

## Secular AZ News



### House resumes business as (un)usual:

[The State House of Representatives resumed session Monday May 18th](#), while the Senate remains closed following its motion to *sine die* (end session). Several committees resumed hearings, with aims to pass about sixty bills in the coming week, including legislation to shield employers from lawsuits if employers or customers contract COVID-19.

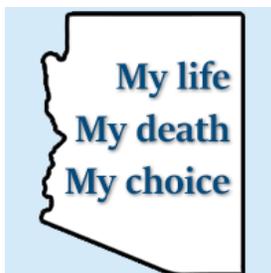
House Majority Leader Warren Petersen, R-Gilbert, said the House will adjourn at the end of the week. So far, no bills of secular interest have appeared on a committee agenda. Secular AZ will continue to monitor the session in case action is needed.

We are still encouraging supporters to sign and share our petition for the legislature to fully *sine die* as soon as possible.

[Sign and share the petition to sine die now](#)

## *Please welcome...*

Secular AZ is excited to announce three new liaised groups have joined the Secular AZ coalition. Please join us in welcoming Arizona End-of-Life Options, the Reason Riders Atheist Motorcycle Club, and the Tucson Atheist Community Outreach Team/TACO. [Visit our website](#) to learn more and for links to each group's website.



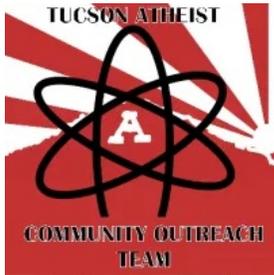
### Arizona End-of-Life Options

Arizona End-of-Life Options is a grassroots volunteer coalition, organized to gain passage of a state law making it possible for terminally ill Arizona residents to legally obtain medications that eliminate undue suffering at the end of life. The proposed legislation is modeled after laws already in effect in eight states and the District of Columbia.

Reason Riders Atheist Motorcycle Club



The Reason Riders were formed through a uniting of those who choose to act with thoughtful and specific purpose. Reason Riders ignore the pressures of religions and politics and act in the purest forms of charity. The love of the motorcycle community and the respect for the traditions therein bring the Riders together in a structure that is time honored.



### Tucson Atheist Community Outreach Team

TACO's mission statement: "To facilitate the atheist/secular community in doing good works, as well as raise funds to help other organizations in their missions. Our activism and actions are informed by secular principles of humanism and social justice. We want to make our corner of the world a better place and we will accomplish that through actions, not platitudes. We provide community and support for the atheist/secular community in southern Arizona, and our medium to long-range goal is to do more direct giving and provide services ourselves."

## Announcements



### Secular Elected Officials Virtual Town Hall

We're co-sponsoring an exciting panel with [Center for Freethought Equality](#) to hear from some of our favorite elected officials in Arizona. This is a bi-partisan panel discussion to celebrate atheists- both Democrats and Republicans - who serve in public office.

Panelists will include:

- House Minority Co-Whip Representative Athena Salman
- Senator Juan Mendez
- Osborn School Board Member Katie Paetz
- Sierra Vista Councilmember Carolyn Umphrey

The event is **May 28 07:00 PM**. Registration is required [here](#).



### The virtual presentations just keep coming!

Members of Secular AZ and members of our [liaised organizations](#) around the state may attend live via Zoom. (Not a member? [Become one today!](#))

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, May 23, 2p: [Andrew Seidel](#), constitutional attorney and Director of Strategic Response for the Freedom From Religion Foundation
- Saturday, June 6, 2p: **ACLU of Arizona**

Click [here](#) for information and recordings of past meetings!



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