ADP Chair Felecia Rotellini Highlights Arizona's 2020 Battleground Status on Crooked Media's "The Wilderness" Podcast. A new episode of Crooked Media's "The Wilderness" podcast highlights Arizona's crucial 2020 battleground status, and features excerpts from an interview with Arizona Democratic Party Chair Felecia Rotellini, who highlighted the important role that Arizona will play in 2020 and discussed how Arizona Democrats are proving that they are the party who will be making Washington and our state legislature start working for working families, not just corporate interests and the rich and powerful. Listen to the full episode: The Southwest

Successful State Committee Meeting Lays the Groundwork for Democratic Victory. The Arizona Democratic Party held a successful State Committee Meeting on Saturday in Yuma, their first of three gatherings in 2020. Joined by Congressman Grijalva, Secretary of State Hobbs, and Minority Leader Fernandez - Arizona Democratic Party Chair Rotellini called for party unity. Arizona Democrats elected a plethora of new leadership members:

- Debbie Nez Manuel - DNC Committeewoman
- Luis Heredia - DNC Committeeman
- Mark Robert Gordon - DNC Committeeman
- Patty Contreras - ADP Vice Chair
- Garrick McFadden - ADP Vice Chair

Arizona Democrats passed four new resolutions to the party's platform:

- A Resolution Supporting Addressing within Arizona’s Tribal Lands and Rural Areas
- A Resolution In Support of the “Stop Surprise Billing and Protect Patients Act”
- A Resolution to “Promote 2020 Census Participation”
- A Resolution from the Disability Caucus to ensure “compliance at venues”
Fundraising Lead: Arizona Democratic Party Treasurer, Rick Maguire, gave an encouraging presentation that highlighted the party's strong financial position at the beginning of 2020. He also highlighted the fact that Democratic candidates for President have a combined fundraising lead over Trump and the RNC.

Check out some additional photos from our canvass launch in Yuma and stops in Parker, AZ in La Paz County:
Arizona Democratic Party Statement on 9th Circuit Ruling. “Today marks an important victory for all Arizonans. The Arizona Democratic Party commends the 9th Circuit on its ruling. This takes an undue burden off of working families and people of color, making it easier for them to exercise their right to vote. We are pleased that the latest effort to suppress the voices of voters by Republicans has failed.” – Herschel Fink, Executive Director ADP.

Future of Social Security in Jeopardy 80 years after the Receipt of the First Check. On January 31, 1940, Ida M. Fuller became the first person to receive a monthly benefit check under the new Social Security law. Since then, Social Security has been a vital program that generations of Americans have paid into in order to ensure an enjoyable life after retirement. But now all of that is in danger because of Trump’s broken promise not to cut Social Security. Instead, he rolled out a new proposal that could cut benefits -- and that’s on top of the billions of dollars in cuts to Social Security programs that he’s already proposed.
Appeals Court Finds Arizona Intended To Suppress Nonwhite Votes. on Monday the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals did not tiptoe around the bald facts: Arizona Republicans’ recent crackdown on voting rights was motivated by racism. The court invalidated a law that was plainly designed to stop Native American, Hispanic, and black voters from casting a ballot—not just because it happened to burden minorities more than whites, but because it is flat-out racist.

Arizona Republicans discriminated against minority voters, court rules
A federal court has ruled Arizona Republicans’ ban on mail-in ballots is illegal and unconstitutional, calling it intentionally discriminatory toward people of color, who already face increased barriers to voting. Four years ago, Arizona Republicans made it a felony, punishable by prison time, for third-party groups to collect mail-in ballots during elections – a process often called “ballot harvesting.”

Arizona lawmaker wants to ban transgender students from playing in female sports. Arizona would ban female transgender students from competing in female sports under a bill that already has gained significant support from Republican lawmakers at the Capitol. Rep. Nancy Barto, R-Phoenix, argued her “Save Women's Sports Act” is a matter of fairness for female athletes.

How much has Arizona spent on education since #RedForEd? The numbers you need to know. Ducey’s office calculated the $4.5 billion figure by adding how much more the state spent on education every year starting in 2015, an accumulated total. It includes a 20% raise for classroom teachers over the past few years, the last portion of which is expected to be included in this years' final budget. The state in the most recent budget spent about $2 billion more on education than it spent in the 2015 budget, when adjusted for inflation. However, education leaders maintain that the state is not spending enough on its public district and charter schools. Just hours before Ducey delivered his 2020 address, education leaders announced the return of Invest In Ed, an education income tax initiative they hope to put on the November ballot.