

Democrats for Wendy Rogers

My name is Dan Gibson, and I'm a 33 year old freelance writer. Also, I am a registered Democrat. Being 33, I've voted in dozens of elections, with varying levels of satisfaction with the ensuing results. Maybe I'm still a little too young to be jaded by the political system, but when someone who you spent time campaigning for and really believe in ends up in some tabloid scandal...and then it happens again...and again...it becomes more and more difficult to invest yourself in a person, thinking that they will be an agent for what they promise. Salacious events are one thing, but in a way, when a politician sells you on some grand plan, only for them to get into office and whatever led you to give them your vote disappears. I know a number of people who just stopped voting entirely, and although I can't imagine going that route, I can't say I blame them.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, let me tell you why, even as a lifelong Democrat, I support Wendy Rogers and her campaign for state Senator. Knowing Wendy for seven years now, she's exactly the sort of person we should want holding office. You don't have to agree with Wendy on every issue (believe me, I certainly don't), but you know that she believes what she says and isn't going to vote to curry favor with one lobbying group or another. With an amazing military record and a successful local business, she isn't getting into lawmaking for the meager paycheck, but because she cares about the place where she lives. I have full confidence she will be accessible and available to those she's serving in office, instead of grandstanding at public events or chasing publicity. Tempe and South Scottsdale deserve a senator who will be the voice of these communities in the chaotic world of the legislature, and as our state goes through an incredibly difficult economic time, Wendy Rogers will be a calming voice with experience in practical economics to sort out how to keep our state running, while keeping Arizona the sort of place we want to live. Believe me, as a Democrat, it pains me to support a Republican, but I also want to believe in politics again. Wendy Rogers is the sort of politician whose integrity and experience comes first, and I can always support those qualities.

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