

## **General Meeting Minutes, SCG Republican Club Oct 16, 2021**

After the invocation by Frank Rizzo and the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Cross, our president Sally Cotten introduced our Congresswoman Debbie Lesko.

Debbie advised that she has an office on Bell and can help with many federal issues, like Medicare, VA, post office, IRS etc. Just call her office and they will help in any way they can.

She said the reason it doesn't look like Republicans are doing anything is when they present a bill it goes to the head of committee, a Democrat who won't bring up the bill. If it should get through committee, Pelosi will never let it get further, so the bills just sit there and die. This is the main reason for us to take back the House and Senate. We only need to regain five seats while holding onto the ones we have in the House, and get a few more in the senate so there is no tie for Harris to break.

Arizona is going through redistricting so we will know by the end of the year if we are in a mainly democrat or republican district.

Other remarks:

- Our southern border is being overrun with illegals coming from everywhere with Biden's agenda. Our wall has to be finished. We are paying contractors not to work on the wall that has been paid for.
- We have a vaccine mandate on US citizens but not on illegals. No covid tests or masking, and they are coming into our country, flown out in the middle of the night, and dropped off in many states - most of them red states.
- The \$3.5- and \$1.2 trillion-dollar bills are a total catastrophe. The largest in the history of our country, filled with tax increases and radical ideas.
- We have a supply chain issue - can't get computer chips, parts, groceries, gasoline. The left has not thought through many of their mandates i.e. electric trucks. An electric truck gets 200 miles per charge while a diesel gets 1500 miles per tank. A driver would have to stop every 200 miles and sit for at least an hour to charge the truck. And he cannot sleep in the truck anymore as the battery takes the place of the sleeping quarters.
- This is a tough job and Debbie does it because she loves our country and wants to make it whole again.

Debbie Lee is the mother of Mark Lee, the first Navy SEAL killed in the Iraq war - August 2, 2006. This gave Debbie the will to start America's Mighty Warriors to help other wounded soldiers and/or their families. Her son consistently risked his life to save his fellow SEALs, standing up to fire when others went down, so he could shield them. He got his buddies out but was killed doing it. The post office in Surprise has recently been named after him.

Shawwna Bolick is running for Secretary of State for AZ. She has been the representative for district 20 for three years. District 20 takes in the Phoenix, Glendale

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and Peoria areas. She wants school choice and justice reform. The democrats tried to throw her off the ballot. She has started advertising on a video and has a website urging all to go to BolickforAZ.com.

Seth Leibsohn was introduced as the radio talk show host of 960AM the Patriot. As Jan Shank our 1st VP put it, he brings laughter, light and clarity to issues with his show. "He is helpful and thoughtful and has agreed to be our moderator for the Senate panel," Jan said.

Seth said he is wary of the times we are in, watching it descend into what it is after being a victorious experiment. (In self-government.):

- We are governed by an "accident in force" with the Biden administration. His Attorney General is going after all of us with the FBI actions. Progressives have taken freedom of speech and turned into violence, calling a peaceful demonstration an "insurrection" and burning down a city "mostly peaceful."
- Conservatives are thus violent by our statements; their violent actions are called "free speech." We can burn down a city, but not go to church.
- We can thank God that Merritt Garland was not confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice.
- Democrats are active. We need to be more active. Make sure you do something to make a difference when you leave here.

Skip Hall, the mayor of Surprise, advised that Surprise is doing well. We have about 150,000 residents now with 3000 single family dwellings and more multi-unit dwellings going up. We need apartments for our kids to stay here and work when they get out of school. Our City Council has 7 members, 6 of whom are Republican and all are Christian.

Building a large complex at 303 and Waddell, an 890,000 square foot retail center. Many activities going on in Surprise such as:

Oct 23 Public Safety

Nov 6 Festival,

Nov 13 City Hall,

Nov 11 Veterans,

Dec 3-4 Surprise Party with tree lighting on Dec 3 at 6pm

AZ Fall League bringing in tourism.

Request everyone to use our local merchants for their Christmas shopping.

Jeff Weninger for State Treasurer. Jeff is a business owner (has a Pizza restaurant) and is Chairman of the Commerce Committee. His small business experience and work at the city and state level qualify him for State Treasurer. He is against looking into your banking as included in the proposed "Build Back Better" plan, to see every transaction of \$600 or more.

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Lastly, he feels Israel is our greatest ally and that we should look out for their survival. He asked us to please sign his petition.

Scott Blake running again for Constable. He wants to remind children of what the flag means. He wants to support and defend the Constitution. He is looking for support from our club members.

Mitch Friedlander running against Scott Blake for Constable. Has 40 years' experience on the state and federal level. He is a Precinct Committeeman and a State Committeeman, and is on the SCG Republican Club Board of Directors, and the AZ GOP. He is very dedicated. Go to [Mitch4constable.com](http://Mitch4constable.com)

Clair Van Steenwyck for state senate: One of the originators of the AZ Tea Party, he is for stopping illegals coming over the border and stopping the teaching of CRT in schools.

