

## **MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 3**

This document analyzes the race for Maricopa Board of Supervisors in District 3. Republican incumbent Bill Gates announced in 2023 he would not seek reelection, “adding to the roster of election officials leaving or declining to run for political office amid a wave of unfounded voting conspiracies and threats” according to the Arizona Republic. Press reports have described the district as “a politically purple area spanning from north-central Phoenix to Anthem and New River. It includes portions of Paradise Valley and a small part of northern Peoria.” Gates first won election to the board in 2016 and disclosed in 2023 he had been diagnosed with PTSD as a result of election-related harassment. In the Republican primary, former state legislator Kate Brophy McGee will face Tabatha Lavoie, an attorney who previously served a five-year stint on the Arizona-Mexico Commission under former Governor Janet Napolitano. The winner will face former Democratic Phoenix City Councilor and 2019 mayoral candidate Daniel Valenzuela in the general election. All three candidates have over \$100,000 cash-on-hand according to their most recent campaign finance disclosures.

Primary Election Day [occurs](#) on July 30, 2024, with early voting running from July 3 to July 26.

### *Key findings:*

**A highly competitive district with an even split between Republicans and Democrats, District 3 has been represented by Republican Bill Gates, who announced he wouldn’t seek another term after a PTSD diagnosis amidst a wave of unfounded voting conspiracies and threats.** In June 2023, Republican Bill Gates announced he wouldn’t seek reelection in the third district. According to an article in the Arizona Republic, “The news that he won't run in the upcoming race to represent the district comes after the Board of Supervisors faced false allegations of election fraud following the 2020 and 2022 elections.” The district has been described in press reports as “highly competitive,” made up of 32% Republicans and 31.8% Democrats; Independents outnumber both. According to an Axios article, “Democrats won the district in (2022’s) races for U.S. Senate, governor, secretary of state, attorney general and superintendent of public instruction; the only statewide race the GOP won in the district was state treasurer. The district's voters favored Joe Biden over Donald Trump and Mark Kelly over Martha McSally in 2020, and backed Democrats for U.S. Senate, secretary of state and superintendent in 2018. Republicans won the district in the 2018 races for governor, attorney general and treasurer...” With Republicans currently holding a 4-1 advantage on the board, District 3 has been referenced as the best 2024 pickup opportunity for Democrats.

**Republican primary candidate Kate Brophy McGee is a former state lawmaker, a self-described fiscal conservative and social liberal who often bucked her party and earned a reputation as a bipartisan and skilled legislator.** A strong fundraiser, Brophy McGee served in both the Arizona House and Senate before losing a narrow reelection race in 2020. Press reports have referred to her as a “conscientious, no-drama lawmaker who works at consensus building...Brophy McGee would provide a grounded presence against election deniers who have chased out many a public servant...” An article in the Arizona Republic noted she was “considered among the more moderate members of the Republican caucus.” In 2014, she was awarded Policymaker of the Year from the Arizona Public Health Association. She was an early Republican supporter of gay marriage and same-sex adoption, and led efforts to expand Medicaid in Arizona after the passage of the ACA. An article in Yellow Sheet report called her “a proven education champion...she fought for Arizona’s most vulnerable populations, including foster children, seniors, and people with developmental disabilities.” During her time in the Legislature, she often lead the Capitol in the number of bills introduced and the number of sponsored bills signed into law by the governor. In 2020, the Arizona Capitol Times selected her as its “Best

Republican Legislator” and “Best Bill Sponsor for Both Parties.” After narrowly defeating Democrat and former Arizona Teacher of the Year Christine Marsh, Brophy McGee lost a narrow rematch in 2020. In 2022, she joined the Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board, which oversees Valleywise Health, Arizona’s leading public teaching hospital and safety net system of care.

**A lawyer who served as a board member for the Arizona-Mexico Commission, Republican Tabatha LaVoie has drawn accusations of election denial and radical activity.** “My love for this country began when I was naturalized as a US citizen,” LaVoie said when announcing her candidacy in the summer of 2023. LaVoie has spent over two decades as an attorney in Arizona, and currently specializes in corporate legal matters at her firm based in Scottsdale. LaVoie previously served as a board member for the Arizona-Mexico Commission under former Gov. Janet Napolitano. She is currently the secretary of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. “Our communities struggle with issues of safety as inflation increases and our cities continue to grow in density,” she notes on her campaign website. “We need a long-term vision and a long-term plan for our cities and unincorporated areas that provide solutions for sustainable growth and careful management of our resources for the well-being of our future generations.” LaVoie has been referred to as “an election denier.” An article in the Arizona Agenda described LaVoie as an attorney “and election skeptic who volunteered on the laughable door-to-door campaign to find voter fraud in the 2020 election.” In 2022, LaVoie worked as a roving attorney on behalf of the RNC’s Election Integrity Program. “I will work to restore confidence in our elections,” she has said. “I decided to run for this position because after observing the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for the past three years, it is clear that we need to roll up our sleeves and get to work on solving problems that are not new but are getting worse.”

## **CANDIDATES**

**Kate Brophy McGee** – Republican Party

**Tabatha Lavoie** - Republican Party

**Daniel Valenzuela** – Democratic Party

**June 2023: Republican County Supervisor Bill Gates announced he wouldn’t seek reelection in 2024, “adding to the roster of election officials leaving or declining to run for political office amid a wave of unfounded voting conspiracies and threats.”** “Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates said he won’t seek reelection in 2024, adding to the roster of election officials leaving or declining to run for political office amid a wave of unfounded voting conspiracies and threats. Gates currently represents District 3, a politically purple area spanning from north-central Phoenix to Anthem and New River. It includes portions of Paradise Valley and a small part of northern Peoria. The news that he won’t run in the upcoming race to represent the district comes after the Board of Supervisors faced false allegations of election fraud following the 2020 and 2022 elections. He will still serve out the rest of his term, he said in a statement Thursday, and intends to pursue ‘other interests and opportunities...’ Gates served as chairman of the board during the November 2022 midterm election. Weeks later, during a board meeting filled with conspiracy allegations, outbursts and threats, he voted with his colleagues to certify the results of those races before a crowd of angry protesters. In May, he publicly shared that he had been diagnosed with PTSD as a result of election-related harassment, which has often been endorsed by members of his own political party. In his Thursday statement, he thanked his wife and three daughters for supporting him amid the turmoil of the past several years.” [Arizona Republic, 6/1/23]

