yes. Has supported increase to \$10.10 an hour.
President Trump: Percentage voting with President Trump?	Voted with Trump 98% of the time as of Sept. 24.	Voted with Trump 61% of the time as of Sept 24.
Privatization: Support full or partial privatization of Social Security?	Possibly. Increase retirement age for younger workers & let them privately invest part of their contributions.	No. Opposes gambling in stock market with Social Security returns.
Renewable Energy: Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Unclear. Has said supports new technologies, but led by private sector.	Yes. Supports government funding to develop renewable energy.
Student Debt & Financial Aid: Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners (Elizabeth Warren proposal)? Position on Pell grants?	No on Warren proposal. Did not join 181 sponsors. Initially supported budget that would radically cut Pell grants. Recently more supportive, like allowing for summer courses.	Yes. Voted for Warren proposal. Also restore Perkins loans for low-income students, increase Pell Grants, & allow for summer courses.
Taxes: Support President Trump's tax cuts?	Yes. Voted for it. Says average taxpayer in her district saved \$1,029.	No. Voted against. Says increases debt by \$1.456 trillion, threatens cuts to Medicare, & doesn't help most ordinary taxpayers.

[Angela Green \(G\)](#) is also running. Due to limited space, we can only include candidates polling 15%, but do check out her website.

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