## Join SOSAZ & Indivisible for the

# Cochise Rural Action Summit

**August 26, 2023 | 8:30am - 4:00pm**

**The Rothery Education Center**

**3305 E. Fry Blvd. Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

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**Hello incredible advocates!**

**The future is bright in Arizona because of people like you who are dedicating their efforts to change our state for the better by fighting for fully funded schools for ALL Arizona children, and for so many other issues that will help our state for many generations to come.**

**Co-founding and directing Save Our Schools Arizona has been my life's greatest honor. Part of this is due to the magnitude of the fight – having the opportunity to defend the future of public schools (and therefore our democracy) in our state is no small order, but the power that we the people have to achieve change is forever humbling.**

**The other reason is YOU – the incredible people who volunteer to knock doors, call voters, collect signatures, meet with and contact lawmakers, register voters, use the Request to Speak System, and so much more. I want to thank you for giving so very much of your time and of yourself. I know the sacrifices we've all made, and I know how much more we will all put in over the next year and a half. I see you, and I am so grateful.**

**Change is hard. It doesn't come easy, it doesn't come without a fight, and the amount of fight we have to put in is downright frustrating. "It shouldn't be this hard!" we often say to ourselves. But we are fighting special interests with unlimited dollars, and we are fighting dark forces that aim to dismantle our public schools and erode our democracy. Some day, we'll all look back and realize what we stopped. And history will thank you.**

**So, from the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for your endurance and hope. For keeping up the fight and doing it with joy so that others follow. I hope you will bring what you learn today back to your community, back to your network, and help build a larger army. We've got this, because we've got you.**

**Beth Lewis**
**Director & Co-Founder**
**Save Our Schools Arizona**

**Hi,**

**I'm Tricia Sauer, the Indivisible Senior Managing Organizer for Arizona. I am thrilled that you have decided to attend today!**

**Today you'll hear from a lot of speakers, learn a lot of things but most importantly, you will meet each other. I challenge each of you to say "Hi - what issue brought you here today? Healthcare? Water? Education?" to at least 4 different people as you move from space to space. Make conversation, and exchange phone numbers and ideas.**

**Why? Because today we build our power - your power. Today we learn that even two people can make a big difference in their community and volunteer together to protect the communities they care about.**

**It truly only takes 2 people to start an Indivisible group. To start a voter registration drive. To start a protest. Just two people. Can you find your action buddy today? I think so. I also know that once you start and set that example, you will find your people. And they will find you.**

**We have over 30+ Indivisible groups across the state, who at one time or another, were started by just two people. They knew that progress could be made by being bold, being strategic, and by seizing opportunities. Today we have boldness, strategy, and lots of opportunities. Let me help you start an Indivisible group and see how even 2 people can make a difference in your community.**

**Welcome to the Rural Action Summit!**

**Tricia Sauer**

**PS. Feeling too shy to say "Hi"? Say "Tricia said I should say "Hi!" and laugh together at my hokey request.**

# Speakers:

**Lunch Keynote Speaker:**
**Charlene Fernandez, State Director for AZ, US Department of Agriculture**
Charlene Fernandez was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2014. Her district in Southwestern Arizona contains many farmers and ranchers who contribute to the state's role as the United States' top producer of winter lettuce. Elected House Minority Leader in 2019, Fernandez was integral to the Drought Contingency Plan agreement in 2019, bringing states, tribal nations, farmers, and other stakeholders together to ensure a sustainable water supply for Arizona.

**Opening Speaker:**
**Yolanda Bejarano, Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party**

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**Nicky Indicavitch, Outreach Director for Save Our Schools Arizona**

# Workshops:

**Civics 101**

**This class will cover the basics of our local government from school board all the way up to state legislature. It will show you how you can make a difference for your communities. We'll also cover activism through Indivisible and support for training, funding, and building a local group to support the activism.**

**Presenters: Tricia Sauer, Indivisible and Katie Murphy Darling, Indivisible Leader**

**Save Our Schools Arizona Activism**

**Join Save Our Schools Arizona to learn how to effectively organize in your community. Learn how to stay on message, answer tough questions, register voters, build a network and bring folks to your side. This training is critical to ensuring we change the balance of power in 2024. You'll use this training every single day from now until November 5, 2024 -- from knocking doors and making calls for candidates, recruiting volunteers, using social media to change the conversation, and persuading moderate swing voters, you won't want to miss this one!**

**Presenters: Beth Lewis, Save Our Schools Arizona Executive Director and Abbie Hlavacek, Save Our Schools Arizona Tucson Community Action Team Leader**

**What Does it Mean to Run for Office & Empower Others Through Your Personal Story?**

**Learn about what running for local office in Arizona looks like, the importance of local elected office, and how to tell and use your personal story to empower and encourage others to be more politically involved.**

**Presenters: Claire Knipe, Arizona List Political Director and Jen Brown, RenewUs Education Director**

**Democracy Advocacy 101 (and Beyond)! with All Voting Is Local Action**

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Thank you for being here today!

Save Our Schools Arizona relies on grassroots donations to fuel our critical work.

We could sure use your help today to fund our fight to flip the legislature and elect pro-public education candidates up and down the ballot – from school board, to legislature, to county school superintendents across the state!

2024 is a critical election,
and we are going to give it everything we've got.

- $10 for candidate door hangers
- $20 for candidate postcards
- $30 for candidate flyers
- $50 for candidate mailers
- $100 to help fund our amazing Community Action Team leaders
- $200 for all of the above! (Can you tell our expenses add up fast?!)

Donate to our candidate work at sosarizona.org/donate

NOW is the time to lay the groundwork for candidate support. Early messaging and early candidate name ID matters most.

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