


YELLOW SHEET REPORT

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·NEWS NOTES AND GOSSIP·

DON BRANDT TAKES THE HOT SEAT

After more than five years as one of the most influential behind-the-scenes players in Arizona politics, Don Brandt took center stage today. In a room packed with reporters and onlookers, commissioners took turns asking the APS and Pinnacle West CEO questions about the death of Stephanie Pullman and APS' involvement with her disconnections, the company's political spending dating back to 2013 and derivatives of related topics. Protesters from CHISPA stood watch outside at least 90 minutes before Brandt was set to be sworn in. When Brandt arrived, he was escorted in by his crew of lawyers and executives and attempted to avoid the public and media. "Friends of Don Brandt" dressed up in "rich people" garb and crowded into the hearing room, while a sailor and a magician, as well as one man wearing a dollar sign bling necklace with a stack of 100 dollar bills in his breast pocket, also joined the spectacle. The five commissioners gave opening remarks and explained what they planned to discuss before Brandt's opening remarks, which were the only comments he made for more than an hour until Kennedy began ripping into him with her questioning. As of our deadline, she had done most of the talking, while Burns only asked questions of incoming CEO Jeff Guldner. Dunn spent a lot of time hammering at APS over political spending and Stephanie Pullman, but Brandt deferred all questions about the latter to Daniel Froetscher, the executive VP of operations for APS.



I'M SORRY, DID I SAY CRONIES ARE IN THE HOT SEAT?

Kennedy was not interested in hearing any comments unless they came from the mouth of Don Brandt. She opened up her questioning railing into the CEO with comments like: "Do you have enough money now? Judging from security today you're afraid of being harmed by your disgruntled consumers." "What are you afraid of? Chickens coming home to roost?" As well as other critical remarks that got under Brandt's skin. After a series of back-and-forth responses, Brandt gave a visible eye roll at Kennedy. APS and Brandt's attorney, Bill Maledon of Osborn Maledon, took over responding for Brandt, accusing Kennedy of being unfair in her questioning. Burns eventually had to step in to support his colleague, reminding the lawyers that regulators are entitled to ask questions and saying he wouldn't force Kennedy to limit the scope of her questions. Kennedy and Brandt bickered over customer deaths (Brandt denied any "direct ties" to the deaths), Jessica Pacheco's involvement in political spending and subsequent promotions (Brandt's attorney said they didn't have to answer those questions), and political spending to defeat Prop 127 last year (lots of utilities, and even some regulators, opposed it, Brandt said). Kennedy also grilled Brandt about APS giving money to the son of a sitting commissioner for the 2014 election cycle. Justin Pierce, the son of former Commissioner Gary Pierce, was seeking the Secretary of State seat that year and Pacheco paid for a hotel room for him to conduct campaign business, according to Kennedy. Brandt said he did not think there was

anything “nefarious” about that, and that it was common practice for lobbyists to work with candidates. Kennedy and Brandt also got into it over APS’ poor J.D. Power customer satisfaction ratings, though Brandt claims he sees “overwhelmingly positive” feedback. “The kudos thrown at me is embarrassing,” he bragged. Kennedy found that hard to believe. “In my circle, that’s not what I hear,” she said. On several occasions Brandt claimed to not know the answers to questions and tried to defer to other APS employees or his attorney. But Kennedy was relentless in saying she only wants to hear from Brandt. “That’s why you’re here,” she said numerous times.

THEY CAN INVESTIGATE APS’ 2020 SPENDING TOO!

