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Ceci Velasquez

Ceci Velasquez is a former Democratic member of the Arizona House of Representatives, representing District 29 from 2015 to 2017.

Velasquez was indicted on felony welfare fraud charges on June 22, 2016. The charges included one count each of fraudulent schemes and practices, unlawful use of food stamps, and theft. Velasquez plead not guilty to the charges. Velasquez ended her bid for re-election after pressure from Democratic leaders. Her trial was set to begin on November 1, 2016.[1][2][3]

Ceci Velasquez

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Committee assignments

2015 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2015 legislative session, Velasquez served on the following committees:

Arizona committee assignments, 2015 [show]

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Campaign themes

2016

Velasquez's campaign website highlighted the following issues:

Education

- Arizona's children deserve to have the same opportunities regardless of where they reside.
- As a single mother of five, I place a high value on the education my kids receive. I am a strong opponent of the decision to cut the budget in education and voted against the bad education budget for 2015.

Women's Rights

- Equal pay for equal work and a woman's right to make her own health reproductive decisions are among my top priorities. I am an Arizona List and Planned Parenthood endorsed candidate, committed to fighting for a woman's right to choose what to do with her own body.

Equal Rights

- Equality is not only essential but absolutely critical to move Arizona forward. Government shouldn't have a say who can love whom. Discrimination creates division; unity is what is needed. As the mother of a transgender daughter, I have been a vocal supporter of non-discrimination ordinances throughout the state of Arizona, and am endorsed by Equality Arizona.

Prison Reform

- This issue is near and dear to my heart, as my son was recently released from prison. My family's journey with him through our flawed criminal justice system inspired me to found my own nonprofit, the Arizona Guidance Organization, which provides resources and assistance to the families of the incarcerated. I am a strong advocate of Ban the Box legislation, and am currently participating in the drafting of a bill that will make strides to solve these complex problems and provide solutions for Arizona families.[4]

—Ceci Velasquez,[5]

2014

Velasquez's campaign website highlighted the following issues:[6]

Equal pay and livable wages

- Excerpt: "Labor unions allow the possibility of earning equal and livable wages, allowing people to provide for their families and plans hope for the future."

Equal access to quality education

- Excerpt: "Arizona's children deserve to have the same opportunities regardless of where they reside. When I am elected, I will fight for equal access to quality education."

Marriage equality and LGBTQ rights

- Excerpt: "Equality is not only essential but absolutely critical to move Arizona forward. Government shouldn't have a say who can love whom. Discrimination creates division; unity is what is needed."

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: Ceci Velasquez

AZ HB2626 - Utilities; manufacturing; smelting; T...
Utilities; manufacturing; smelting; TPT
05/19/2016: *Chapter 174*

AZ HB2312 - Advisory council; Indian health care.
Advisory council; Indian health care.
05/11/2016: *Chapter 140*

AZ SB1199 - Employment; housing; public accom...
Employment; housing; public accommodations; antidiscrimination
05/07/2016: *Referred to Senate RULES Committee*

Elections

2016

See also: Arizona House of Representatives elections, 2016

Elections for the Arizona House of Representatives took place in 2016. The primary election took place on August 30, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was June 1, 2016.[7]

Cesar Chavez and incumbent Richard Andrade defeated John Wilson in the Arizona House of Representatives District 29 general election.[8][9][10]

Arizona House of Representatives, District 29 General Election, 2016			Votes
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Democratic	✓Cesar Chavez	42.69%	25,554
Democratic	✓Richard Andrade Incumbent	35.00%	21,257
Republican	John Wilson	22.32%	13,920
	Total Votes		60,741

Source: Arizona Secretary of State

Incumbent Richard Andrade and Cesar Chavez defeated Marshall Pimentel and Rosa Cantu in the Arizona House of Representatives District 29 Democratic Primary.[11]

Arizona House of Representatives, District 29 Democratic Primary, 2016			Votes
Party	Candidate	Vote %	Votes
Democratic	✓Richard Andrade Incumbent	33.07%	3,664
Democratic	✓Cesar Chavez	29.39%	3,235
Democratic	Marshall Pimentel	19.95%	1,813
Democratic	Rosa Cantu	15.93%	2,499
	Total Votes		11,393

Roberto Alfaro and John Wilson were unopposed in the Arizona House of Representatives District 29 Republican Primary.[12]

Arizona House of Representatives, District 29 Republican Primary, 2016		Votes
Party	Candidate	
Republican	✓Roberto Alfaro	
Republican	✓John Wilson	

2014

See also: Arizona House of Representatives elections, 2014

Elections for the Arizona House of Representatives took place in 2014. A primary election took place on August 26, 2014. The general election was held on November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates was June 2, 2014. The deadline for write-in candidates was May 28, 2014. Richard Andrade and Ceci Velasquez defeated Steve Chapman and Denise Garcia in the Democratic primary. Aaron Borders was unopposed in the Republican primary. Andrade and Velasquez defeated Borders in the general election. Eveline Zane (R) withdrew before the primary.[13][14][15]

Arizona House of Representatives District 29, General Election, 2014			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	✓Richard C. Andrade	36.2%	10,127
Democratic	✓Ceci Velasquez	34.1%	9,556
Republican	Aaron Borders	29.7%	8,320
Total Votes			28,003

Arizona House of Representatives, District 29 Democratic Primary, 2014		[Collapse]
CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
✓Richard Andrade	28.7%	2,933
✓Ceci Velásquez	27.8%	2,843
Denise García	24%	2,455
Steve Chapman	19.4%	1,978
Total Votes		10,209

Campaign donors

TIP: The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. *Depending on the election or state, this may not represent all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this document, and campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections to federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.*

Ceci Velasquez campaign contribution history [hide]

Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2014	Arizona State House, District 29	✓	$7,027
	Grand total raised		$7,027

Source: FEC (Follow the Money)

2014

Ceci won election to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2014. During that election cycle, Ceci raised a total of **$7,027**.

Arizona House of Representatives 2014 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

Endorsements

2014

In 2014, Velasquez's endorsements included the following:[17]

- Equality for Arizona
- Arizona List
- Planned Parenthood Arizona

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Arizona

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in this entirety.

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Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Arizona scorecards, email suggestions to editor@ballotpedia.org.

2017

In 2017, the 53rd Arizona State Legislature was in session from January 9 through May 4.

- Americans for Prosperity Arizona
  Legislators are scored on their stances on conservative fiscal policy.
- Center for Arizona Policy, Senate and House of Voting Records
  Legislators' votes are recorded by the Center for Arizona Policy on bills related to family issues.
- Children's Action Alliance
  Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to family issues.
- Humane Voters of Arizona
  Legislators are scored on their stances on animal issues.
- Secular Coalition for Arizona, Senate and House Voting Records
  Legislators are scored on their stances on secular policy.
- The American Conservative Union
  Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.
- Tucson Metro Chamber
  Legislators are scored on their support of business policies.

2016

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2015

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