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Session Title	Speakers	Title of Presentation	Title	Organization
<b>The Role of Faith Leaders and their Institutions in Transforming Democratic Practice</b>	Ernesto Cortes, Jr.		Co-director	Industrial Areas Foundation
	Rev. Tex Sample		Robert B. And Kathleen Rogers Professor Emeritus of Church and Society / Pastor of Trinity UMC Kansas City	The Saint Paul School of Theology
<b>Arizona History and Context: History, Politics, and Demographics</b>	Grady Gammage, Jr.	<i>What's the Deal with Arizona?</i>	Founding Attorney (G&B) and Senior Research Fellow (MI)	Gammage & Burnham / Kyle Center for Water Policy at Morrison Institute
	Chris Herstam	<i>Political Reality in Arizona</i>	Government Relations Director	Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LL
	Dr. David Wells	<i>Demographics, Politics, and Economy</i>	Faculty member (ASU) and Research Director (GCI)	Arizona State University and Grand Canyon Institute
	Joseph Garcia	<i>Arizona's Voter Crisis</i>	Director of Public Policy	Chicanos por la Causa
<b>How Does Government Work? Money: How the Government Gets it and Spends it.</b>	Stefan Shepherd	<i>How the State Gets its Money and Where it Goes</i>	Deputy Director	Joint Legislative Budget Committee (Ariz. Legislature)
	Tom Rex	<i>Overview Of Government Finance In Arizona</i>	Associate Director	Office of the University Economist and Center for Competitiveness and Prosperity Research, L. William Seidman Research Institute
	Karen McLaughlin	<i>State Budget Challenges</i>	Director of Budget and Research	Children's Action Alliance
	Art Hamilton	<i>Panel—Former Legislators: The Legislature and Budgeting</i>	President	The Art Hamilton Group, LLC
	Leah Landrum Taylor	<i>Panel—Former Legislators: The Legislature and Budgeting</i>	Assistant. Director, Office of Community Engagement	Department of Economic Security
	John McComish	<i>Panel—Former Legislators: The Legislature and Budgeting</i>	Retired Legislature and Businessperson	
	Bob Robson	<i>Panel—Former Legislators: The Legislature and Budgeting</i>	Professor of Practice	School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University
	Sue Gerard	<i>Panel—Former Legislators: The Legislature and Budgeting</i>	Chairman	Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors
<b>Health and Human Services: Arizona Safety Nets, Justice System and Prisons</b>	Jami Snyder	<i>Arizona Health Care Safety Nets</i>	Director	AHCCCS
	Shelli Silver	<i>Arizona's Medicaid Programs</i>	Deputy Director for Health Plan Operations	AHCCCS
	Dana Naimark	<i>Arizona Health Care Safety Nets</i>	President and CEO (through 2019)	Children's Action Alliance
	Siman Qaasim & Zaida Dedolph	<i>Arizona Health Care Safety Nets</i>	President and CEO (from 2019); Director of Health Policy (to 2019)	Children's Action Alliance
	Angie Rodgers	<i>Arizona Food Safety Net: SNAP</i>	President & CEO	Association of Arizona Food Banks
	Jesenia M. Pizarro	<i>Rehabilitation: what works, what is promising</i>	Associate Professor	School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, ASU
	Tim Roemer	<i>1. Combating the Opioid Epidemic 2. A Real Second Chance</i>	Deputy Director for Homeland Security, Governor's Public Safety Policy Advisor	Office of the Governor
	Caroline Isaacs	<i>Prison Reform in Arizona</i>	Program Director	American Friends Service Committee—Arizona
	Paul O'Connell	<i>Community Corrections Overview</i>	Operations Director	Community Corrections Bureau, Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry
	<b>K-12 Education Policy and Funding</b>	Dr. Chuck Essigs	<i>Arizona School Finance Past Present and Future</i>	Director of Governmental Relations
Dr. David Berliner		<i>The Use and Misuse of Assessment</i>	Regents' Professor Emeritus	Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Arizona State University
Christine Busch		<i>School Superintendent Panel</i>	Superintendent	Tempe Elementary School District
Brian Capistran		<i>School Superintendent Panel</i>	Superintendent	Glendale Union High School District
Joe Quintana		<i>School Superintendent Panel</i>	Superintendent	Glendale Elementary School Distri
Dr. Lupita Hightower		<i>School Superintendent Panel</i>	Superintendent	Tolleson Elementary School Distric
Dr. James Lee		<i>School Superintendent Panel</i>	Superintendent	Paradise Valley School District
Scott Thompson		<i>Arizona Public School Funding</i>	Assistant Superintendent for Business Services	Mesa Public Schools
Joshua Buckley		<i>Teachers and Advocates</i>	Teacher	Mesa Public Schools
Elizabeth Leivas		<i>Teachers and Advocates</i>	Teacher	Tempe Elementary School District
Rebecca Gau		<i>Teachers and Advocates</i>	Executive Director	Stand for Children
Tracey Benson		<i>Public Schools and Public Decisions: Children, Politics &amp; Economics</i>	Associate Executive Director	Arizona School Boards Association

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	Dick Foreman	<i>Is it really as simple as 1 2 3... 4 5 6 ?</i>	President & CEO	Arizona Business & Education Coalition
<b><i>Immigration and the Economy</i></b>	Joseph Garcia	<i>Arizona and Immigration</i>	Latino Center Director	Morrison Institute Latino Public Policy Center
	Rev. Sean Carroll, SJ	<i>View from the Border</i>	Director	Kino Border Institute
	Judy Flanagan, Esq	<i>Immigrants and the Justice System</i>	Attorney	
	Stephanie M. Corcoran, Esq	<i>Immigration and Public Safety</i>	Attorney	Lehm Corcoran Law
	Jack Harris	<i>Immigration and Public Safety</i>	Phoenix Police Chief, ret.	
	Jose Patiño	<i>DACA, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals"</i>	Director of Campaigns	Aliento
	Abigail Gayosso	<i>DACA, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals"</i>	Member	Faith Lutheran Church
	Imelda Basurto	<i>DACA, "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals"</i>	Member	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Glendale
<b><i>Visit to the Arizona Legislature</i></b>	Michael Hunter		Chief of Staff to the House Majority Leader	Arizona House
	Michael Haener	<i>Lobbyist Panel</i>	Lobbyist	Willetta Partners, Inc
	Sam Richard	<i>Lobbyist Panel</i>	Lobbyist	Creosote Partners
	Howie Fischer	<i>Journalists</i>	Chief Correspondent	Capitol Media Services
	Jim Small	<i>Journalists</i>	Editor	AZ Mirror
	Jeremy Duda	<i>Journalists</i>	Associate Editor	AZ Mirror
	Luigi Del Puerto	<i>Journalists</i>	Associate Publisher & Editor	Arizona News Service (Arizona Capitol Times)
	Karen Fann		Senate President	Arizona Senate
	Charlene Fernandez		House Minority Leader	Arizona House
	Rep. Jennifer Longdon		Member	Arizona House
	Sen. Heather Carter		Member	Arizona Senate
	Sen. Katie Hobbs		Senate Minority Leader	Arizona Senate