APS’ attorney dropped a bombshell when he told commissioners, in response to Kennedy’s questions, that the FBI investigation into APS’ 2014 political spending is ongoing. Still, that’s not going to necessarily stop the company from spending in the future. Burns asked incoming CEO Jeff Guldner if he would promise that political spending on utility regulators would come to an end. Guldner said he is not currently CEO, and that he could not make that promise. (Though he promised to come back when he is CEO to answer questions.) That’s a far cry from what Guldner said in 2013, when he claimed to the *Arizona Republic* that the company did not meddle in any effort to get commissioners elected, which was proven to be untrue. “We

don’t tell employees who to vote for or try to influence elections. If you do that and are wrong, you have to live with it for four to eight years,” he said at the time ([YS, 8/22](#)). As of our deadline, Kennedy was still asking questions. Olson and Marquez Peterson had not had time to ask anything.



TRY TO LOOK SURPRISED

Ducey appointed Bill Montgomery to the Arizona Supreme Court this afternoon, making the controversial Maricopa County attorney Ducey’s fifth selection to the state’s highest court. Montgomery’s appointment is Ducey’s second to the Supreme Court in 2019, and it’s also the second time Montgomery was up for the job this year. Montgomery failed to make it past a vetting procedure by the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, but a revamped commission – with a number of new commissioners appointed by Ducey – advanced Montgomery in July as one of seven candidates for the governor to consider. The governor, who tweeted his announcement, said he was looking for a justice who “had an understanding of the law, a well-developed judicial philosophy, appreciation for the separation of powers and a dedication to public service... More broadly, I was looking for an individual who wants to interpret the law – not someone who wants to write the law... Bill Montgomery is that candidate.” Montgomery is clearly Ducey’s most controversial appointment in just under five years as governor. His appointment to the court was harshly opposed by the ACLU of Arizona and other progressive organizations that criticized his political track record. Opponents cited, among other critiques, prosecutorial misconduct that went unchecked under Montgomery’s watch in Maricopa County; a bungled use-of-force case in which Glendale police used an electronic stun gun on a man; and Montgomery’s well-known personal beliefs, such as his staunch opposition to marijuana, sentencing reform and certain LGBT rights. Ducey’s appointment also comes one day after the *Arizona Republic* reported that a new ethics complaint, filed with the State Bar of Arizona, accused Montgomery of covering up misconduct by a top prosecutor in an internationally watched murder case against Jodi Arias ([LINK](#)). Montgomery’s appointment leaves a vacancy for the Maricopa County attorney. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors will appoint a temporary replacement to hold the seat until the 2020 election. So far, four Democrats and no Republicans have filed to run for the seat, but the Board of Supervisors must appoint a Republican to complete Montgomery’s term.

GANNETT'S UNION BUSTING BUST

After Gannett human resources confiscated the phone of reporter and union organizer Rebekah Sanders yesterday over accusations that gossiping about anti-union reporters via a messaging app created a hostile workplace, the *Republic* newsroom officially pulled the trigger on unionizing today. Sanders wrote about her phone being confiscated on Facebook yesterday afternoon, saying “this is why my colleagues and I are unionizing.” The move by corporate was seen as a blunder, though several sources inside and outside the paper said it appeared that since Gannett can’t fire her for unionizing, they’re laying a papertrail to fire her for creating a hostile workplace environment. One *Republic* reporter said the move helped galvanize the newsroom in favor of a union. “How do you see a company confiscate a reporter’s phone and not wanna join a union?” the source said. Reporters staged a walk-in this morning and dropped mission statements and Arizona Republic Guild pins on every reporter’s desk, and have a planned event this evening to ask any last minute questions and sign union authorization cards to apply for union status with the National Labor Relations Board.



SO NOSEY WE KNOW EACH OTHER'S BATHROOM SCHEDULES



The drama over the group message on Signal, an encrypted messaging app, was much ado about nothing, one pro-union reporter told our reporter, calling it “disingenuous” outrage over normal office gossip. “It’s a newsroom full of reporters who are all nosey. Let’s not pretend that this hasn’t – much like any other newsroom or office – always been a place where people notice who’s in what director’s office. And as far as a toxic newsroom environment, we had to reapply for our jobs Hunger Games-style in 2014,” the reporter said. “So to pretend that this is the first or

