



**Coconino Coalition for
Children & Youth**
Connect. Inspire. Engage. Act.

2020 Candidate Questionnaire

**CCC&Y is a non-partisan organization and will not endorse candidates. We do support educated, engaged and participatory communities. Thank you to all the candidates for your willingness to serve the community, and especially, by answering this questionnaire, helping voters to become informed.*

The responses from the candidates will be uploaded to our website <https://coconinokids.org/candidates-2020/> as received without edits.

Directions: Please provide **your** response for the questions and information below without referring to another candidate. **Questionnaires that mention another candidate will not be posted.**

Candidate Name: Coral Evans

Office: LD6 State House of Representatives

The mission of CCC&Y is: Igniting collective action to cultivate, honor & empower resilient, thriving communities.

The vision of CCC&Y is: We envision a holistic community where all children of Coconino County are increasingly free from trauma experience and all have equitable opportunities that build resiliency.

Please describe how your leadership and sphere of influence will impact this mission and vision; paying special attention to issues involving education, child welfare, environmental equity, and criminal justice reform?

I have a long record of supporting programs that support children and families including protecting funding for before and after school programs, finding funding for expanded pre-K without raising taxes, and programs to support kindergarten readiness. I also was able to put in place Arizona's first climate action and adaptation plan which includes a component to examine and address the different impacts on communities. Under my leadership Flagstaff Police have never purchased military weapons, are required to wear body cameras, and are accountable to outside review. Furthermore, we invested in training on race and power that is ongoing, not merely a 2 hour implicit bias training. I have a track record of getting things done for the community and I will continue to strive to do that.

The Arizona Legislature has had ten years to address the crisis in education funding and has failed to do so. Under the existing leadership we have the lowest rate of school counselors per capita in the country. The state has not acted to protect our water supply from uranium mining, and has been unable to address the private prison system or criminal justice reform.

If you find yourself faced with issues that are new to you or not fully understood by yourself, how do you plan to be influenced and make informed decisions?

I have always worked to develop a nuanced and deep understanding of the issues that come before me. To this end I read any research provided, I request more when needed, and I meet with any and all stakeholders. I will continue to do this.

Lastly, is there anything further you would like to share with us?

My family has lived in Northern Arizona for four generations. My grandfather moved his family to Flagstaff in the 1940s so he could make 3 cents more an hour at the sawmill. My daughter and I still live in the house he built.

I first ran for office to help save a much loved community center. The effort was successful, and for over a decade, I've had the great pleasure of public service.

I've seen people come together to support each other, to support our schools, churches, and institutions, and to create home-grown solutions to local issues. Together, we brought a Veteran's Home to Flagstaff, helped incubate small businesses, funded after school care, and expanded library hours.

I've also seen education funding in Arizona fall to 49th place. I've seen small business owners fight giant obstacles to bring their dreams to fruition. I've seen the Arizona Legislature pass legislation that prevents communities from solving their own problems.

This is why I'm running for the Arizona State House. Our families deserve quality schools. Our small businesses need support to help them thrive and grow. Our cities and towns need the freedom to make their own decisions.