

Arizona Secretary of State's Race

Your Name	Candidate Website	If elected, what issues will be the main focus of your time as Secretary of State?	Agriculture in Arizona is largely made up of small businesses who work tirelessly to produce our state's food and fiber. As Secretary of State, what will you do to ensure a business-friendly regulatory environment in our State?
Mark Finchem	https://VoteFinchem.com	<p>Holding election officials, candidates, supporters & parties accountable for following the law. My administration will revise the Election Procedures Manual [EPM] to reflect current Arizona Revised Statutes, and I plan to simplify it. Changing the culture of the SoS office away from a hill partisan environment to one focused on constituent service. All of the resources needed within the SoS office will be brought to bear on ensuring protections of every individual's suffrage. Updating portals for lobbyists and the people is also a priority, ease of use and quick turn around for lobbyist registration is important as well.</p>	<p>Streamlining the process to make for quick turn around when business registration is required. Much of the system is using date software, which must be updated.</p>
Adrian Fontes	www.electfontes.com	<p>As Secretary of State I plan on accomplishing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fix the broken E-Qual site so that candidates for any office (fed, state, county, municipal, all districts) in Arizona can appear on the ballot and be found and identified by their constituents via the Secretary of State website. - Implement statewide ballot tracking and vote centers. - Provide better support to counties with poorly funded election systems. - Update the campaign finance system for better tracking and accountability. - Improve the library and archive system to better preserve our Arizona heritage and make its history and public data easily accessible to all. - Simplify and update the election procedures manual. - Implement electronic petition signatures for referendums and local elections. - Make multilingual resources for all of the above, so that our bilingual and foreign language-speaking citizens can experience the same level of transparency and accountability in the election process. 	<p>As Secretary of State, I plan to serve Arizona's business community as a bipartisan partner and representative in the statewide office. The Office of the Secretary of State is responsible for securing elections and voting access for all eligible, Arizona voters, including the business community and their partners across all industries, interests, and identities. By strengthening voter trust in the election process and protecting the democratic values that our economic systems rely upon, the Secretary of State can assist businesses by ensuring that voters can voice their support for effective public policy and sound governance.</p> <p>One of the responsibilities of the Office of the Secretary of State is to record business partnerships, trade names, and trademarks, and to issue certificates of registration to Arizona businesses. I will ensure that the Office works for Arizona's large and small businesses and vital industries such as yours. The business services of the Secretary of State's office are vital to keeping our business community and economy thriving, and I will be responsive to your needs, increase efficiencies, and be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. I will bring stability to the office and follow the rule of law, ensuring the Secretary of State's Office is kept out of the national news cycle for the type of nonsense that damages our reputation and hurts our business climate. As Secretary of State, I hope to innovate ways to support and incorporate our mutual goals into a comprehensive plan for providing for Arizonans, from their produce to the ballot.</p>