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Candidate First to File in LD-17

(Tempe, AZ) – Angie Crouse is the first candidate to file signed nomination petition forms and Clean Election contributions for the Arizona House of Representatives in Legislative District 17. She will be the first candidate in LD-17 to be qualified and eligible for Clean Election funding.

Crouse filed 581 signatures, more than double the required 275. She collected and turned in 252 Clean Election \$5 contributions, 120% of the required 210 for a legislative candidate. All paperwork was filed on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

Crouse is a researcher who works with authors who write politically-based books. It is due in large part to that research that she is motivated to run for office.

“Research shows that Arizona ranks near the bottom in the U.S. in education and I want to do something to help change that. To start with, we need to raise teacher salaries. If we want to attract the best and brightest, we need to offer a competitive wage. We also need to give children an early start and I support funding all-day kindergarten and consider it an investment for Arizona’s future.”

Crouse attended Arizona State University in the late 80s and early 90s, and it took her eight years to complete her degree while putting herself through college.

“We must make financial aid, grants, and scholarships readily available to every student who gains admission to a state university.”

Crouse filed as a Democratic candidate on Jan. 17 and worked evenings and weekends to obtain the qualifying number of signatures and Clean Election \$5 contributions.

“I was motivated to complete this stage of the campaign. Now, I can focus on meeting with voters and learning more about their needs and concerns.”

Angie Crouse, 36, lives in Tempe and works as a Political Researcher.

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