

Candidates from the United Campus Workers Highlight Higher Education and Labor this Election Season



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ARIZONA - On September 17th, United Campus Workers of Arizona's (UCWAZ) Legislative and Political Action Committee (LPAC) hosted a candidate forum featuring four UCWAZ members running for political office in state and federal governments. Candidates affirmed their commitment to repealing anti-union right-to-work laws, supporting higher wages for employees, and making education more accessible and affordable to Arizonans. Each candidate noted the importance of education for the future of Arizona and called on union members to build political power across the state and nation.

The union members and Arizona candidates included:

- **Kirsten Engel:** Democratic candidate for Arizona's 6th US Congressional District. She is Charles E. Ares Professor of Law at the James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona. As a former member of the Arizona Senate, she has a record of fighting to restore funding for public schools, protect students, and defend state natural resources. Kirsten is endorsed by [CWA Arizona](#). Learn more about Kirsten's campaign at <https://www.engelforarizona.com/>
- **Lauren Kuby:** Democratic Candidate for Arizona Senate, Legislative District 8. Former vice-mayor of Tempe, she is Senior Global Futures Scientist in the Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation. Lauren has a long record as a climate leader and advocate for equitable economic innovation. She is endorsed by [CWA Arizona](#). Learn more about Lauren's campaign at <https://www.kubysenate.com/>
- **Scott Menor:** Green Candidate for Arizona House, Legislative District 14. He is an Assistant Research Scientist in the Center for Mechanisms of Evolution in Biodesign at Arizona State University. You can learn more about Scott's campaign at <https://smenor.com/>
- **Priya Sundareshan:** Democratic Candidate running for re-election Arizona Senate, Legislative District 18. She has a record as faculty at James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona. She has been a leader in the legislature advocating for renewable energy, funding public schools, and protecting reproductive and human rights. Priya is endorsed by [CWA Arizona](#). Learn more about Priya's campaign at <https://priyaforarizona.com/>

As advocates for public education, the members of the United Campus Workers of Arizona are emerging as political leaders and building a political movement in the state. University workers are organized to fight for public investment in higher education and regulations protecting students, staff, and faculty. Join us as we build political power to transform higher education!

UCWAZ-CWA Local 7065 unites Arizona's diverse public higher-education workforce, including part-time and full-time staff, faculty, and students, to address the critical issues we all face. Our mission is to defend the interests and well-being of all university workers and to build social and economic justice in our workplaces. For more information, visit www.ucwarizona.org.

