



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: Shea Stanfield

Office: Arizona Corporation Commission

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 moved to Arizona in 1957 with my dad's job transfer with the CDD as epidemic Investigator/Administrator and a mom who was an Educator/Community activist. Early on I learned the importance of good health, education and service to others in building supportive communities. I completed my BA and MEd at ASU and went into a teaching/counseling career. I retired in 2013 after 40 years of service. During my career I worked with special needs students. Many of which had learning challenges because of environment toxins and air quality. I went to work on land preservation issues in Scottsdale, resulting in the McDowell Mountain Recreation Area and Cave Creek resulting in the Spur Cross Conservation Area to make sure there was open natural space for families to enjoy outdoor activities close to home. This work lead to appointments to the Cave Creek Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment. After a few years I was elected to the Cave Creek Town Council. Now is the time for me to help children and their families in a large way. I chose to become a candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission, the 4th branch of government, as set out by Article 15 of the Arizona Constitution. One on the ACC's many

responsibilities is to set renewable energy policy for the State, which will help to clean up our air and water moving us away from fossil fuels.

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? Just as I would tell my students, an educated individual knows how to find the resources to educate themselves on issues that don't know much about. This takes the form of seeking out reliable, factual, and trusted sources on the subject, i.e. research. It also includes contacting specialist in the field that can help explain the negatives and positives of a particular situation. If you are a policy maker, as in the case of the ACC, you need to know and understand the communities that will be impacted by your actions and you must be able to analyze, reflect, and take action based on what is best for the entire community. You never stop learning, and the body of knowledge available today is growing larger as new research and technologies become available.

Lastly, is there anything further you would like to share with us? Yes, I have two grown sons who are helping out on my campaign with their creative talents in technology and working in sustainable textiles for a healthier environment. We all have individual talents, interests and abilities. It is extremely important to get involved in your neighborhood and community, put those talents to work for the good of the whole. Always stay curious, seek out the facts when making important decisions. Remember you have talents/contributions to give. By making positive choices you can create a healthier, kinder, and more generous place where we can all be successful and thrive. We are better together!