only source of tension really rings untrue to me.” Still, the source said they didn’t want anyone to feel personally hurt by the gossip. But calling it “surveillance” is “extreme and ridiculous,” the reporter said. Sources were split about how management became aware of the texts, with one guessing that corporate hacked a phone. The more logical answer, another reporter said, was that someone in the group, which included 15 to 20 people, showed Craig Harris, who showed management. “Most of them are pretty boring so I don’t know if whoever leaked it picked a few select exchanges or what,” the reporter said. Several reporters said that Sanders didn’t use her work phone for the Signal chat, so corporate’s fishing expedition isn’t likely to net any incriminating results.

AS MARY JO GOES, SO GOES THE NEWSROOM

Reporters came out of the woodwork on Twitter to announce their support for the effort today. Former Capitol reporter Mary Jo Pitzl, for example, wrote that she supports the unionization effort because “I have had a long and fulfilling run at The Arizona Republic, and I want to help ensure the same for my colleagues.” The Arizona Republic Guild – brandishing its new logo drawn by Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Steve Benson, who was laid off in earlier this year – fired up a new Twitter account and posted a video ([LINK](#)) showing eight reporters explaining why the newsroom needs a union. Harkening back to the paper’s 129 year history and journalists like Don Bolles and Charles Thornton



([LINK](#)), who were murdered while doing their jobs, the reporters said the shifting media landscape has chipped away at the paper’s strength and that the upcoming merger would further threaten their paper. “Layoffs, stagnant wages, rising health care costs and high turnover rates weakens local journalism,” the group said. They noted that many papers, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Associated Press*, have long been unionized, and that in recent years, more papers are joining the fray, including a dozen other Gannett papers. “Gannett executive Maribel Wadsworth told our newsroom ‘we work well with unions.’ We ask Gannett to extend the same spirit of cooperation to us and voluntarily recognize the Arizona Republic Guild, so we can build a long and mutually beneficial relationship. If Gannett chooses not to, the journalists of the Arizona Republic Guild, will remain united. We will organize, we will vote and we will win,” the reporters said. To win the vote, they would need more than 50 percent of the newsroom to vote to join the NewsGuild. Organizers say they are aiming for at least 75 percent.

PUBLICITY OVER IRRELEVANCY



After ousted Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio announced his plans to try to regain his title as America’s Toughest Sheriff, former Sen. Jeff Flake wrote a \$100 check to current Sheriff Paul Penzone’s campaign. Flake tweeted an image of the check ([LINK](#)) this morning with a link to a *Washington Post* story on Arpaio’s new bid for sheriff. In the “for” line of the check, Flake wrote “County over Party.” That’s a throwback to his December 2017 contribution to Democratic US Senate candidate Doug Jones of Alabama, who was running against Republican Roy Moore, who was credibly accused of sexually assaulting teenagers. At the time,

Flake wrote “Country over Party” on his check ([LINK](#)). Both contributions pale in comparison to the thousands Flake and his wife, Cheryl, have personally contributed to Republican congressional candidates, the state Republican party and the Pima County Republican Party since 1993, according to FEC data.

MORE LIKE RULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER

Brnovich defended his decision to join 12 other states in asking the Supreme Court to roll back DACA for the same reasons he’s defended everything from the death penalty to Arizona’s minimum wage: It’s the rule of law. Brnovich, who signed a brief to the high court written by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, told KJZZ today that his decision was based on his belief that since DACA was created by executive order under President Obama, it should be able to be changed or eliminated by an executive order by President