**Axios: “District 3 is highly competitive...”** “The normally quiet elections for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors could take center stage next year, as Democrats and Republicans expect a hotly contested race for Bill Gates’ seat. State of play: The county recently completed redistricting, and the

central and north Phoenix-based District 3 is highly competitive. Republicans make up 32% of the district to the Democrats' 31.8%. Independents outnumber both. Between the lines: Despite the GOP's slim registration advantage, statewide Democratic candidates have fared well there in recent years, according to numbers provided by the Democratic data consulting firm Uplift Campaigns. Democrats won the district in last year's races for U.S. Senate, governor, secretary of state, attorney general and superintendent of public instruction; the only statewide race the GOP won in the district was state treasurer. The district's voters favored Joe Biden over Donald Trump and Mark Kelly over Martha McSally in 2020, and backed Democrats for U.S. Senate, secretary of state and superintendent in 2018. Republicans won the district in the 2018 races for governor, attorney general and treasurer...The intrigue: Given the makeup of the district, both parties would be well-served to nominate relatively moderate candidates for the general election, Republican political consultant George Khalaf said. Maya Perez, a data strategist with Uplift Campaigns, said the district is winnable for Democrats, and on both sides of the aisle, 'I think it really does come down to the candidates...' Support for baseless election claims has become a litmus test for some Republicans, and Maricopa County experienced legitimate problems with ballot tabulation machines at many polling places in 2022, so election issues could play a prominent role in the GOP primary...Gates' district is probably Democrats' best chance to win a second seat. Uplift's data show Democratic candidates fared equally well in Supervisor Jack Sellers' East Valley-based District 1, though beating an incumbent to win a third seat for a majority will likely be more difficult. An election-denying Republican could make a lot of noise on the board. But unless like-minded candidates won some of the other GOP-held seats, they likely won't alter the outcomes of any votes." [Axios, 7/24/23]

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Candidate	Total Raised	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Kate Brophy McGee	\$205,917	\$55,422.75	\$151,994.25
Tabatha Lavoie	\$125,474.58	\$16,532.67	\$108,941.91
Daniel Valenzuela	\$215,550	\$41,248.21	\$174,301.79

**2018: Brophy McGee raised highest amount ever by legislative candidate.** "Before this year, Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, raised the highest amount ever raised by a legislative candidate at \$554,000 in 2018, when she successfully defended her seat. This year, three candidates, including Brophy McGee, already surpassed that record, while several more candidates appear poised to do so by Election Day." [Arizona Capitol Times, 10/21/20]

## KATE BROPHY MCGEE

### Background & Philosophy

**Brophy McGee a third-generation Arizonan and former state lawmaker.** "Brophy McGee is a third-generation Arizonan and former state lawmaker. Prior to serving in the Legislature, she spent nearly a decade on the Washington Elementary School Board. Brophy McGee currently serves on the board of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District. She lives in north-central Phoenix and is running as a Republican." [Arizona Republic, 4/8/24]

**Elections experts noted moderate Brophy McGee had edge in name recognition.** "Former legislator Kate Brophy McGee is running for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Brophy McGee announced today she will run to replace District 3 Supervisor Bill Gates, who said last month that he will not seek reelection. In a video announcement, she said she is running 'to bring steady experience

and accountable leadership to our county. ‘Brophy McGee is the first moderate Republican from Gates’ wing of the party to announce in the race. Republican attorney Tabatha Cuellar Lavoie who one railbird described as an election denier filed a statement of interest to run in District 3. Brophy McGee, who lost Marsh by under 500 votes in the old LD28 in 2020, said in the announcement video she’s focused on providing quality education for children, protecting the ‘most vulnerable,’ and ensuring safe streets and neighborhoods. She did not mention elections or election denialism, though the topics are sure to be a focal point of the race. Republican consultant Chad Heywood said the open seat is likely to attract more candidates to the race. ‘There will be someone who will run on election related issues, but Brophy McGee starts that race with more name ID than probably anyone,’ he said. ‘She’s been in multiple election battles, so her name and candidacy have been front and center for the past decade. ‘ Given the makeup of the county party, Brophy McGee is unlikely to win its support, though Heywood said the Maricopa County GOP ‘is not likely to be consequential in that race. ‘ ‘They don’t raise money or run independent expenditures,’ he said.” [Yellow Sheet Report, 7/10/23]

**Opinion Piece: “Brophy McGee...known as a conscientious, no-drama lawmaker who works at consensus building...”** “Brophy McGee is known as a conscientious, no-drama lawmaker who works at consensus building. Brophy McGee was one of two key lawmakers who shepherded the extension in 2018 of Proposition 301, a six-tenths of a percent sales tax to fund education...It was not an easy lift given the proposal needed two-thirds approval in both chambers to pass. Her efforts to focus on issues rather than party politics were also evident in her votes to ban conversion therapy on minors and against use of tax dollars to fund anti-abortion clinics. Her tenacity would add much to the board Brophy McGee would provide a grounded presence against election deniers who have chased out many a public servant...She’s running with a keen interest in tackling the growing homelessness problem, especially in reducing the number of people with mental illness and substance addiction on the streets. People, she notes, who neither want nor are ready for housing. She believes, rightfully, that Maricopa County has a larger, more meaningful role to play in those efforts. On that, Brophy McGee’s tenacity — her months-long efforts a few years ago at building a coalition to back a tax package on education funding comes to mind — could contribute mightily to the Board of Supervisors.” [Arizona Republic, 7/12/23]

**2012: Said voters in her legislative district were like her, fiscally conservative and socially moderate.** “Brophy McGee was first elected to the district in 2010, and said she’s been working hard to build a relationship with the constituents ever since. She said part of her focus as a lawmaker has been to keep a running conversation with her voters and community leaders in the area, to preemptively address any problems they may have and only use legislation as a last option. Her strategy appeared to pay off on Election Day. Voters in the district gave her nearly 4,000 more votes than Reeve in the primary election, even though the two were unopposed on the ballot. Before coming to the Legislature, Brophy McGee was an Arizona School Facilities Board chair and the president of the Washington Elementary School District Board. She said her focus has always been on education — a top issue for the district, which includes parts or all of eight different school districts and dozens of charter and private schools. ‘I have over a decade of experience in community involvement,’ she said. ‘So it’s a different type of grassroots activism and involvement. ‘ She said the voters in the district are a lot like her: fiscally conservative and socially moderate. They’re also an informed and involved group that has no qualms about calling or emailing their lawmakers when they have a problem or dislike a vote. [Arizona Capitol Times, 10/2/12]

**2012: Attorneys for business run by Brophy McGee’s husband persuaded judge to seal court records in ongoing lawsuit.** “Attorneys for a business run by Rep. Kate Brophy McGee’s husband persuaded a judge to seal court records in an ongoing lawsuit on the grounds that it could harm her re-

election chances. The attorneys say a former employee is using Brophy McGee's political career to blackmail and extort the business of her husband, Bob McGee. They say Kevin Howard, Bob McGee's former employee, wrongfully dragged the Republican Phoenix lawmaker into the suit, even though she had nothing to do with the allegations against her husband. But Howard has maintained that he's not trying to extort the McGees. He said he simply wants to clear his name after McGee allegedly implicated him for committing fraud." [Arizona Capitol Times, 10/4/12]

