



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: Jim Parks

Office: Arizona House of Representatives District 7

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? Our Children are Our Future. The education of children, and their ability to safely concentrate on their education, is key to Their future.

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? With the computer age at our fingertips, we all have the ability to educate ourselves about any issue that is coming to the fore. Therefore, not bowing to the latest public pressure fad will be the key to making serious informed decisions about any issue facing our children and their education system, and will be a primary objective in my efforts to make, or change, education policy objectives.

Lastly, is there anything further you would like to share with us? As I concentrate on moving from local politics to the state level, I see the future as a bright light opening up into an even brighter future for our children and young people. This is contingent upon them being given the opportunity to be taught objective reasoning and being allowed to develop their own individuality, and their own individual purpose in life. As a legislator, I will be tasked with helping to provide those opportunities through impactful legislation. I intend to make education of our children my highest priority.