Trump. “Regardless of what you think about the merits of it, I do think there is a constitutional argument that if President Obama can create an executive order, then why can’t a future president change or eliminate the executive order,” Brnovich said. The AG also criticized the DACA program as a temporary fix that has created more uncertainty, both for recipients and Congress. “When I first ran for AG in 2014, I used to talk about this all the time – the fact that what President Obama did was constitutionally suspect, and it was not fair to DACA recipients, actually. He himself said it was temporary, a stopgap measure. It was only supposed to be two years at a time,” Brnovich said. When asked about his personal beliefs regarding the DACA program, Brnovich was cagey, stating that while immigration is “a net benefit” to the country, “we’ve got to do it in a way that’s orderly and legal.” But to Brnovich, his personal opinions are beside the point when it comes to the rule of law. “I have been very consistent, I think, when it comes to what does the law say, enforcing the law, and then saying, if you don’t like the law, go change the policy, go change the policy-makers, go change the Legislature, run an initiative... those are the proper vehicles,” Brnovich said.

·PRESS RELEASES AND NEWS CLIPS·

Governor Ducey Appoints Bill Montgomery To The Supreme Court of Arizona

PHOENIX — Governor Doug Ducey today announced the appointment of Bill Montgomery to the Arizona Supreme Court. Bill has demonstrated a commitment to justice, fairness and the rule of law throughout his decades-long service to our state and nation.

“Bill Montgomery has dedicated his life to serving our state and our nation,” said Governor Ducey. “He’s served with honor and integrity — whether it was rising through the ranks of the United States Army as a decorated Gulf War Veteran or successfully garnering the support of citizens in his bid for County Attorney in the fourth-most populous county in the nation. There, he cleaned up an office that was in disarray and mired in controversy.”

“Bill’s record, resume and extensive list of supporters speak to his qualifications and his broad support in the community. On the Court, Bill will be a strong defender of the Constitution and the rule of law. He will serve with honor and dedication, just as he has throughout his entire career. Finally, I want to thank Chief Justice Bales for his service to Arizona and the Court. He has served honorably and I wish him and his family all the best.”

Bill has served as the Maricopa County Attorney since 2010, where he oversees criminal, civil and appellate cases filed and defended by deputy county attorneys in his office. He provides daily direction and leadership to over 1,000 employees, including over 350 attorneys. Upon taking office, Bill implemented sweeping ethics training, personally administered the oath of office to new attorneys within the office to underscore the importance of the oath and the shared duty to uphold it, and expanded the authority of the office’s Ethics Committee. His tenure at the Maricopa County Attorney’s office is the most recent entry in a career dedicated to public service.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Bill served six and a half years of active duty in the Army. Bill received his law degree from Arizona State University’s College of Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude and Order of the Coif. He served on the law journal as an associate articles editor. During that time he also served as a Truman R. Young Prosecution Fellow.

Montgomery has volunteered countless hours assisting families in need and has taught as an Adjunct Faculty at ASU’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. For his service to the public, Montgomery has been awarded the Town of Gilbert Mayoral Award for Community Service; the ChildHelp Founders Award; the Chicanos Por La Causa Champion for Children Honor; and the Si Se Puede Foundation Child Advocate of the Year Award. He also has been recognized by Latino America Primero for his work with the Latino community.

In 2016, Montgomery served as co-chairman of the Governor’s Sex Assault Evidence Collection Kit Task Force, resulting in major investments to eliminate the backlog of untested rape kits. As a result of these efforts, in April 2019

the Maricopa County Attorney's office announced they had identified and indicted 14 defendants, with 7 of them convicted and 7 others pending trial.

This appointment of Bill Montgomery fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Scott Bales.

Jeremy Browning to be Owner and President of GovGroup

Genevra Richardson accepts new opportunity as Vice President, External Affairs at UnitedHealth Group

GovGroup is excited to announce that Jeremy Browning has assumed ownership of GovGroup and will be the President of the firm effective September 1st. GovGroup, a boutique lobbying firm based in Phoenix, was founded in 2011 by Genevra Richardson and Jeremy Browning. Over the past eight years, GovGroup has been a go-to firm for specialized lobbying and political consulting on the local, state and federal level. Browning will continue to manage GovGroup's client portfolio moving forward.

