

Candidate 3rd Vice Chairman LD 19
John Backer

To whom it may concern:

John Backer is a longtime Southern Arizona resident, U.S. Air Force veteran, business professional, REALTOR®, entrepreneur, and dedicated community leader committed to public service and conservative Republican values.

John currently serves as **Deputy Political Director for Southern Arizona for the Arizona Republican Party (AZGOP)**, a position he will hold through the November 3, 2026 election. In this role, he supports Republican political efforts throughout Southern Arizona, bringing valuable experience and relationships to his candidacy for LD19 leadership.

John served eight years on the Town of Sahuarita Planning and Zoning Commission, including two years as Chairman, and four years on the Pima County Board of Adjustment. In 2024, he was the Republican candidate for Pima County Supervisor in District 2, gaining firsthand experience in grassroots campaigning, voter outreach, fundraising, and building relationships throughout Southern Arizona.

With more than 30 years of experience in technology, business development, and organizational leadership, John brings extensive management, communication, and problem-solving skills. He holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management and a master's degree in Management Information Systems.

John is also the founder of ConnectNeighbors.com, a rapidly growing nationwide community information platform encompassing more than 91,000 neighborhoods, 24,000 cities, and 3,080 counties across all 50 states. The platform now generates approximately **1.5 million page views monthly**, demonstrating his ability to leverage technology, build networks, and connect communities on a national scale.

As a candidate for LD19 3rd Vice Chair, John is committed to strengthening grassroots Republican engagement, supporting Republican candidates, increasing voter registration and participation, and helping build a united, effective, and active legislative district organization.

Sincerely,
John Backer



Candidate 3rd Vice Chairman LD 19
Iris Sapovita

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I first became connected to Pima County as a snowbird from 2003 to 2008. After selling our property in Pennsylvania, we became Arizona registered voters and made Pima County our permanent home.

My involvement in Republican organizations began in earnest in 2019 through the Green Valley Republican Club. I became a Precinct Committeeman in 2021, and I have served as a State Committeewoman since 2022.

I bring extensive leadership experience from both civic and community organizations. I served as president of two religious women's groups—one for two years and the other for three and a half years—during which I also mentored my successor to ensure continuity and strong organizational development.

My background includes 25 years of involvement with the Girl Scouts, both as a youth member and later as a troop leader. I have served on numerous boards over the years, contributing to governance, planning, and organizational improvement.

Professionally, I worked as an accountant and property manager for homeowners' associations and condominium communities, gaining experience in financial oversight, compliance, and community operations.

I wish to serve on the LD19 Executive Committee, because I believe my leadership experience, organizational skills, and longstanding commitment to Republican values will be an asset to our district. I am dedicated, reliable, and eager to contribute meaningfully to the continued growth and strength of LD19.