**2012: Arizona Republic: "Her greatest contribution comes in stopping bad bills."** "McGee is the least flashy in this trio. She doesn't sponsor a lot of bills, and the ones she does tend to be esoteric. Her greatest contribution comes in stopping bad bills. That wins neither friends nor headlines, but serves the greater public good." [Arizona Republic, 10/12/12]

**2012: Arizona Republic: Brophy McGee "considered among the more moderate members of the Republican caucus."** "Reeve and Brophy McGee are considered among the more moderate members of the Republican caucus. Brophy McGee sponsored a bill that won bipartisan support and that triggered \$8 million in funding to help low-income women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer. Reeve sponsored bipartisan legislation to restrict access to designer drugs sold at stores under the label of 'bath salts' and chaired the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee." [Arizona Republic, 10/21/12]

**2014: Brophy McGee awarded Policymaker of the Year from Arizona Public Health Association.** "Rep. Kate Brophy McGee Award accepts the award as 2014 Policymaker of the Year from the Arizona Public Health Association." [Newstex Blogs, 9/22/14]

**2014: Brophy McGee supported gay marriage.** "Republican Rep. Kate Brophy McGee said that she supports Horne's decision to not pursue any appeals to the ruling, saying it would have been a waste of time and taxpayer money. She said the decision also is a huge step towards repairing Arizona's bruised image, and will be an economic boon to the state. Brophy McGee, who was one of only three Republican lawmakers who voted against SB1062, said that she expects some kind of religious liberties legislation to pop back up following the decision, but lawmakers should move past the issue and focus on economic troubles that are much more important issues right now. Like many other Republicans, Brophy McGee said she saw the decision coming a long time ago, and said that while gay marriage is still divisive to older Republicans, it's really a generational issue, and even younger Republicans don't have a problem with gay marriage the same way older people do. 'In my generation, it has been a very big deal. If you talk to any of my kids, they'll tell you it's not. It's a generational shift, and I understand it's going to be harder for some. But it's what's good for Arizona,' she said. Brophy McGee said she's been touched by what she's seen on the news. 'I see people crying and happy and I understand the feelings of good people trying to live happy lives,' she said." [Arizona Capitol Times, 10/20/14]

**2016: Supported same sex adoption.** "Eager to avoid a debate on same-sex adoption rights in an election year, House Republican leadership is refusing to bring a bill to a vote on the House floor. Rep. Rebecca Rios wants to offer an amendment to SB1102 to ensure the rights of same-sex couples to jointly adopt children in Arizona by protecting them in state statute. But the Phoenix Democrat won't get the chance, as leaders in the House have blocked the bill from a floor vote to avoid debate on Rios' amendment... Rep. Kate Brophy McGee, a Phoenix Republican who supports Rios' amendment, lamented that the mere potential for debate on same-sex adoption has stalled efforts to improve the adoption process in a way that helps Arizona's foster kids – roughly 19,000 in the state's care – from finding a permanent home more quickly." [Arizona Capitol Times, 4/5/16]

**2016: Jewish News of Greater Phoenix: “McGee is known for being a moderate in the House Republican caucus.”** “[Kate Brophy McGee] and [Eric Meyer] often vote similarly on bills in the legislature. Unlike many of her Republican colleagues, McGee is known for being a moderate in the House Republican caucus. She told Jewish News in an email that her priorities if she wins will include education funding and reform, characterized by increased, sustainable funding to K-12, universities and community colleges. ‘It is critical,’ she said, ‘that any reforms we enact honor all of Arizona’s robust school choices, including K-12 district schools.’ Another priority is maintaining continued budget stability while growing our economy, ‘ensuring we attract and retain high quality businesses to our state. Education funding and reform will continue to develop a highly qualified Arizona workforce,’ she said.” [Jewish News of Greater Phoenix, 10/7/16]

**2016: Brophy McGee narrowly won Arizona Senate seat.** “In the Legislative District 28 Senate race, Rep. Eric Meyer, D-Paradise Valley, watched an election night lead evaporate, as Rep. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, slowly added to her lead with each day of ballot count updates from Maricopa County election officials. Initial, unofficial ballot counts showed Meyer leading with roughly 51 percent of the vote. Brophy McGee took the lead before the night was over, with just over 50 percent of the vote. Late ballot counts padded that lead almost daily until election officials finished counting ballots on November 18. Instead of climbing back from behind to victory, Meyer eventually lost by 2,312 votes.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 11/28/16]

**2017: Arizona Republic: “Brophy McGee showed a commitment to child welfare, took the time to educate herself...and could talk to her fellow Republican lawmakers...”** “In the Arizona House, Kate Brophy McGee showed a commitment to child welfare, took the time to educate herself about the issue and could talk to her fellow Republican lawmakers as well as Arizona’s Republican Gov. Doug Ducey. That’s a powerful combination. As a Republican, she can be part of the decision-making process at the Legislature that has long excluded Democrats. Brophy McGee also knows the importance of making incremental changes while not losing sight of the bigger picture needs. She faced a tough Democratic opponent in her quest to move up to the Senate, but, thankfully, she won. She can remain a key player in the continuing effort to make the Department of Child Safety work more effectively for Arizona’s most vulnerable children. Doing that will take the kind of tact she has demonstrated in the past. It will also take the grit to keep pushing against a power structure that’s biased against properly funding basic state services. Brophy McGee has great potential as she begins this balancing act from her new seat in the Senate.” [Arizona Republic, 1/1/17]

**2017: Named to the Morrison Institute Child Welfare Leadership Advisory Board at ASU’s Morrison Institute for Public Policy.** “Sen. Brophy McGee continues her commitment to fighting for Arizona’s vulnerable populations Phoenix, Arizona State Senator Kate Brophy McGee (Legislative District 28) has been named to the Morrison Institute Child Welfare Leadership Advisory Board at Arizona State University’s Morrison Institute for Public Policy. The advisory board is tasked with supporting the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to develop child welfare policy reforms, an area of proven leadership for Sen. Brophy McGee. ‘I am honored and humbled to be named to such an important task force, stated Senator Brophy McGee. Protecting Arizona kids is not only critical to the future of our state, but most importantly, will provide an opportunity to end the cycle of violence and prevent future cases of child abuse and neglect.’ At the Legislature, Sen. Brophy McGee has passed critical legislation to protect vulnerable populations and keep Arizona children safe. Additionally, she led the effort to create the Department of Child Safety, spearheaded critical reforms to the family welfare system, and worked tirelessly to restore KidsCare, an AHCCCS program for children. Most recently she passed Angel’s Law, legislation that requires background checks on every household

member before reintroducing a child into a home suspected of neglect or abuse.” [Yellow Sheet Report, 10/18/17]

