



CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY ALLIANCE

LD17 Candidates Kevin Volk and John McLean

Monday, March 11, 6:00 PM - Saguaro Center, Acacia Rm

Kevin Volk – AZ House Candidate



Kevin was born and raised in Tucson, at the base of the Catalina Mountains. He attended public elementary and middle school in northeastern Tucson, then followed family tradition to attend Salpointe High School. After graduation, he moved to Rhode Island to attend Brown University, where he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Economics.

Following college, he served as a 5th grade public school teacher in the East Side of San Jose, California; interned for Representative Gabby Giffords taking in constituent communication in Congress; worked as an English language educator in Aguascalientes, Mexico, on a Fulbright scholarship, and helped former Governor Tim Kaine's campaign for Senate in Virginia.

After his time out of state, Kevin moved back home to Southern Arizona, where he became the general manager of a local retail business. Then he joined family firm Volk Company as a real estate agent focused on bringing people together for win-win deals for small businesses. Now Kevin is dedicated to development and re-development of commercial and housing properties, and has founded a small business to create affordable, sustainable prefabricated housing units from a manufacturing facility in Tucson.

Kevin is passionate about learning about the issues that affect Arizonans and interacting with experts to help come up with solutions. He is a graduate of Greater Tucson Leadership and was selected as one of the Southern Arizona recipients of the prestigious Flinn-Brown Fellowship for civic leadership in Arizona. In 2022, he received the inaugural Business Champion for Early Education Award from United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona.



John McLean – AZ Senate Candidate



John is a third generation Arizona native, raised in Phoenix, and learned about the value of education, personal integrity, hard work, and community service from his mother (a community college professor) and father (a successful business owner). After receiving an outstanding education in public schools, John moved to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona before continuing to graduate school in California. John knows the value of a quality public education.

Ten years into his career in California, John and his wife started a family and decided to return to Tucson to raise their children in our wonderful community which offered good schools and an outstanding quality of life. He has lived in Pima County for over thirty-three years. Of all the places he could have raised his family, John chose Tucson.

Shortly after returning to Tucson, a colleague approached John to consider opening an office of Arete Associates to develop cutting-edge technologies for national security. Starting with a staff of two, the business grew rapidly, soon generating over \$30M in annual revenue and employing over 75 skilled professionals. The business thrived because of the quality of the workforce grounded by the University of Arizona. John is a proven business leader who has brought nearly \$1B of economic activity to Tucson over Arete's thirty-year history.

John also knows the value of public service, giving back to the community through volunteer service, advocacy, and philanthropy in education, environmental sustainability, animal welfare, and quality of life in our community. He has served as an officer on the Board of four Arizona-based non-profits. John learned the value of bipartisanship from his uncle Bob Wilcox, who served in the state Senate with Sandra Day O'Connor.

