

Arizona's 2018 gubernatorial election

Details on candidates, campaign spending and more

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Overview of the 2018 Arizona gubernatorial election

Primary election:

August 28, 2018

General election:

November 6, 2018

Arizona does not have a lieutenant governor



Doug Ducey (R)

- Current Arizona governor
- Originally elected in 2014
- Previously served as Arizona Treasurer
- **Running for re-election**
- Currently the only declared Republican candidate

The Cook Political Report:

Likely Republican

rating for Arizona's gubernatorial election

Sources: The Cook Political Report, 2017; Ballotpedia, 2017.

Arizona's Democratic gubernatorial primary race narrows to two candidates after Noah Dyer leaves the party



State Sen. Steve Farley (D)

- Currently: State senator
- Education: Williams College (B.A.)
- Serves as assistant minority leader in the Arizona State Senate
- Strong advocate for public transit and other transportation improvements



David Garcia (D)

- Currently: College professor
- Education: Arizona St. Uni. (B.A.), Uni. of Chicago (M.A., Ph.D)
- Previously ran for Arizona Superintendent
- Enlisted in the US Army at age 17
- Dedicated to improving Arizona public schools



Noah Dyer (I)

- Currently: VP of Marketing for an ad agency
- Education: Arizona St. Uni. (B.A., M.B.A.)
- Originally declared as a Democratic candidate for governor but changed his registration to independent
- Claimed that “senior state level partisans” refused to “support candidates who are not the stereotypical Democrats”
- Celebrates diversity and is committed to open and compassionate immigration law

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; “Fed up with Democrats, Arizona governor candidate Noah Dyer changes to independent,” The Republic (AZ Central), July 26, 2017. Noah Dyer for Governor, 2017; David Garcia for Arizona, 2017; Farley for Arizona, 2017.

Four Libertarian candidates have declared their candidacy



Kevin McCormick (L)

- Born in Ohio, resident of Arizona for 13 years
- Values economic liberty, individual liberty and rule of law



Barry J. Hess (L)

- Repealing the Arizona state income tax is his “number one priority”
- Was the only Libertarian to qualify for the 2014 gubernatorial race and won 3.8% of the vote

Other candidates:

Jeff Funicello

Merissa Hamilton