

Democrats for Wendy Rogers

A woman named Wendy Rogers knocked at my door yesterday and amazed me – a woman on a bicycle going door-to-door, running for Arizona State Senate, a retired Air Force Colonel/pilot and a psychiatric Social Worker. Her kids go to ASU. She lives in Tempe. She and her husband run a top-notch small business. She loves Arizona and has a vision of what it can become and some plans about how to get there. She's a brilliant powerhouse who will actually get things done when she gets elected. She's a "take no prisoners" type of person who has no problem pointing out the elephant in the middle of the room, making him leave, and locking the door.

Here's the hitch – she's a Republican. I'm a Democrat. But she explained herself so well that I found myself agreeing with her on most every point. I believe you elect a person, not a party and you want to elect a person of the highest quality who knows what needs to be done and knows exactly how to do it. Wendy is that person. She's also the person who came into my home and explained herself and answered all questions admirably for almost 90 minutes. She's the person who knows that, good politics – at it's very heart – is about the relationship between you and the person you choose to represent you. The fact that I'm a Democrat became irrelevant when I talked to Wendy. She made it become irrelevant. How could someone be a better politician?

Until yesterday, I hated politics. Wendy made me realize that, all this time, it's not politics that I hated. I hated (and still hate) what many professional politicians do and what we've come to allow ourselves to be satisfied with. I love American History. I revere the unbelievable work our Founding Fathers did. One thing I learned from history is that our Founding Fathers' vision of our Republic's future was based on their belief that leaders like Wendy Rogers would make themselves available for service on a regular basis. Unfortunately, this hasn't always happened. We should thank our lucky stars that Wendy IS available, able, ready and willing to serve.

So I'm very thankful that Wendy showed up at my door yesterday. And – regardless of party affiliations – I know who I and everyone I know in District 17 will be voting for. I've also offered my services to help make this dream come true.

We could do no better than to elect Wendy Rogers to Arizona's State Senate. I have no doubt.

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