

## Arizona

Voters in Arizona will elect a Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 60 seats are up in the state House and all 30 seats are up in the state Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain their trifecta in the state.

## Governor

## **Democratic Nominee**

## **David Garcia**

David Garcia is a veteran, trained as a chemical warfare specialist, qualified as an expert marksman. He previously served as a research analyst for the Arizona State Senate and as Associate Superintendent in the Arizona Department of Education.

Garcia has released an economic proposal that includes increasing the renewable energy portfolio to 50% by 2030. He wants to make Arizona a leader in solar energy. He wants to implement a film and entertainment incentive program.

Garcia supports free community college and is vehemently opposed to for-profit colleges. He is proposing full scholarships for Arizona high school graduates in the top 10% to Arizona public universities.

Garcia has been <u>critical</u> of current Governor Ducey (R) and the legislature for their handling of education policies. He is anti-standardized testing and prescriptive rubrics. Garcia is vehemently opposed to voucher programs. He supports reforming English-language learning and Special Education. Garcia pledges to close corporate tax loopholes and exemptions to help fund education.

If he becomes governor, he has pledged to veto any bill that infringes on women's reproductive rights. Garcia pledged to expand paid family leave. He has also pledged to sign an executive order prohibiting workplace discrimination in the public sector.

Garcia is a proponent of local control and would reverse state pre-emption policies if elected.

Trivia: Garcia received the Humanitarian Award for fighting wildfires in Yellowstone National Park.

<sup>\*</sup>Information is heavily borrowed from campaign websites, social media, and news and blogs.