**2017: “The moderate label...is the way I think my constituents think of it...They elect people to go down to the Legislature and get things done...”** “Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, embraces the label. McGee represents a moderate district – she won a closely contested race last fall against a popular Democrat – so a moderate voting record is only natural... Brophy McGee pointed to the bill, which expanded access to health care, as one that makes her proud to be a legislator. Legislative District 28, with its roughly 43,000 independent voters, doesn’t want legislators who will treat the Arizona Capitol like a ‘do nothing Congress,’ Brophy McGee said. ‘The moderate label, the way I apply it, is the way I think my constituents think of it. They elect people to go down to the Legislature and get things done, and they expect us to come up with solutions,’ she said. For certain votes, that means bucking the majority of the Republican caucus, like her decision to vote this spring against a bill to dramatically expand access to private school vouchers. Brophy McGee was the only Republican senator to vote against the voucher bill, and she called her failure to defeat the bill ‘my greatest disappointment’ of the 2017 legislative session. That sentiment isn’t popular among some of her 16 Republican colleagues, but the vote shows the difficult waters Brophy McGee navigates as a Republican. While she votes with her caucus a majority of the time, she’s held to a different standard based on an issue or two. ‘I am constantly working with my colleagues in less competitive districts and in leadership so that they understand there are going to be issues where I will not be a yes, and they need to be prepared for that and they need to count their votes,’ she said.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 10/20/17]

**Arizona Capitol Times: “As a centrist Republican, Brophy McGee...is often the deciding vote on the most crucial pieces of legislation.”** “The question is: Which award or recognition has Sen. Kate Brophy McGee not snagged yet this year? From the Arizona Assisted Living Federation of America’s Distinguished Legislator of the Year to a similar award from the Arizona Dental Hygienist Association, to a plaque in the shape of two hands forming a heart from the Amberly’s Place and the Arizona Children & Family Action Network, groups are grateful for her work. Those awards also underscore the increasingly important role she plays in the Legislature. As a centrist Republican, Brophy McGee, who joined the House in 2011 before moving to the Senate in 2016, is often the deciding vote on the most crucial pieces of legislation. This year, for example, she was instrumental in wrapping up the legislative session at least a day earlier, and while that may seem unremarkable, it affirmed her status as a powerbroker behind the scenes, the person most sought out to get big things done. Out of roughly 30 bills she sponsored this year, one-third became law. But it’s the bills benefiting children that keep her going. Indeed, Brophy McGee has a long history of advocating for kids, and in the last session, she succeeded in passing legislation, dubbed as Angel’s Law, to require a background check of all adults in a home before returning an abused or neglected child to that home. As Brophy McGee said earlier, saving even just one child’s life would mean she has succeeded.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 12/18/17]

**2018: Yellow Sheet Report “A proven education champion...she fought for Arizona’s most vulnerable populations, including foster children, seniors, and people with developmental disabilities.”** “Senator Brophy McGee looks to build upon legislative accomplishments from her first Senate term Phoenix, Arizona On the heels of a monumental 2018 legislative session, State Senator Kate Brophy McGee officially filed her paperwork to qualify for the ballot for State Senate in District 28, submitting more than 1,900 signatures. A proven education champion, Kate sponsored the bipartisan Prop 301 continuation that passed almost unanimously. She fought for Arizona’s most vulnerable populations, including foster children, seniors, and people with developmental disabilities. ‘I’m so grateful for the help of amazing volunteers throughout the district. I could not do this without these wonderful supporters,’ stated Brophy McGee. ‘I look forward to sharing my positive message and

record of accomplishments. This campaign will articulate a vision for Arizona that includes long-term education funding and reform, safe neighborhoods and strong communities, and support for Arizona businesses.’ Kate continues her commitment to the people of her district and has proven to be a thoughtful, bipartisan problem solver...” [Yellow Sheet Report, 5/30/18]

**2018: Brophy McGee sponsored 19 bills signed into law.** [Yellow Sheet Report, 9/4/18]

**2018: Some Democratic leaders endorsed Brophy McGee, recognizing her leadership in extending Prop 301 and her support for \$540 million in new K-12 investments.** “Democratic leaders endorse Senator Brophy McGee, cite her bipartisan record of success Phoenix, Arizona Recognizing Senator Kate Brophy McGee’s leadership in bipartisan legislation extending Prop 301 and her support for \$540 million in new K-12 investments, prominent Democrats are stepping up to show their support for Kate. The Chairs of ‘Democrats for Kate’ agree that Kate is the right choice for District 28 and are working to secure her reelection. Community leaders Janice Miano, Art Othon, and John Whiteman are co-chairing Democrats for Kate. ‘Compromise has become a dirty word in politics today.” [Yellow Sheet Report, 10/10/18]

**2018: Brophy McGee narrowly defeated former Arizona Teacher of the Year Christine Marsh.** “Early voting poll results show Sen. Kate Brophy McGee narrowly defending her Senate seat against former Arizona Teacher of the Year Christine Marsh. Brophy McGee, a Republican from Phoenix, routinely faces tough elections in the competitive Legislative District 28, where Republicans hold a voter registration advantage, but independents often sway races and have a history of electing at least one Democrat to serve at the Capitol. In Marsh, a high school English teacher riding a wave of support from fellow educators amid the #RedforEd movement, Brophy McGee faces arguably her toughest challenge yet. But Brophy McGee is so far in the lead, with an 808 vote advantage over Marsh. She’s gotten this far by walking a fine line on the campaign trail as a moderate Republican, and overcoming a rash of GOP infighting in the district. Brophy McGee, having finished her first term in the Senate, isn’t always popular in GOP circles for her political positions, which skew towards bipartisan results. Even her own brother has contributed to her political rivals in the Republican Party, with Brophy McGee explaining her brother and sister-in-law favor more conservative candidates.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 11/6/18]

**2019: Brophy McGee most prolific lawmaker of the session, with 27 of 54 bills receiving Ducey’s signature.** “Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, was the most prolific lawmaker this session, with 27 of her 54 bills receiving Ducey’s signature. Brophy McGee said her process involved a lot of help, but that ultimately her decision to sponsor bills came down to whether an issue needed to be tackled. ‘I try not to propose bills that don’t need doing,’ she said. Brophy McGee said she tries to propose bills that will have bipartisan support.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 6/23/19]

**2019: Senator David Farnsworth accused Brophy McGee of veiled threat on his life.** “Sen. David Farnsworth this week accused Sen. Kate Brophy McGee of making a veiled threat on his life, prompting detectives from the state’s counter-terrorism task force to show up at her Senate office. Farnsworth, R-Mesa, told the Arizona Department of Public Safety he felt threatened by Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, during a meeting the two had earlier this week. Brophy McGee denied making threats and said she welcomed an investigation because she has been concerned for her own safety. The conflict stems from Farnsworth looking into a possible link between missing children in the state’s foster care system and sex trafficking, he said. The two Republican senators often don’t see eye-to-eye politically, but both described having a good working relationship that become strained over the past several months as Farnsworth met with a group of critics of the Arizona Department of Child Safety. Farnsworth’s

meetings, held every other week in the Senate's minority caucus room, included parents with children in state custody and guests from the AZ DCS Oversight Group, which has accused DCS of direct involvement in child trafficking. Farnsworth said tensions between the two senators reached a boiling point earlier this week, when Brophy McGee told him to 'lose the entourage' of conspiracy theorists and 'crazy parents' whose children were taken by DCS. 'I'm not asking you to stop. I'm telling you to stop. Stop or my husband will stop you,' Farnsworth recalled Brophy McGee telling him in a meeting on Tuesday." [Arizona Capitol Times, 10/4/19]