Genevra Richardson has accepted a new opportunity as Vice President, External Affairs at UnitedHealth Group effective immediately. In this role she will manage Arizona, Utah and New Mexico.

"Jeremy and I have worked together for over a decade and I'm excited to pass the baton. We've been involved in many of the high profile efforts down at the Legislature and Jeremy has proven himself to be an excellent and motivated lobbyist on behalf of our clients. I have no doubt that Jeremy will lead GovGroup to great success into 2020 and beyond. I appreciate all of his hard work and his dedication to our clients that he has provided over the years." - Genevra Richardson

"I want to thank all of our clients for continuing their relationship with GovGroup and I look forward to continue building upon our accomplishments and wins in Arizona. I'm excited to take on this new venture to expand GovGroup's local, state and federal practice. Lastly, I want to thank Genevra for mentoring me throughout the years and giving me a shot. We've been a team for over a decade and have done excellent work over the years." - Jeremy Browning

Representative Osborne Urges Arizona's Congressional Delegation to Support USMCA

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Joanne Osborne (R-13) today released the following statement urging Arizona's congressional delegation to support the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which improves upon the North American Free Trade Agreement:

"The proposed USMCA is a thorough document addressing many aspects of trade, including intellectual property, cyber security, trade secrets, consumer protections, currency, macroeconomic policies, and exchange rate matters.

"It includes labor agreements, such as labor law practices and a drive for higher wages, with a prohibition of forced labor.

"The USMCA even encompasses environmental issues, like combating the trafficking of wildlife, timber, and fish. It addresses environmental issues, such as air quality and marine litter, and it adds new protections for marine species and other fishing issues.

"I've just highlighted many of the positive attributes of this collaborative agreement with our strong neighbors of Canada and Mexico. Bolstering trade among our countries will certainly strengthen our economies, create jobs for our countrymen, and protect the intellectual property of our innovators - allowing us to celebrate their achievements, not sacrifice their work.

"The USMCA is broadly supported among the business community because of the economic advantages it guarantees, including free and fair trade. I urge our congressional delegation to vote in favor of the USMCA and thank all who have already voiced their approval. This agreement will not only be a win for America, but it will most definitely be a strong continued driver of success for Arizona."

EAST VALLEY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ALLIANCE TO ANNOUNCE HEALTH INSURANCE POOL

GILBERT, AZ -- The East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance (EVCCA), Arizona's largest chamber organization, will announce the formation of a health insurance pool and celebrate 20 years of advocacy for the East Valley business community at the State Capital.

WHO: EAST VALLEY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ALLIANCE

STATE SENATOR KATE BROPHY MCGEE (R-LD 28)

LIFESTYLES HEALTH PLANS REPRESENTATIVES

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: CREATION OF A HEALTH INSURANCE POOL

20 YEARS OF CHAMBER ADVOCACY

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

3:30 P.M.

WHERE: SENATE MINORITY CAUCUS ROOM

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

1700 W. WASHINGTON ST.

PHOENIX, AZ 85007

State Senator Kate Brophy McGee sponsored and Governor Ducey signed two pieces of legislation in 2018 (SB 1217) and 2019 (SB 1035) that allow business organizations to pool their memberships and negotiate lower health insurance rates.

EVCCA is the largest chamber advocacy group in the State with seven chambers representing more than 5,000 businesses with tens of thousands of employees. Join the East Valley chambers to learn more about the insurance pool, key priorities of this powerful advocacy group.

