



“SAVE OUR VA” TOWN HALL

Sat., June 2, 2018

IBEW Local #570 Union Hall Tucson

- o *Fight Back Against Privatization of VA Hospitals*
- o *Fight Back Against Federal Union Busting*
- o *We Will Remember in November! Flip Congress Nov. 6th*

Welcome: Master of Ceremonies (MC) Paul Stapleton Smith, Chair, Pima Area Labor Federation (PALF)

Thank You to Co-sponsors & Purpose of Town Hall: Nathaniel Sigal, Manager, People for Grijalva

- o **Briefing** on status of unions in Am. & outline of union busting efforts at the federal level AFGE & Letter Carriers Union
- o **Briefing** on VA healthcare & the efforts to privatize the VA
- o **Briefing** on Congressional actions on VA & unions
- o **Call To Action:** So what **can** we do? How can you & your family Fight Back?

A Warm Up: Meet your neighbors Paul

Part 1: Union Busting What does it mean for America's workers? Ryan Mims, Legislative & Political Organizer, Dist. 12, Am. Fed. of Government Employees (AFGE)

Part 2: Why We Need to Act NOW to Save Our VA

Special Guest Suzanne Gordon, award winning journalist & author, *The Battle For Veterans' Health Care: VA Challenges, Opportunities & Strategies for Change!*



Suzanne Gordon

Stretch Break

Part 3: The View from Washington -- What Actions/Bills Are in Congress?

Special Guest Rep. Raul Grijalva, CD3&Co-Chair, Congressional Progressive Caucus



Part 4: Q&A Session: Speaker Panel Takes Questions

Part 5: CALL TO ACTION: What can we do? How can you & your family Fight Back??

We thank all the Co-Sponsors of tonight's town hall!

People for Grijalva, Save Our VA Action Team - Veterans for Peace, Ch. 13, Am. Fed. of Government Employees (AFGE), Pima Area Labor Federation (PALF), Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA), Jobs With Justice, Organizing for Action (OFA), Mi Familia Vota, Indivisible of S. AZ (Justice Alliance), Physicians for Social Responsibility, Progressive Democrats of America, Veterans Healthcare Action Campaign (VHCAC) & Stop VA Privatization, Fix, Fund & Fully Staff the VA (natl. effort in 20States & 33 cities)

Organizations Sponsoring

This Town Hall

We thank each organization for all their efforts!!!

Veterans For Peace (VFP) | Email:

tucsonvfp13@gmail.com PH: (520) 358-9182 VFP is an international organization made up of military veterans, military family members, and allies. We accept veteran members from all branches of service. We are dedicated to building a culture of peace, exposing the true costs of war, and healing the wounds of war. There're over 120 chapters nationally and abroad. Non-vets are welcomed as Assoc. Members. Chap. 13 in Tucson meets monthly the 2nd Tues., 7PM 3rd Ward alder's office 1510 E. Grant St. Save Our VA Action Team conducts bannerng 2nd Wed. of each month 4-5 PM at VA Gate at 3601 S. 6th Ave. Please join us!!

Pima Area Labor Federation (PALF) | Web:

**www.azafclcio.org/pimaalf Email: pimaalf@yahoo.com
PH: (520) 347-3336**

We are one of nearly 500 state and local labor councils of the AFL-CIO and are the heart of the labor movement. We mobilize our members and community partners to advocate for social and economic justice and we strive daily to vanquish oppression and make our communities better for all people—regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin.

American Federation of Government Employees | Web:
www.afge.org Email: mimsr@afge.org PH: 202-341-0470

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) is the largest federal employee union representing 700,000 federal and D.C. government workers nationwide and overseas. Workers in virtually all functions of government at every federal agency depend upon AFGE for legal representation, legislative advocacy, technical expertise and informational services.

Arizona Alliance For Retired Americans | Web:

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The Alliance is made up of retirees and senior activists committed to grassroots activism and advancing programs and policies that benefit all older Americans. The mission of the Alliance for Retired Americans is to ensure social and economic justice and full civil rights for all citizens so that they may enjoy lives of dignity, personal and family fulfillment and security.

Organizing For Action | Web: www.ofa.us Email:

mdarling@ofa.us PH: (520) 223-7140

OFA organizers are part of a long line of people who have stepped up to take on the big fights for social justice, basic fairness, equal rights, and expanding opportunity to

everyone. In 2018, Team 18 will focus on (3) goals: electing better representatives, fighting gerrymandering, winning key statewide ballot initiatives through communities of volunteers.

**People for Grijalva | Web: www.standwithraul.com Email:
Nathaniel@standwithraul.com PH: (520) 629-0050**

People for Grijalva is a grassroots, people-powered campaign dedicated to re-electing Rep. Raúl Grijalva and other progressive candidates running for office – from local school board campaigns to statewide races.

Indivisible Southern Arizona Justice Alliance | Web:
<http://www.indivisiblesaz.org/>

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We resist the radical portions of Trump's agenda in Southern Arizona's Congressional Districts 1, 2, and 3 by holding our members of Congress accountable to act as a check/balance. Stop him. Join the Resistance!

Jobs with Justice | Web: www.jwj.org/ Email:

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Jobs With Justice believes that all workers should have collective bargaining rights, employment security and a decent standard of living within an economy that works for everyone. We bring together labor, community, student, and faith voices at the national and local levels to win improvements in people's lives and shape the public discourse on workers' rights and the economy.

Mi Familia Vota | Web: www.mifamiliavota.org Email:

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Since our founding, Mi Familia Vota has integrated local organizing, leadership development, advocacy and building broad community partnerships with our voter engagement work; focusing on local, state and federal elections. Comprehensive immigration reform, education, healthcare, workers' rights, climate change and the environment, and voter rights have been the core issues at the heart of our work, locally and nationally. The result has been a deep connection with the local Latino community and a strong sense of empowerment from the voters we have helped to create and mobilize.

Physicians for Social Responsibility | web:

<https://arizona.psr.org>

PSR mobilizes physicians and health professionals to advocate for climate solutions and a nuclear weapons-free world. PSR's health advocates contribute a health voice to energy, environmental health and nuclear weapons policy at the local, federal and international level.

Progressive Democrats of America | web:

<https://pdamerica.org>

Progressive Democrats of America was founded in 2004 to transform the Democratic Party and our country. We seek to build a party and government controlled by citizens, not corporate elites-with policies that serve the broad public interest, not just private interests.