- **Police cleared Brophy McGee.** "Police have cleared an Arizona legislator of an allegation that she threatened a colleague during a private meeting at the Capitol in October. Sen. David Farnsworth said Sen. Kate Brophy McGee told him her husband would 'take care of it' if Farnsworth did not stop hosting regular meetings at the Legislature with certain critics of the state foster care system. Those critics believe that the system is part of a broad sex trafficking conspiracy. Brophy McGee, a Republican from Phoenix who chairs the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, said she had been harassed by members of a group that were part of Farnsworth's biweekly gatherings. She told police Farnsworth was inciting them to go after her. Brophy McGee said she was not threatening him but trying to convey her husband's mounting concerns for her safety." [Arizona Republic, 12/6/19]

**2019: State Press: "Her goal...is to be a caring Republican who can accomplish things not just for her district but for the entire state."** "Brophy McGee spoke about how easy it is for people to think negatively of her political party due to the national political polarization. Her goal, Brophy McGee said, is to be a caring Republican who can accomplish things not just for her district but for the entire state. The senator briefly mentioned President Donald Trump, stating that even though 'you may not like him, we are still living with the policies that (he is) implementing.' When another student asked about how students can change the political dynamic, Brophy McGee said finding more students and getting them out into the community can be beneficial." [The State Press, 11/7/19]

**2020: Brophy McGee proposal would expand existing laws prohibiting discrimination in public accommodation by adding sexual orientation and gender identification.** "State lawmakers from both parties are seeking to enact new laws that effectively nullify last year's Arizona Supreme Court ruling allowing business owners to cite their "sincerely held religious beliefs" to refuse to serve gays. The proposals from Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, and Rep. Daniel Hernandez, D-Tucson, would expand existing laws that now prohibit discrimination in public accommodation based on race, religion, sex, age, disability or national origin. Both SB 1321 and HB 2716 would add sexual orientation and gender identification to the list. Only a handful of Arizona local governments already have such protections." [Sierra Vista Herald, 1/30/20]

**2020: Arizona Capitol Times: Brophy McGee "typically leads the Capitol in the number of bills introduced and the number signed."** "'I had a lot of bills die that I think were very important, but I absolutely have to put them into perspective,' said Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, a Phoenix Republican who typically leads the Capitol in the number of bills introduced and the number signed. [Arizona Capitol Times, 3/27/20]

**2020: Arizona Republic: "Brophy McGee has often frustrated members of her own party."** "As the district increasingly votes Democrat, Brophy McGee has held on with retail politics, helping broker a resolution to a neighborhood dispute over an outpatient drug treatment facility and speaking fluently the language of school district funding. Brophy McGee is a longtime resident of north central Phoenix who served on the Washington Elementary School District governing board and chaired the Arizona

School Facilities Board. Elected to the state House in 2010 and the Senate in 2016, she has said education is the reason she ran in the first place and went on to sponsor the extension of Proposition 301's \$0.06 sales tax for education. 'People at the end of the day, as partisan as people may get, they want stuff done,' she said. Brophy McGee has often frustrated members of her own party. She has backed legislation to prohibit discrimination against LGBT Arizonans in housing and in the workplace, for example, bucking party orthodoxy. And she was one of a few Republicans in the Senate to vote with Democrats to adjourn the legislative session this year amid the coronavirus pandemic. As irksome as some of her votes may be to fellow Republicans, a victory for Brophy McGee is key to them holding a majority in the state Senate. Ducey has endorsed her campaign and a political action committee linked to him is spending money to support her." [Arizona Republic, 9/28/20]

**2020: Arizona Capitol Times selected Brophy McGee as "Best Republican Legislator" and "Best Bill Sponsor for Both Parties."** "There is a very good reason why Senator McGee was selected in 2020 by the Arizona Capitol Times as not only the 'Best Republican Legislator,' but also the 'Best Bill Sponsor for Both Parties.' Again, Kate gets things done, as one of the most bipartisan legislators at the Capitol, and has a track record in both the House and Senate to prove it." [Paradise Valley Independent, 10/8/20]

**2018: Arizona Capitol Times: Brophy McGee "has spent most of her decade in public office dodging political projectiles."** "Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, has spent most of her decade in public office dodging political projectiles From fellow Republicans who are frustrated when Brophy McGee and an ever-shrinking pack of moderate Republicans stymied conservative priorities by joining with Democrats to oppose bills on abortion, school vouchers and by voting to shut down the legislative session in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. From Democrats annoyed when votes on other bills show that Brophy McGee is a Republican. From a passionate group of local and national Democrats intent on replacing Brophy McGee with Democratic challenger Christine Marsh, the 2016 Arizona Teacher of the Year. And nearly two years after 267 votes decided the 2018 election in Brophy McGee's favor, the two candidates are just two weeks away from a rematch that could decide the balance of power in the Senate." [Arizona Capitol Times, 10/26/20]

**2020: Brophy McGee narrowly lost rematch with Marsh.** "One legislator Ducey likely will be losing is one of his closest allies in Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix. She is on her way to lose in the tightest legislative race this year against Democrat Christine Marsh in LD28. Brophy-McGee was the most moderate legislator who carried a lot of Ducey's priorities to fruition either by sponsoring the legislation or being able to work across party lines. With her presence gone from the Capitol, it's possible bipartisanship will be at an all-time low despite the margins being closer than ever before." [Arizona Capitol Times, 11/12/20]

**2022: Brophy McGee joined Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board.** "Longtime state lawmaker Kate Brophy McGee has joined the Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board, which oversees Valleywise Health, Arizona's leading public teaching hospital and safety net system of care. Brophy McGee, a community leader for over two decades, was sworn in Monday for a four-year term on the elected five-member board." [Yellow Sheet Report, 12/6/22]

**2023: Arizona Republic: "Brophy McGee is known as a conscientious, no-drama lawmaker who works at consensus building..."** "Brophy McGee is known as a conscientious, no-drama lawmaker who works at consensus building. Brophy McGee was one of two key lawmakers who shepherded the extension in 2018 of Proposition 301, a six-tenths of a percent sales tax to fund education." [Arizona Republic, 7/12/23]

