

# Lauren Kuby Board Seat Voting Area 5



## Candidate Information

Lauren Kuby, SRP Board of Directors, Division 5, District & Association  
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Lauren Kuby, a former two-term councilmember and vice mayor in Tempe, is a long-time advocate for consumer, environmental, and worker protections. In 2022, Lauren Kuby ran for the Arizona Corporation Commission, what Kuby called "the most important statewide office that no one's ever heard of."

Lauren is a recognized national champion for climate action and cities and local governments as incubators of innovation. She led Tempe's efforts for social, economic, environmental, and racial justice, including climate action, equal pay, earned sick days, affordable housing, animal welfare, urban forestry, transparency, and campaign-finance reform. She spearheaded a dark-money ballot initiative, garnering 91.44% support from Tempe voters. For her efforts exposing the corruptive influence of money in politics, Lauren was featured in the inaugural episode of the MSNBC docuseries, American Swamp.

As manager of community outreach for Arizona State University's (ASU) Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation and as the manager of ASU's Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family, she engaged the ASU community, small businesses, nonprofits, and neighborhoods in sustainable solutions. Though retired from ASU, she remains a Senior Global Futures Scientist there and is an active member of Democracy for Tempe/Tempe 1st advocating for neighborhoods, governmental transparency, sustainability.

Lauren has a master's degree in Public History from ASU and a BA from the University of Chicago. She has lived in Tempe for 36 years with her husband Mike and two daughters. Nora is a doctor of optometry and Olivia is the communications manager for the Phoenix Suns.

Lauren is running to protect over 1.2M SRP ratepayers and advance a clean-energy economy and a just transition away from fossil fuels in Arizona. It makes little sense to import fossil fuels (coal, gas) from other states when we are the sunniest state in the nation and have all the resources we need to lead the US in the renewable-energy transition. Solar is cheaper and expanded investment in solar will build affordability and maintain reliability.

1. Decarbonizing SRPs portfolio: SRP is the largest public power generator in the US and has amongst the lowest amount of solar in its portfolio (only 3.4%). We need to squeeze natural gas out of our economy.
2. In 2015, SRP adopted policies to limit distributed solar energy. She seeks to restore rooftop solar and thereby increase the resilience of our energy system and better distribute the benefits of solar to ratepayers.
3. Democratizing the election and governance processes at SRP: Over 49% of SRP customers cannot vote in the elections and the utility throws up many barriers to voting. In addition, SRP has not been redistricted since the 1930s. SRP needs to modernize and elect new leaders who are invested in balancing climate equity, consumer advocacy, grid reliability, and decarbonization.
4. Electrification: As our grid gets greener, climate action more and more translates into "electrify everything". Working with IRA incentives, we need SRP policies that promote adoption of electric vehicles, electric heating/cooling our homes, electric water heaters instead of gas, electric stovetops, and electrification in industrial processes.

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