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Items addressed in the press conference will include:

- The new health insurance pool
- 20-years, national role model for successful partnership/advocacy
- Last session's legislative report card
- The East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance (EVCCA) is launching a health insurance affinity discount plan to help East Valley employers save money on Lifestyle health care premiums and provide a robust wellness plan and quality care to their employees.
- And more

Court of Appeals, Division One to Livestream Arias Hearing

PHOENIX – The Court of Appeals, Division One will hear oral argument in case number 1CA-CR 15- 0302: State v. Jodi Arias, on October 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 2 in the Arizona State Courts Building located at 1501 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Oral arguments provide an opportunity for the parties' counsel to argue particular points of law addressed in the briefs that they have submitted to the Court. The judges on the panel may ask questions of counsel during the argument. No decision on the merits of the case will be rendered during argument. Instead, the Court's decision will be posted at a later date on the Court's website at <https://www.azcourts.gov/coa1/Decisions/Search-Decisions>. At the oral argument, the Court will not be hearing new evidence, no witnesses will testify, and the appellant will not be present. The Court's role is to review the record, procedures, and decisions from the trial court.

The Court of Appeals, Division One began livestreaming oral arguments on September 3, 2019. The oral argument in the Arias case will be available for viewing live at the following

link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXXNISxXF0wMX3vLHX_jrNA. Recorded oral arguments are also available on the Friday following the proceeding, and are listed on the website: <https://www.azcourts.gov/coa1/OralArguments/OralArgumentRecordings>.

Those wishing to view the oral argument at the State Courts Building should be aware that there is limited seating in the courtroom and that security will be on-site. Audio or video recording in the courtroom requires compliance with Arizona Supreme Court Rule 122.

Western Caucus Leads Amicus Brief Supporting Trump Venting and Flaring Rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Chairman Paul A. Gosar released the following statement after Western Caucus spearheaded an Amicus Brief in support of President Trump's 2018 Venting and Flaring Rule:

"For too long President Obama weaponized federal agencies against American energy producers under the guise of environmental stewardship. The 2016 venting and flaring rule was among the most egregious acts of federal overreach. Thankfully, President Trump has revised this rule to provide certainty to energy producers, create jobs, and keep energy costs low for all Americans."

Background:

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) 2016 Waste Production, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation rule – colloquially known as the Venting and Flaring rule or the BLM Methane Rule – represents one of the Obama Administration's most egregious abuses of executive power, exceeding BLM's congressionally authorized authority in order to destroy responsible energy production on federal lands. The 2016 Rule impermissibly regulated air quality under the guise of the Mineral Leasing Act. The rule prohibited venting of natural gas, except under certain specified conditions, such as in an emergency or when flaring is technically infeasible. Methane emissions from oil and natural gas have significantly declined in recent decades without duplicative federal regulations and at a time when oil and gas production in the U.S. has surged. The 2016 Rule would have restrained economic growth, added regulatory burdens that unnecessarily encumber energy production, and prevented job creation. Economic studies found the Obama regulation would have only added about \$4 million per year in royalties to the federal government while costing industry and the economy over a \$1 billion per year.

In the 115th Congress, the House successfully passed H.J. Res. 36 by a recorded vote of 221-191. This legislation introduced by Western Caucus Chairman Emeritus Rob Bishop would have repealed the 2016 rule using the Congressional Review Act.

Signers of the Amicus Brief include: Ralph Abraham, Kelly Armstrong, John Barrasso, Andy Biggs, Rob Bishop, Kevin Brady, Liz Cheney, Mike Conaway, Kevin Cramer, Steve Daines, Jeff Duncan, Mike Enzi, Bill Flores, Greg Gianforte, Louie Gohmert, Lance Gooden, Paul Gosar, Jody Hice, John Hoeven, Bill Johnson, Mike Johnson, Clay Higgins, James Inhofe, Doug LaMalfa, Doug Lamborn, Debbie Lesko, Tom McClintock, Dan Newhouse, Ralph Norman, James Risch, Steve Scalise, Pete Stauber, Chris Stewart, Glenn 'GT' Thompson, Scott Tipton, Bruce Westerman, Don Young.

You can read the Amicus Brief and supporting documents [HERE](#).

