

# DOUG ERVIN

ARIZONA STATE SENATE | LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20



Growing up in the valley, Doug's parents taught him that being an active contributor to one's community means being able to both appreciate its strengths and work to fix its weaknesses. After his father left the military, he traveled the state as a field engineer, while Doug's mother taught nursing at Mesa Community College. They insisted that education was always a top priority in Doug's family, but they were unable to afford his college tuition. So, he started working at the age of thirteen, earned his Accounting degree in night school and passed the CPA exam. He was a state corporate tax auditor, controller for a small business and then helped grow a local company into an international firm.

Over the years Doug has volunteered with multiple educational, environmental and community organizations including as a tutor for second graders at a local public school. Over time, he became more directly involved in local politics and spent many hours at the state capitol, where he witnessed members of the legislature putting party before people and jeopardizing Arizona's future for short-term political gains.

Doug is extremely honored to call Arizona his home and proud of what the state has to offer, but recognizes that AZ is currently facing a myriad of issues that affect everyone and we need to act responsibly today to ensure a thriving tomorrow. Unlike many of the current legislators who appear focused on ideology, short-term political wins, and personal ambition, Doug will push to enact policies that benefit all Arizonans. He is committed to restoring fiscal responsibility, keeping our community safe, protecting individual freedoms, putting families first, supporting small businesses, encouraging innovation and working together with whomever it takes to enact common-sense solutions.

Doug ran for State Senate in 2018, and narrowly missed the opportunity to represent the district, coming within 4 points of winning. He's empowered by that experience, and back again this year. As State Senator, Doug will restore fiscal responsibility to the state so that we can properly invest in pre-K through post-secondary schools to ensure all students receive a great education, which will grow our economy and create jobs. He will fight for everyone to have quality affordable healthcare regardless of pre-existing conditions. And Doug will use an equitable long-term investment approach to help grow our renewable energy market, update infrastructure and create a 21st-Century economy that works for every Arizonan.

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## ON THE ISSUES

### EDUCATION

For years Doug has volunteered at local public schools, because he firmly believes that every child deserves a great education and that educators should be given the support they have earned as pillars in our community. But the Arizona legislature has slashed school budgets and put Arizona near the bottom of per-pupil funding and teacher retention. Cuts to state funding for education have led to crumbling infrastructure, dangerous buses, outdated educational resources, unmanageable class sizes, and overworked

teachers. Doug will restore fiscal responsibility to our state so that we can properly invest in pre-K through post-secondary education and allow children to learn in a safe environment. This will prepare students to succeed in the 21st-century economy, show educators the respect they deserve and create jobs in our community.



**SISTER DISTRICT  
PROJECT**

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## HEALTHCARE

Like most people, Doug has friends that have been financially devastated by an unexpected family illness and are often unable to afford the treatment they need. In our modern society, no one should go bankrupt due to a medical issue. Doug believes healthcare is a right and all Arizonans should have access to quality affordable care regardless of pre-existing conditions. Doug will work to allow consumers to buy into AHCCCS, the state's Medicaid agency, as this will give the program more bargaining power to lower premiums for everyone. Doug will stand up to insurance companies that are taking advantage of families and fight to protect essential benefits such as maternity care, cancer screenings, and mental health care.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FAIR PAY

Long-term investment in the people and businesses of Arizona is the best way to develop a 21st-century economy that benefits everyone. Arizona must create a level playing field that allows businesses to thrive and ensure we respect honest work with fair pay. Properly funding all levels of education including expanding quality learning child care programs gives children a good start, helps working parents and reaps tremendous returns on our investment. Also, we need to invest in our infrastructure, protect our natural resources and encourage entrepreneurship which all have long-term benefits and are necessary to handle the economic growth that allows local businesses to flourish.

## ENVIRONMENT

Doug has hiked all across our beautiful state, marveled at its natural wonders and witnessed the changes to our lands. The climate is one of the drivers of Arizona's economy, so protecting the environment is paramount to saving Arizona's future. Sadly, many of Arizona's politicians are avoiding environmental issues in order to protect the profits of a few companies. Doug will

work to ensure we live up to our moral responsibility to protect the planet and seize the opportunity to create jobs across Arizona by becoming a leader in the growing renewable energy market.

## TAX POLICY

Unfortunately, some legislators have created a tax system that is unstable, inherently unfair and exacerbates the problem of economic inequality. Instead of continuing to give tax breaks to out-of-state corporations and special interest groups, we need an equitable tax policy that does not put an undue burden on working families. Doug will use his decades of financial experience to enact a responsible tax policy that provides the revenue necessary to meet our obligations and still incentivizes companies to invest in Arizona and create good-paying jobs.

## PAST RESULTS IN THE DISTRICT

### 2018 STATE SENATE

Democrat: 32,352, 44.5%  
Republican: 35,170, 48.3%

### 2018 GUBERNATORIAL

Democrat: 30,362; 40.80%  
Republican: 42,000; 56.44%

### 2018 U.S. SENATE

Democrat: 37,589; 50.35%  
Republican: 34,832; 46.65%

### 2016 PRESIDENTIAL

Clinton: 35,917; 42.70%  
Trump: 42,658; 50.71%

### 2012 PRESIDENTIAL

Obama: 33,122; 42.42%  
Romney: 43,169; 55.29%

## DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

| Popula-<br>tion | House-<br>holds | Over<br>65 | White | Black | Latinx | Asian | Other | Median<br>Income | %<br>Poverty | % Un-<br>employ-<br>ment | %<br>College | %HS<br>Grad | %No<br>HS |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 231,821         | 86,788          | 12.9%      | 64.3% | 3.8%  | 23.8%  | 3.6%  | 4.5%  | 52,819           | 14.7%        | 4.1%                     | 34.5%        | 54.6%       | 10.9%     |



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## ABOUT THE OPPONENT

Paul Boyer is the incumbent Republican senator, having been elected in 2018. Prior to this, he served as state rep for the same district from 2012 through 2019. Through his time in both the House and the Senate, Boyer has voted as an arch-conservative. In the state house, Boyer sponsored a bill to limit [health insurance coverage](#) for abortions and co-sponsored two dangerous pro-gun bills, one making it easier to carry guns over [state lines](#) and the second to authorize the [concealed carrying](#) of guns in almost all public spaces. As a senator, Boyer has voted to expand [arrest powers](#) for immigration officers and to make it more difficult for [low-income voters](#) to participate in the political process. Boyer has also sponsored a bill to bar government contractors from engaging in [lawful boycotts](#). He's received endorsements from the [NRA](#) and [Arizona Right to Life](#), as well as a 100% rating from the [Center for Arizona Policy](#), a conservative lobbying group.

## 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.