



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: Patrice Horstman

Office: Coconino County Board of Supervisors District 1

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?

As an over 45 year resident of Coconino County, I have been involved in numerous boards, commissions and non-profits advocating for women's rights, public education, Native American issues, racial justice, LGBTQ equality, healthy families, economic sustainable development and climate justice. As an attorney in Flagstaff, I have represented public school districts across the State of Arizona including on Navajo and Hopi lands.

Being on the LAUNCH Flagstaff Leadership Committee has provided a greater understanding of how quality education assists our children in becoming economically productive, develops sustainable livelihoods, contributes to our democratic society, and enhances children's wellbeing and self-worth.

As a Coconino County Supervisor, I would continue my advocacy and commitment to public education and work in partnership with local and state elected leaders to ensure that our schools are properly funded and to develop a preschool kindergarten readiness program.

Additionally, access to affordable high-quality healthcare is essential and should be available to all. Coconino County's Health Department Services and programs such as Stronger as One and the Coconino Coalition for Children & Youth provide essential service and contribute to building strong healthy and

resilient families.

I am committed to promoting self-healing communities and being part of a collaborative effort with community members, organizations, and various County departments. It takes the full community to build capacity and generate a new culture to improve health and social outcomes. It also takes leadership and a willingness to work with others to address these issues and cultivate and empower a thriving Coconino County.

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?

The first step in decision-making is to identify and understand the issues or problems. As an attorney, I understand the importance of researching and depending on facts and data. This includes seeking out experts and those informed on the matters and reading the research and listening to the information from these experts. It is also important to get input and listen to those most affected by these issues and decisions. Engaging in a collaborative process, utilizing facts and data guides my decision making. Making informed decisions includes looking at alternatives, reviewing the consequences of the various alternatives, and deciding based on meeting the needs of those most affected and/or addressing the issues or problems presented in a fair and equitable manner.

As an elected official, it is important to avail oneself to the resources available in the community. For example, as a member of the Coconino Coalition for Children & Youth, I have found information, seminars, and referrals through CCCY's extensive website. It is important to remain curious and informed about our community and the issues facing our community. Last year I attended an excellent training by Kevin Campbell on Self-Healing Communities. In his seminar, he offered a new way to look at community services and how sometimes "doing good" ends up doing considerable harm to those we are attempting to help.

Looking at things from a different perspective and going outside one's comfort zone can produce true learning and a deeper understanding of issues. It is important to question one's own assumptions and to engage in a collaborative process with community engagement. Such a process can bring about meaningful and lasting results.

Lastly, is there anything further you would like to share with us? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)