H.E.R.O.S. INC. RELOCATES ITS HEADQUARTERS TO GREATER PHOENIX

The region's competitive talent pool and opportunities drive H.E.R.O.S.' decision to leave California

CHANDLER, AZ – H.E.R.O.S. Inc., an industry leader in repairing and overhauling helicopter engines, is relocating its headquarters from Santa Clarita, Calif. to Chandler, Ariz. The company will occupy nearly 19,000-square-feet of industrial space at 10 Chandler, located at 560 N. 54th St. H.E.R.O.S. Inc. plans to create 25 new jobs in the Chandler community and expects to be fully operational by the winter of 2019.

"Over the past year, we've explored several buildings and opportunities. In the end, we found our home in Chandler. The City of Chandler provides excellent business opportunities and has a deep footprint of aviation industries," says Raffi Kajberouni, Vice President at H.E.R.O.S. Inc. "We're excited to be part of that elite group of businesses that are succeeding in Chandler!"

"We are happy to welcome H.E.R.O.S. to the West Chandler employment corridor and our thriving business community," stated Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke. "They will have access to a talented workforce and we wish them many years of success in Chandler."

Kajberouni touted Arizona's talent pipeline, favorable tax rates and low operational costs as reasons that persuaded the company to leave Santa Clarita after more than 30 years in the market. With significant cost savings, moving its headquarters to Chandler allows the company to efficiently scale and enhance operations, while still being accessible and committed to its broad customer base.

"The aerospace industry has been a cornerstone of the Greater Phoenix economy for decades," says Chris Camacho, president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. "While H.E.R.O.S Inc. started in California in 1988, the rest of their success story will be told in Greater Phoenix, and we're excited to support their continued growth."

Since its founding, H.E.R.O.S. Inc. has specialized in the repair, service and testing of helicopter engines, specifically the Rolls Royce Model 250. With its relocation to West Chandler's employment corridor, the company will join other notable local employers in the aerospace and aviation industry like AvAir, TurbineAero and Northrop Grumman.

"H.E.R.O.S Inc.'s selection of Arizona is evidence that our state's value proposition continues to resonate with companies seeking skilled talent, affordable operating costs and an unmatched quality of life for employees," said Sandra Watson, President & CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority. "Arizona is a leader in the aerospace and defense industry, thanks to investments from companies like H.E.R.O.S. Inc. We thank them for their commitment and look forward to welcoming them into our community."

Chad Neppel of Cresa represented H.E.R.O.S. Inc. in the lease term negotiations with the 10 Chandler team, represented by Jackie Orcutt and Evan Koplan with CBRE.

H.E.R.O.S. Inc. plans to hire employees in roles ranging from A&P technicians, engineering to management. Learn more about the company's current openings at <https://go.azcommerce.com/e/629661/2019-09-04/c77kn/141943055?h=EAZCr-PNq4Jfv56iWmbArh6C7AgmmgZdkRPHPEylFww>.

Julie Gunnigle, Candidate for Maricopa County Attorney, Releases Statement Regarding Ethics Complaint Against Bill Montgomery

Phoenix - Julie Gunnigle, candidate for Maricopa County Attorney, released the following statement regarding the ethics complaint against Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery:

"The ethics complaint filed yesterday against Bill Montgomery and Deputy County Attorney Martinez are disturbing. As someone who has spent years fighting public corruption, I understand the magnitude of complaints like these," stated Gunnigle.

"We must demand better from those in charge of our justice system. The County Attorney's office should be a beacon for ethical behavior. For the past 9 years, corruption and disparate treatment have pervaded that very same office. That is why I am running to unseat Bill Montgomery as Maricopa County Attorney," continued Gunnigle. "When I win the seat next November, I will put my years of experience prosecuting political corruption to use -- ensuring that across our county and state, powerful people no longer act solely on their own behalf. It is time we take back the County Attorney's office so we can ethically and adequately serve every single Arizonan."

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"QUOTE OF THE DAY"

"How do you see a company confiscate a reporter's phone and not wanna join a union?"

- *An Arizona Republic reporter, on Gannett sequestering a pro-union reporter's phone*