

MODERATOR

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo

Associate Vice Chancellor, Center of Excellence in Inclusive Democracy, Maricopa Community Colleges

Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo is the Associate Vice Chancellor for the Center of Excellence in Inclusive Democracy, working to bring together Maricopa Community Colleges' System level work in the areas of civic engagement, DEI, shared governance, and academic freedom. A native of Mesa, Arizona, Deanna graduated with BA in Psychology and a masters in public administration from Arizona State University.

Prior to working in the field of education, Deanna was employed by the city of Mesa as a neighborhood outreach coordinator working with neighborhood groups in central Mesa. She began her career at a downtown Mesa church coordinating youth programs and Hispanic ministry.

Deanna currently serves on the board of directors for A New Leaf, Mesa Association of Hispanic Citizens, and East Valley Partnership. She has provided facilitation and strategic planning assistance to each of these groups in addition to HandsOn Greater Phoenix, the Hispanic Nurses Association, Arizona Business & Education Coalition, Arizona Minority Education Policy Analysis Center, among others.

She is a 2014 graduate of the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy and remains an active member of her community. In her free time, Deanna enjoys spending time with her husband Manny and her home menagerie of three dogs, two tortoises, backyard chickens, and one potbelly pig.

PANELISTS

Mike Noble

Founder & CEO, Noble Predictive Insights

Mike Noble is the Founder & CEO of Noble Predictive Insights (NPI), the leading nonpartisan public opinion polling, market research, and data analytics firm based in the Southwest. Noble is a thought leader in public opinion tracking and analysis, known for being a trailblazer in his field. Mike found a passion for politics while working for an Arizona Congressman before starting NPI. Since then, he has been deemed "a preeminent pollster in the Southwest" by NBC News by regularly conducting public and voter sentiment work throughout Arizona, Nevada, and Utah, as well as a trusted source for public opinion polling nationwide. Noble handles client presentations, public and private speaking engagements, and interviews with notable news outlets and has been published more than 4,000 times. Mike graduated from Arizona State University and is married to Rebecca Noble, with whom he shares 3 sons.

Gina Roberts

Voter Education Director, Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Gina Roberts is the Voter Education Director for the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. She administers a robust public education program that strives to encourage participation in the

political process from voters across the state. With almost two decades of experience, Gina is well versed in election policy and administration, previously serving as the Elections Manager for the Secretary of State. Gina is an adjunct professor with the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School, teaching Voter Outreach and Participation. Gina graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Political Science and has been a certified election officer since 2009. She was honored with the "Breakouts 2018" award and "2022 Women Leaders of Arizona" award from the Arizona Capitol Times, the 2019 "Best in Public Sector Campaigns" award from PRWeek and is a 2019 Fellow, Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy.

Stephen Richer

County Recorder, Maricopa County

Stephen Richer is the elected (Republican) Maricopa County Recorder. He is statutorily responsible for document recordation, voter registration, and early voting in Maricopa County, Arizona, which is home to 4.6 million residents and the second largest voting jurisdiction in the United States. Stephen previously worked as a business person and a transactional attorney. Stephen received his B.A. from Tulane University, his M.A. and J.D. from The University of Chicago, and he is completing his PhD at Arizona State University. Stephen was named "Arizonan of the Year" by *The Arizona Republic* in 2021, "Republican Politician of the Year" by *The Phoenix New Times* in 2021, "Public Lawyer of the Year" by the Maricopa County Bar Association in 2022, and "Leader of the Year, Government, 2023" by *The Arizona Capitol Times*.