## On The Issues

### *Criminal Justice*

**2017: Brophy McGee among three Republicans to bolt party ranks as Arizona Senate killed legislation that would have meant longer minimum prison sentences for people committing felonies while in the country illegally.** “Three Republicans bolted party ranks Thursday as the Arizona Senate killed legislation that would have meant longer minimum prison sentences for people who commit felonies while in the country illegally. The 16-14 vote against SB 1279 came despite Maricopa Republican Steve Smith's efforts to shame other senators into voting for his bill...As the vote tally was going against him, Smith pointed out that Ronnebeck's father, Steve, was watching in the Senate gallery along with family members of others who were killed by people in the United States illegally. And when that maneuver failed to move foes of the legislation, Smith told them they should justify their votes directly to family members. Smith said he thinks he knows why the legislation failed: The hangover from SB 1070, the 2010 Arizona law designed to give police more power to detain and arrest illegal immigrants. It got national attention and had financial implications as tourism and convention bookings fell off...Worsley and fellow Republicans Kate Brophy McGee of Phoenix and Frank Pratt of Casa Grande voted against the bill, along with the chamber's Democrats, without speaking against it... Brophy McGee said her vote against the measure was based on the belief it's not necessary. She pointed out that last year lawmakers repealed a decade-old law -- intended to save the state money -- that allowed the Department of Corrections to release illegal immigrants to immigration officials after they had served half their prison terms. Now they must serve at least 85 percent of their terms, the same as other inmates. Brophy McGee also said there were questions about whether the state can impose different sentencing standards on people based solely on whether they are violating a federal law by being in this country illegally. She, like Worsley, said it was wrong for Smith to question her motives. ‘Every senator is expected to vote their conscience and what they believe is right,’ Brophy McGee said. ‘And I think it's incumbent on fellow senators to respect that.’” [Arizona Daily Star, 3/10/17]

### *Development & Taxes*

**2019: Arizona Capitol Times: “Brophy McGee...sees a penny sales tax as the best solution to provide new revenues for education...”** “Kate Brophy McGee, a Phoenix Republican who also sees a penny sales tax as the best solution to provide new revenues for education, particularly K-12 schools devastated by recession-era cuts to funding. That Brophy McGee, considered a moderate Republican by Arizona’s right-leaning standards, would propose a tax hike is less surprising.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 1/11/19]

**2019: Brophy McGee “Certainly a No” on Senate Republican budget plan.** “Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, said she was "certainly a no" on the Senate Republican budget plan. Her priorities - including funding for people with developmental disabilities, K-12 education, universities, and KidsCare - weren't reflected in that document, she said. ‘I'm not going anywhere until I get my priorities addressed; it's just that simple,’ Brophy McGee said. ‘That's what I'm elected to do...I'm prepared to be there as long as I need to be there.’ Brophy McGee considers KidsCare, a health-care program for low-income children, "an automatic," something lawmakers must include in the bud-get. She said the Senate GOP draft leaked to the media was one of the worst budgets she's seen in her years at the Capitol. ‘I'm used to having us start behind the starting line, but I couldn't even see the starting line,’ she said.” [Arizona Republic, 5/12/19]

**2020: Brophy McGee had plan to hike the state's 0.6-cent education sales tax to a full penny.** “If the broader Legislature supports Sen. Kate Brophy McGee’s plan to hike the state’s 0.6-cent education sales tax to a full penny, voters could see two competing education funding measures on their ballots in November. Education activists launched a new effort at the start of this year’s legislative session to tax the state’s richest residents to raise about \$1 billion for K-12 education. Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, said sending the sales tax hike to voters is a ‘great step forward’ to improving education in Arizona. ‘This is simply a request for our voters to consider,’ Brophy McGee said. ‘Every poll I have seen says that Arizonans want more money for our schools.’ The measure enjoys the support of the state’s business community, which pledged to rally votes for the proposal if it makes it to the ballot.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 1/28/20]

### *Education*

**2010: Brophy McGee favored Proposition 100, voter-approved state sales-tax increase that went to education, public safety, and healthcare.** “McGee favored Proposition 100, the voter-approved state sales-tax increase that goes toward education, public safety and health care. She said she favored the levy because the Legislature had made significant cuts to education and it is a temporary tax. McGee also believes that a quality workforce follows quality education. She believes in equitable funding and school choice.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 8/24/10]

**2014: Brophy McGee: “Education funding is my top priority.** ““Brophy McGee: Education funding is my top priority. State spending must be in concert with state revenues, and we accomplished that goal this year. We must look for more efficiencies and opportunities to balance state spending. At the same time, we must fully review all revenues to ensure our intent is being realized.” [Arizona Republic, 7/26/14]

**2018: Yellow Sheet Report: “Under the leadership of...Brophy McGee, the Arizona legislature passed SB1390 to extend Prop 301, legislation that dedicates more than \$600 million annually to Arizona classrooms for an additional 20 years.”** “Under the leadership of Senator Kate Brophy McGee, the Arizona legislature passed SB1390 to extend Prop 301, legislation that dedicates more than \$600 million annually to Arizona classrooms for an additional 20 years. Following that success, Senator Brophy McGee has formed a new task force of Arizona education and business leaders. The task force, which met yesterday, includes a bi-partisan group of lawmakers from the Senate and House. Leaders from district schools, charter schools, community colleges, universities, education advocacy and the business community attended the meeting in the Arizona Senate. ‘Our goal is a sustainable, long term P-20 financing plan, with appropriate and updated priorities, that produces the highly-qualified workforce Arizona demands,’ said Senator Brophy McGee. ‘This meeting is where we start.’ The coalition organized working groups to update Prop. 301 allocations and accountability measures for K-12, universities and community colleges. The initial goal is voter protection of Prop 301 following its expiration in 2021, followed by identifying additional levels of funding and funding sources. The intent is to develop a comprehensive plan to refer a consensus ballot measure to the voters in 2020.” [Yellow Sheet Report, 7/25/18]

- **Brophy McGee: “Our goal is a sustainable, long-term P-20 financing plan...that produces the highly qualified workforce Arizona demands...”** “Under the leadership of State Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-District 28, the Arizona Legislature passed SB1390 to extend Proposition 301, legislation that dedicates more than \$600 million annually to Arizona classrooms for an additional 20 years. Following that, Brophy McGee has formed a new task force of Arizona education and business leaders. The task force, which met July 24, includes a bipartisan group of

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**2018: Brophy McGee called overhaul of Arizona’s charter-school law to require more transparency and enforcement of conflict-of-interest law.** “A Republican state senator said Tuesday that she will push for an overhaul of Arizona's charter-school laws to require that they be more transparent and comply with the same procurement and conflict-of-interest laws that govern district schools. Sen. Kate Brophy McGee's call for reform, which has the support of Gov. Doug Ducey, follows a series of Arizona Republic stories that has revealed how no-bid contracts, insider deals and teacher pay cuts have yielded enormous profits for some of the state's charter-school owners. Brophy McGee said private charter-management companies, which are not subject to the state's public-records laws, should be required to disclose their spending of public money. Currently, Arizona's 500-plus charter schools are not required to dedicate a minimum amount of state tax dollars to the classroom. They also have no limit on executive compensation or the share of funds that can be transferred to management companies. She also called for independent boards of directors and not insiders to oversee charter schools. Brophy McGee is running for re-election against Democrat Christine Marsh, a former Arizona teacher of the year. Democrats in the Arizona Legislature for years have proposed similar and even stronger reforms. Brophy McGee joins a growing list of Republican office holders calling for charter-school reforms, but is the first to do so with the governor's backing.” [Arizona Republic, 9/19/18]

