SAVING AMERICA

As we approach November, nearly everyone knows we are trying to survive two electoral disasters, 2016 and 2024, in which we twice elected the ultimate incompetent con-man obsessed with power and wealth, who could destroy democracy and the nation itself.

Even many of those who erroneously voted for him have realized their mistake.

Many, but not all, Democrats have recognized that the main cause for the second mistaken election was the one big misjudgment by Joe Biden: the failure to stop aiding Israel when it began its brutal, ruthless campaign of massacres, which soon rose to the level of genocide. Kamala Harris could have realized this error and promised to reverse it, but she didn't. Too many who might have voted for her, failed to vote at all.

Some Democrats deny that was the problem, and they are afraid to acknowledge the genocide, though they may otherwise have progressive values and strongly oppose Trump. They may depend on AIPAC donations, or think that American Jews would no longer support them.

A growing number of the Jewish people no longer support Israel's actions, and soon defending them in public will no longer be wise. Until all Democrats become fully aware of that, we still need them as allies in the struggle against Trump and Republicans. This is not the time to divide ourselves.

Our primary goal as Democrats must be to defeat every Republican possible. Achieving Democratic majorities in Congress, in state legislatures, state governors, mayors, and city councils is the key to stopping Trump and his many horrible policies.

Secondarily, but still important, is to elect PROGRESSIVE Democrats who do not accept corporate, NRA, or AIPAC support. Progressives have the leadership qualities and values we need to build a BETTER country once we stop the damage done by the Republicans.

It will not be possible to replace all the mediocre Democrats at once. We need Democratic unity to **stop disastrous Republican Trumpism.**
Any Democrat who will join in that primary purpose must be considered an ally.

Voting Recommendations
2026 General Election

Maricopa County, Arizona

Propositions

141 Streets and highways are funded by gas taxes, but electric vehicles don't use gasoline, so will need to be taxed by miles traveled. Republicans wanted to ban that. **NO!**

142 A Trumpist Republican anti-DEI, anti-civil rights law. It would violate the Constitution and academic freedom(per the ACLU). **NO**

144 To make voting more difficult with requirements that do not solve any existing problem. It would make voting by mail extremely inconvenient. **NO**

316 A ban on municipal sales taxes on food. It provides no alternative funding to cities and counties to pay for public services. They would have to raise property taxes or sales taxes on non-food items, or cut city services like police, fire, and street maintenance. **NO**

317 Pointlessly mislabels drug cartels as "terrorists". All crimes mentioned are already illegal, and calling them by different names changes nothing. **NO**

318 An anti-trangender school sports/bathroom law. Unnecessary, mean-spirited and bigoted. **NO**

319 Bans municipal traffic photo-enforcement, like speed and red-light running cameras. Cities should decide their own traffic safety needs.
This is not about license-plate cameras like FLOCK, which are not for enforcement; those should be banned **NO**

320 School spending restrictions. Claiming to be about teacher pay (which does need increasing), this only complicates how each school district allocates its budget, without added funding from the state. It could de-fund school nurses, counselors, or maintenance. **NO**

413 Extends Maricopa County's current sales tax of 1/5 of a cent that pays for county jail facilities. Nobody likes jails, but they need to exist and should be well maintained and run. $0.002 isn't much. **YES**

Glendale Union HS Budget Override Schools need funding. **YES**

Candidates

US Congress Dist. 8: Bernadette Greene-Placentia

AZ Governor: Katie Hobbs

District. 24:

State Senator Analise Ortiz

State Reps (2). Lisbeth Arescurenaga

Alberto Flores

Secretary of State: Adrian Fontes

Attorney General: Kris Mayes

State Treasurer: Nick Mansour

Public Instruction Supervisor: Teresa Ruiz

Mine Inspector: Brian Matlock

2 Corporation Commissioners: Clara Pratte & Jon Hill

County Superior Court Clerk: Sebastian Matta

County College Boards: Judy Schwiebert & Bill Sandweg

County healthcare board: Angel Algarin

JUDGES NOT TO RETAIN

*Supreme Court

Lopez, John

*Court of Appeals Division 1

Catlett, Michael S.
Hill Foster, Anni L.
Kiley, Daniel J.
Morse, James B.
Perkins, Jennifer M.
Weinzweig, David

*Court of Appeals Div. 2

Brearcliffe
Eppich
Gard

*Maricopa Co. Superior Court

Astrowsky, Bradley
Edelstein, Monica B.
HERROD, MICHAEL J.
Mata, Julie A.
Myers, Samuel J.
Nicholls, Suzanne M.
Rassas, Michael Z.
Woo, Cassie B.

Wherever you are in the US, study the issues in the ballot propositions. Wording can be deceptive. If judges are on your ballot, avoid electing or retaining any who are members of, or recommended by, the Federalist Society, a far-right organization grooming judges to curtail democracy, civil rights, and human rights.

Make sure to vote, and make sure it is counted. Mine already has been received and verified.