

# FELICIA FRENCH

ARIZONA STATE SENATE | LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6



Colonel (Ret.) Felicia French is a 32-year Army and Arizona National Guard veteran, nurse, educator, MedEvac helicopter pilot, entrepreneur, sustainability scientist, and proud mom. She's running for State Senate to deliver real solutions for ALL Arizonans. Felicia is a third-generation Arizonan, currently living in Pine, Arizona. Her roles as an Afghan War veteran, pediatric and hospice nurse, community college educator, and as a single mom exemplify her lifelong commitment to public service and family well-being.

Felicia earned her B.S. in Nursing, an M.S. in Sustainable Solutions from Arizona State University, an M.S. in Management from the University of Southern California, as well as military degrees from the Air Senior Service College, the Army Environmental Policy Institute, and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute. Her leadership skills were formed as she worked her way up the ranks from Private to Colonel, during her three decades of service in the United States Army and Arizona National Guard.

Her continued dedication to public service is also reflected in her volunteer work as a veterans' hospice nurse in Rim Country, as a nurse with AmeriCares disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, and with her roles in the local Civil Air Patrol, Tonto Rim Search and Rescue, Community Emergency Response Team, and Sierra Club.

Felicia ran for state representative in LD6 in 2018, in an incredibly close race, where she came within 0.4 points of winning. Empowered by that experience, Felicia is now the first democratic candidate to run twice in the district, competing for the Arizona State Senate LD6. Her priorities are fully-funded [public education](#), quality [healthcare](#) that's affordable and accessible, and more [accountable state government](#), that will deliver local job opportunities while protecting northern Arizona for families and future generations.

"It's time to improve public education, expand access to quality and affordable healthcare, make our state government more accountable to northern Arizona's rural communities, and make sure policies drafted at the state capitol benefit ALL Arizonans, by creating more local job opportunities, while also protecting northern Arizona's water and land for our families and future generations," Felicia said. "Together, we can move Arizona forward with real solutions."

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## ON THE ISSUES

### EDUCATION

Felicia believes Arizona needs to pay educators and school support staff fair wages, prioritize funding for K-12 public education, make college tuition more affordable and invest in certified trade schools for rural communities

### HEALTHCARE

Felicia advocates for more emphasis on prevention of disease and illness, caps on prescription drug costs, lower health insurance premiums and deductibles, and improved access to quality health care in rural areas.

### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Felicia will demand more government accountability to ensure policies drafted in the state Capitol benefit ALL Arizonans and protect the state's diverse and beautiful environment and natural resources.

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## ABOUT THE DISTRICT

NESTED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS  
CD1 R+2, CD4 R+21

Arizona's sixth legislative district is located in northern Arizona and includes the cities of Flagstaff and Sedona, along with smaller cities and towns including Cottonwood, Holbrook, Show Low, Payson and Snowflake. It is located in Coconino, Gila, Navajo and Yavapai Counties. Arizona state senators represent an average of **213,067 residents**. The state has grown -- after the 2000 Census, each member represented **171,021 residents**.

## ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Wendy Rogers has run five consecutive **failed campaigns** for seats in the Arizona state senate and in the US House, only once even making it out of a primary. Rogers' **issue stances** have grown increasingly Trumpian. On her **campaign website**, she refers to undocumented immigrants as "illegals" and promises to "vote against any gun control measure." Additionally, Rogers has a whole section devoted to "protecting religious liberty" where she promises support Bible classes and Christian prayers in schools. She specifically identifies Christianity as the religion whose liberty she would like to protect, citing the need for Christian businesses to be able to operate "in accordance with their convictions."

## PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

2018 CONGRESSIONAL (CD1):

Democrat: 37,634, 55.3%  
Republican: 30,444, 44.7%  
68,078 Total Votes

2018 STATE SENATE ELECTION RESULTS

Democrat: 46,332, 49.09%  
Republican: 48,044, 50.91%  
Total: 94,376

2018 GOVERNOR

Garcia: 39,961, 41.45%  
Ducey: 54,291, 56.32%  
Total: 96,404

2018 U.S. SENATE

Democrat: 46,088, 47.67%  
Republican: 47,460, 49.39%  
Total: 96,691

2016 PRESIDENT

Hillary Clinton: 42,179, 41.69%  
Donald Trump: 52,696, 52.08%  
Total: 101,185

2012 PRESIDENT

Obama: 38,532, 42.23%  
Romney: 50,727, 55.59%

## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Popula- tion	House- holds	Over 65	White	Black	Latinx	Asian	Other	Median Income	% Poverty	% Un- employ- ment	% College	%HS Grad	%No HS
220,045	87,201	20.8%	74.0%	1.1%	15.2%	1.3%	8.4%	\$48,331	17.0%	4.4%	40.4%	50.7%	8.9%



SISTER DISTRICT PROJECT

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## WHY THIS RACE IS IMPORTANT

Democrats need to win 3 Senate seats in order to flip the chamber. Momentum is on our side: in 2018, Democrats won a hotly contested federal Senate race and flipped 4 House seats, bringing the chamber to the closest partisan divide in decades. We can build on this energy to flip at least one chamber in 2020.

Flipping a chamber would break a stubborn Republican trifecta, keep Republicans from passing harmful and regressive legislation, and provide an opening for Democrats to advance their own progressive legislative agenda.

## WHY ARIZONA IS IMPORTANT

### ARIZONA FAST FACTS

- **Current Control:** Republican Trifecta (since 2009)
- **Gubernatorial Election:** Not up in 2020
- **Length of State Senate and House Terms:** 2 years
- **Candidate Filing Deadline:** April 6, 2020
- **State Legislative Primary Date:** August 4, 2020
- **Redistricting:** Independent Redistricting Commission controls Congressional and state legislative redistricting
- **Electoral College Votes:** 11

### BROADER 2020 OPPORTUNITIES

Arizona is 'blueing' – and it has important implications for the presidential election. While Romney carried Arizona by 9 points in 2012, Trump's win was by just 3.5 points. And since then, demographic and partisan shifts have continued to swing in our favor, as evidenced by Democrat Kyrsten Sinema's narrow Senate win in 2018, and Democrats' 4-seat pickup in the state house that year.

There is also an important, very competitive Senate race in Arizona this year (R-McSally), as well as several competitive Congressional races (including AZ-06, AZ-01 and AZ-02). Working to support AZ state legislative candidates will be instrumental in helping drive turnout up and down the ticket in this historic election year.