**“Public charter schools have been a tremendous force for good in Arizona education...but I’ve...become increasingly concerned about allegations of mismanagement that undermine public trust in this system of public schools.”** “Senator Kate Brophy McGee today introduced the Charter School Transparency and Accountability Act (SB 1394) , a bipartisan, comprehensive set of reforms to strengthen oversight of Arizona charter schools. ‘Public charter schools have been a tremendous force for good in Arizona education, and I believe strongly that parents know best when it comes to picking the right school for their child,’ Sen. Brophy McGee said. ‘But I’ve also become increasingly concerned about allegations of mismanagement that undermine public trust in this system of public schools. ‘ Sen. Brophy McGee is one of Arizona’s leading advocates for public education. She served nearly a decade on the Board for Washington Elementary School District, including four terms as Board President, and was a member of the Arizona School Facilities Board for six years. ‘I’m proud a bipartisan coalition of legislators joins me in supporting what is the most comprehensive set of oversight reforms since Arizona instituted charter schools 25 years ago,’ Sen. Brophy McGee added. ‘Together, we can improve transparency and accountability within this system while maintaining the essential autonomy and ability to innovate that have made charter schools so successful.’” [Yellow Sheet Report, 2/4/19]

## *Elections*

**2019: Brophy McGee opposed bill, which required voters who requested a ballot by mail to return it by mail.** “While the Arizona Senate took another step towards banning voters from dropping off their mail-in ballots at polls, the measure is effectively dead due to opposition from two Republicans. Sens. Heather Carter and Kate Brophy McGee are opposed to SB1046, which require voters who request a ballot by mail to return it by mail. If not, they’d be required to go to a polling place and vote in person, rather than have the option to drop off the mail-in ballot at election sites across the state. Some 228,000 mail-ballots were dropped off at polling sites on the day of the 2018 general election, and both Carter and Brophy McGee said they object to barring that long standing practice in Arizona elections. Carter, a

Cave Creek Republican, acknowledged that she's one of those voters who delivers her mail in ballot by hand. 'The analogy someone used with me is toothpaste back in the tube,' Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, told the Arizona Capitol Times." [Arizona Capitol Times, 2/6/19]

- **Brophy McGee: "I'd love to find a way to be more efficient, but this isn't the way to get there."** "People are used to doing it that way, they want to do it that way. I'd love to find a way to be more efficient, but this isn't the way to get there.' Brophy McGee also cited testimony from county recorders, the officials responsible for running elections, that contradicted the core rationale offered by Sen. Ugenti-Rita to sponsor SB1046 that requiring ballots to be mailed back would expedite the process of counting ballots. 'My understanding is that it will not save time,' Brophy McGee said. Combined with the unanimous opposition from the Senate's 13 Democrats, that leaves Ugenti-Rita, R-Scottsdale, one vote shy of the 16-vote majority needed for a bill to be approved in the Senate..." [Arizona Capitol Times, 2/6/19]

## *Health*

**2013: Brophy McGee supported push to expand Medicaid in Arizona.** "A Republican member of the Arizona House who supports GOP Gov. Jan Brewer's push to expand Medicaid received an obscene and threatening voicemail at her office, a sign that the rancorous debate over embracing a signature component of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul in the state is far from over. A visibly shaken state Rep. Kate Brophy McGee of Phoenix urged fellow members Thursday to tell their constituents to be civil, after a fellow lawmaker encouraged opponents of the plan to call Brophy McGee and other GOP supporters. 'Let's tone down the rhetoric, let's focus on the issue, and let's disagree without making someone like me frightened to come to work,' Brophy McGee said on the House floor." [AP, 5/23/13]

**"With the loss at the Supreme Court, the failure to take back the White House...and with Obamacare becoming the law of the land, it became very clear to me we needed to work within the parameters of what is..."** "Rep. Kate Brophy McGee, a central Phoenix Republican, was one of the few early supporters who stood with Brewer from day one. But even before Brewer announced she would seek expansion, Brophy McGee was advocating the restoration of the population covered under Proposition 204. She said the decision to push for expansion wasn't that difficult, because she had strong background knowledge of the issue after three years on the House Health Committee. 'With the loss at the Supreme Court, the failure to take back the White House and the Senate and with Obamacare becoming the law of the land, it became very clear to me we needed to work within the parameters of what is, as opposed to what we might want it to be.'" [Arizona Capitol Times, 7/5/13]

**2014: Brophy McGee most proud of bill to provide uninsured low-income women treatment for breast and cervical cancer.** "It can be easy to underestimate state Rep. Kate Brophy McGee. She is quiet, almost meek in public. But she also understands how to use her office. Much of the credit for revamping the old Child Protective Services into the Division of Child Safety belongs to Brophy McGee. She led the effort in the House, and stood firm for more funding. She was among the legislators who supported Gov. Jan Brewer's Medicaid expansion. But when you ask her what she's most proud of, she mentions a bill that received little attention. It provided uninsured low-income women treatment for breast and cervical cancer. She says 241 women are now covered." [Arizona Republic, 7/17/14]

**2019: Brophy McGee opposed funding special program designed to help groups that urged women not to terminate their pregnancies.** "Arizona taxpayers won't be funding a special program designed to help groups that urge women not to terminate their pregnancies. HB 2759 picked up just 15 votes in the

Senate on Monday night, one short of what is needed, as two Republican legislators sided with Democrats to quash the plan. Sen. Kate Brophy McGee, R-Phoenix, one of the foes, said her vote has nothing to do with a position on abortion. She said it has to do with the fact that there was another - and she believes better - alternative, one that cost less than the \$2.5 million requested. That program, said Brophy McGee is for the 211 telephone service now being operated by volunteers. But efforts to get \$1 million to ensure 24/7 funding fell short, at least in part because the anti-abortion Center for Arizona Policy wanted language that would have required the people giving advice to turn away any requests for information on what services are available to terminate a pregnancy. Brophy McGee said there were perhaps three to six calls to 2-1-1 each year seeking such information out of more than 950,000 requests for information. And in denying the funding, she said, some people are not getting services.” [Casa Grande Dispatch, 5/28/19]