Hop Nguyen Treasurer - State representative for LD22 He is familiar with commerce, which he feels will stem the tide.

Seth Leibsohn asked each candidate to tell a bit about themselves:

Jim Lamon - farm boy:

- ✓ Six years paratrooper.
- ✓ In coal and gas industry
- ✓ Built and owns a solar plant.
- ✓ Businessman and veteran.
- ✓ We need someone with grit to fight for what we need. Southern Border in crisis. The Border Patrol and Police Foundation endorsed him. Moral is down as they see evil happening.
- ✓ He won't take PAC dollars as he has enough of his own money.

Blake Masters - wants to send Mark Kelly home. Masters was raised in Tucson. He is a successful technology investor. The country is coming apart and the 2022 and 2024 elections are our last chance to change things.

- We have been failing for decades. What happened between Regan and Trump? They gave away industry to China. Trump is pro American. Blake worked on Trump's team and has similar visions for the USA. He wants to work for the working-class families to help bring industries back to our country.
- The Southern border is owned by the Cartels, and China is shipping drugs through the Southern border, killing many Americans.
- Blake is the right candidate with fresh and new ideas.

General Mick McGuire: "People from all over the state are experiencing fear, anxiety and frustration. We need to channel this energy to keep us from dissolving into

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Socialism." Mick has 34 years in the military. He was an F16 fighter pilot. He wants to build an Army of Hope with two million voters.

The Whitehouse wanted him to bring in troops to the "Jan 6 Insurrection." He asked three questions to see if it was truly an "insurrection." When they were answered "NO" he said he would not provide troops as it was not an "Insurrection." He was the only general that did not take his troops to DC. 42 other generals did what Washington asked, but a month later decided it was not correct.

We need border security. We need to:

- a) Build the wall,
- b) Fight gun control.
- c) Agree that life begins at conception.
- d) Get rid of the swamp, with General Milley as an example.
- e) Save the Republic.
- f) Need donations.

General McGuire doesn't like the upper echelon of the military being politicized: Hamilton and Jefferson hated each other but they worked together to create a larger standing army.

Need to get rid of unions.

Most working generals are 1 and 2 Star, 3 and 4 Stars are appointed by the President.

Blake Masters - He was upset that the Republicans voted to raise the debt ceiling. He would have voted no. A new word for thieving is "Modern Monetary." It means "spend all the money you want." Future generations will be paying. We need to teach young people to learn not to spend so much.

Jim Lamon - Green New Deal is a threat. Need to show them what "Good policy" looks like. Our utilities such as gas, coal and solar are the best in the world and they save and provide jobs. Of the 80% of copper mined in the US, 30% is sent to Indonesia for processing which is causing a trade deficit. Money and energy help to pay down the national debt. DC wants \$6 trillion dollars to spend. He suggested they contract with AZ and others to bring in energy experts from all energy categories to show the way.

Blake Masters - In the 80's there was the threat of Russia so we decided to trade with China, thought it might help to "westernize" them. But it went exactly opposite. Bush was negligent, Obama was criminal. China has a hypersonic bomber which could wipe out most of our country. India and South Africa can be a problem.

Jim Lamon - China is our enemy. They are taking over mortgage institutions. 500,000 green cards are almost all for Chinese. "They are using these to steal our information," he said. We want tariffs on goods, clean air and water and reasonable wages. 100 of our minerals are processed here. Lamon is against the military mandate for masks and vaccines. He said that the buildup of the Chinese Navy is not for show; they will blockade our country.

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Mick McGuire - Our biggest ally is Israel. If there was only \$1.00 for military aid it should go to Israel.

Many in the military are confused by Milley. He said it was a "logistical success" in Afghanistan. The left is taking the country apart by doing what it is doing now. We must close southern border. More than ninety-thousand Americans died from Fentanyl during the year ended September 2020. The Chinese exploit the Fentanyl problem by sending it through cartels on the border.

A military strike from the Chinese will be a catastrophe for this country.

Jim Lamon - Must work to keep free speech, get rid of censorship and the cancellations of jobs in private industries, social media and twitter. No more monopolies, break them up. Any company that goes so far to the left with free speech must be broken up.

Blake Masters - Big tech is an existential threat to our country. They should be punished for stopping information being presented to the public about Hunter Biden's laptop before the election. Google changed several search engines before the election. Rule 230 needs to be applied to the big social media firms. When "big tobacco" was deemed harmful, for example, rule 230 was applied to regulated the tobacco industry. This must be applied to the big social media firms.

Mick McGuire - Protection of all elections. The Democrats want to control all young people; young people don't know how it was before technology. They have a T-shirt out that says "Make Orwell Fiction Again." Parents know what they want for their children more than the government. Preserving the First Amendment is critical.

Jim Lamon - Green Energy is its economic power. We need to bring info to the US citizen. Stand up against swamp. Won't take PAC money – can't be bought.

Blake Masters: Need Term limits. Must save the country for our future generations.

Mick McGuire – "Person who cares least has the most power." Mick is "tired of badminton and wants to play with knives." He wants to return to our group to answer more questions.

Restfully submitted: Gerri Staffieri, Secretary