



## What's Happening



*AZ's primary election delivered some surprises, with a handful of incumbents losing in the primary. Competitive districts to watch in November are LD 6, 8, 17, 18, 20, and 28. Districts that may surprise us are LD11 and LD21. Read the full analysis for more information.*

Arizonans turned out in record numbers to vote in the primary election held on August 4, 2020, surpassing the sum total number of votes cast in the 2018 Arizona Primary: 1,208,113 were cast then, 1,226,771 are tallied now. The vast majority of all votes were cast safely and securely using vote-by-mail. You can find more information on how to register to vote or request a mail-in ballot on the [Secretary of State website](#).

[Read the full Secular AZ analysis of the primary election here](#)



## Secular AZ to Maricopa Community Colleges: Reject Religious Discrimination

Imagine taking a college exam on which your passing grade depended on disavowing your faith and validating racist fringe beliefs about your culture. This was the scenario recently faced by a political science major at Scottsdale Community College, whose teacher required him to answer on a quiz that:

*"Although gullible westerns are taught that jihad can have two meanings, people in the Arabic world understand that its overwhelmingly obvious meaning is: combat/war"*

And:

*"Terrorism is justified within the context of jihad within Islam."*

The student who raised the alarm is currently suing the professor in question, who remains unapologetic. Secular AZ's legal committee has meanwhile written the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board to address the issue.

[Read our letter to the MCCCDC here](#)

## Virtual Events



### Secular Speaker Series: Lindsay Love, Chandler Unified School District Governing Board Member

Saturday 8/15 2:00 - 3:00

Join us for a conversation with Lindsay Love, a fierce advocate for equity and inclusion for the students in her district. She is on the front lines of the fight to dismantle oppressive systems.

Registration required on Zoom [here](#), or watch live on our [Facebook page](#).



### Awakening to Change: An Action-Focused Series on Anti- Racism

Sundays Aug. 16th, 23rd, and 30th  
2:00 - 4:00

Do you want to "get it right" instead of just "being right"?

Are you willing to get uncomfortable, sit in that discomfort, and turn it into action?

Do you want to learn more about the systemic racism on which our country was built, and how to challenge the structures within which we live and work?

If you answered "YES" to these questions, consider registering for this 3-part course. [Click here for more information](#)



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