**2019: Brophy McGee sponsored Arianna’s Law to protect health of mothers and babies.** “The following information was released by the office of the Governor of Arizona: Governor Doug Ducey today joined March of Dimes, Senator Kate Brophy McGee and members of the health care community for a ceremonial signing of SB 1040, known as ‘Arianna's Law.’ The bill directs the Department of Health Services to gather and analyze data on the deaths of Arizona mothers during and after childbirth. SB 1040 takes its name from Arianna Dodde, a healthy mother who tragically passed away after giving birth to her third child due to childbirth complications... ‘I'm proud to have sponsored this legislation on behalf of Arianna and her family,’ said Senator Brophy McGee. ‘With the signing of Arianna's Law, Arizona is taking the lead in protecting the health of mothers and babies and preventing future tragedies. I'm grateful to March of Dimes for their advocacy on behalf of mothers and children and to Governor Ducey for signing this important bill.’” [States News Service, 6/21/19]

**Brophy McGee said she was a foe of abortion but wouldn’t support any legislation affecting that issue.** “And Brophy McGee, who is a foe of abortion, said she would not support any legislation that affects that issue. Herrod does agree with sponsors of the legislation on one issue: It would effectively overturn that Brush & Nib decision. ‘The court made clear that the government 'must not be allowed to force persons to express a message contrary to their deepest convictions,' Herrod said, quoting from the ruling. But Brophy McGee said she views the issue in a different way. She uses the example of what would happen if she, as a Catholic, were to go into a Muslim-owned bakery to order an Easter cake, complete with three crosses and inscribed ‘God our Savior, He is Risen.’ ‘I would expect them to bake it for me and decorate it for me,’ Brophy McGee said, saying they had opened their business to the public. ‘If you are a public business, we expect everybody be open to the public in the same way they are open to anybody else,’ Hernandez said. ‘That's what we're trying to codify in law.’” [Sierra Vista Herald, 1/30/20]

TABATHA LAVOIE

### Background & Philosophy

**LaVoie a lawyer who served as board member for Arizona-Mexico Commission.** “She is president of LaVoie Law Firm in Scottsdale, which specializes in corporate legal matters. LaVoie previously served as a board member for the Arizona-Mexico Commission under former Gov. Janet Napolitano. She is currently the secretary of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. LaVoie lives in Paradise Valley and is running as a Republican.” [Arizona Republic, 4/8/24]

**Earned JD from ASU and International MBA from Thunderbird.** “Tabatha Cuellar LaVoie has officially filed to run for District 3 of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Tabatha has been

exploring a run since March, and over that time she has been meeting with business and community leaders to garner support. Their support, as well as the support from her family, has encouraged her to enter the race. ‘My love for this Country began when I was naturalized as a U.S. citizen. My family taught me that the American dream is obtained through hard work and integrity,’ said Tabatha Cuellar LaVoie. ‘I overcame the language barrier as a Spanish only speaking child and went on to earn a Bachelor’s of Science in Business, as well as a Juris Doctor from ASU, and also earned an International MBA from Thunderbird. Through hard work and integrity, I have had the opportunity to help small business owners with their legal needs in business, commercial real estate and technology.’” [Yellow Sheet Report, 7/31/23]

**Served as attorney for 25 years.** “Tabatha has been a practicing attorney for 25 years, is the mother of two, and is married to her husband Patrick. She volunteers with a number of community organizations: Teach for America, Saint Mary’s Food Bank, Paiute Neighborhood Center, Arizona Women Lawyers Association, and the Catholic Community Foundation. In addition, Tabatha has served on the board of the Arizona Kidney Foundation, Chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona, member of the Arizona-Mexico Commission, and most recently, on the board of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. ‘I decided to run for this position because after observing the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors for the past three years, it is clear that we need to roll up our sleeves and get to work on solving problems that are not new but are getting worse,’ said Cuellar LaVoie. ‘I will work to restore confidence in our elections, provide a long-term plan for responsible and sustainable growth and use of our resources, provide solutions for the homeless, and promote safe neighborhoods. As an attorney and a mother, fighting for others is not new to me. I am running to fight for you, my community and my home.’” [Yellow Sheet Report, 7/31/23]

**“Our communities struggle with issues of safety as inflation increases and our cities continue to grow in density.”** “Our communities struggle with issues of safety as inflation increases and our cities continue to grow in density. Tent cities are not a solution to homelessness and drug addiction. Throwing money at these problems to temporarily mask them is also not a solution. We can solve the problems through a public-private partnership. Our cities would partner with reputable private companies who specialize in behavioral and mental health and treat drug addiction and negotiate with owners for the use of facilities that sit idle throughout our cities. The facilities would be used both as treatment centers and as homeless shelters with the goal of helping the homeless find jobs that will lead to permanent housing...”[Lavoie4Supervisor.[com](http://Lavoie4Supervisor.com)]

**“We need a long-term vision and a long-term plan for our cities and unincorporated areas that provide solutions for sustainable growth and careful management of our resources for the well-being of our future generations.”** “Growth can be a positive experience when it is carefully, thoughtfully and purposefully planned. Some of our communities are experiencing challenges with the availability of resources such as water as the County population continues to grow and inter-governmental agreements expire. We need a long-term vision and a long-term plan for our cities and unincorporated areas that provide solutions for sustainable growth and careful management of our resources for the well-being of our future generations.” [Lavoie4Supervisor.[com](http://Lavoie4Supervisor.com)]

## On The Issues

### *Elections*

**Referred to as an election denier.** “So far, only Tabatha Cuellar Lavoie, a Republican, attorney and secretary for the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, filed a statement of interest to run in Gates’

district. A railbird told our reporter Lavoie is an election denier. All five seats on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors are on the ballot for 2024, and another election denier, AZ GOP Sergeant-At-Arms Robert Canterbury, filed a statement of interest in Hickman's district four. According to his campaign website, he believes elections must be conducted, 'on one day, using only paper ballots, by precinct only, and only those who can justify a mail in ballot will get one. No more ballot drop boxes or ballot harvesting. ' Hickman said he is preparing a statement of interest, but he has not made a firm commitment. Jack Sellers, current supervisor for district 1, filed a statement of interest to run for reelection in 2024.' [Yellow Sheet Report, 6/1/23]

**Arizona Agenda: "LaVoie an attorney and election skeptic who volunteered on the laughable door-to-door campaign to find voter fraud in the 2020 election."** In District 3, Gates is retiring from his post and former Republican lawmaker Kate Brophy McGee wants<sup>1</sup> to replace him. McGee is a reality-dwelling Republican with a spine of steel, having stood up to members of her party for years in the Legislature. But she'll have to survive a primary challenge from Tabatha Cuellar LaVoie, an attorney and election skeptic who volunteered on the laughable door-to-door campaign to find voter fraud in the 2020 election. [Arizona Agenda, [9/18/23](#)]

**2022: LaVoie worked as roving attorney on behalf of RNC's Election Integrity Program in 2022.** [Whoscounting.[us](#)]

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