

# AZ-06 District Primer

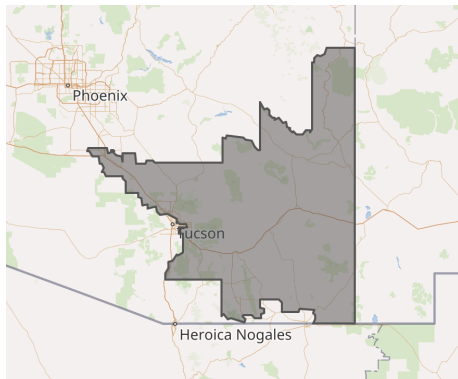
In 2024, Republican Juan Ciscomani won this seat by 10,822 votes. Dems lost this district by just 7 votes per precinct. That's close! If we can persuade just 8 voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we're going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates
<b>Filing Deadline:</b> April 6
<b>Primary:</b> August 4
<b>Midterms:</b> November 3

## Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
<b>Harris:</b> 216,024 (49%) <b>Trump:</b> 219,323 (50%)	<b>Ciscomani (R):</b> 215,596 (50%) <b>Engel (D):</b> 204,774 (47%) <b>Eastwood (G):</b> 10,759 (2.5%)	<b>Ciscomani (R):</b> 177,201 (50.7%) <b>Engel (D):</b> 171,969 (49.2%)

## District Facts & Stats



### Largest Cities

- Tucson (parts): pop. ~500,000
- Casa Adobes: ~70,000
- Catalina Foothills: ~50,000
- Marana: ~50,000

### Geography

The AZ-06 encompasses most of Arizona's southeast corner, including the eastern suburbs of Tucson in Pima County. The district includes Saguaro National Park and Coronado National Forest, and shares a border with Mexico. US Army Base Fort Huachuca employs about 18,000 in Cochise (koh-cheese) County. Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson employs around 14,000.

### Citizenry

The district is 97% urban and 3% rural, 63% white and 24% Hispanic. It includes parts or all of four Native American reservations, and ~1% of the district is Native. Median household income is \$75,244. Nearly 80,000 veterans live in the district.

### The Local Vibe

There were significant anti-ICE protests in Tucson in June 2025. Even GOP Sheriff Mark Daniels (Cochise County) has been critical of ICE. No Kings protests in Cochise County and in Tucson drew a few thousand in 2025.

Cochise County is a major agricultural producer. AZ exports approximately half of its agricultural products, accounting for \$571B in 2023, which would be at risk from retaliatory tariffs.

Trump's support of domestic mining would potentially benefit Greenlee County, home of the largest copper mine in North America. The mine employs 3,000.

Trump's budget cuts are threatening Medicaid benefits for 26,000 people and SNAP benefits for 17,000 in the district, as well as the loss of 4,500 clean energy-related jobs.

There is a 1500-bed ICE detention facility in Eloy, in Pinal County northwest of Tucson.

Sign up for another event: [mobilize.us/swingleft](https://mobilize.us/swingleft)

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## Key Issues

- **Cuts to Medicaid and the VA:** 26,000 people lost Medicaid due to GOP budget cuts; in March 2025, 600 people protested DOGE cuts to veterans
  - **Agriculture and Water:** Trump's trade wars imperil exports, and the district's water resources are stretched
  - **Immigration Enforcement:** There have been large protests, and even GOP sheriffs reject ICE's tactics
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## About the Candidates

### Juan Ciscomani | GOP Incumbent

**Juan Ciscomani** (R) was elected in 2020 and reelected in 2022. He was born in Mexico and raised in Tucson. He has worked as an advisor to former governor Doug Doucey and for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Ciscomani presents as a "common sense" Republican rather than a culture warrior, but he consistently votes with MAGA extremists in Congress while downplaying his extremism to voters. For instance, although he claimed to oppose the Medicaid cuts in the OBBBA, he voted for the bill anyway. He supported the repeal of Roe v. Wade, but after the statewide reinstatement, in 2024, of a draconian total ban dating from 1864, Ciscomani weakly criticized the measure and did nothing to repeal or mitigate it. The issue was a flashpoint in the 2024 election.

He is a member of the Republican Main Street Partnership along with Don Bacon (R-NE) and Susan Collins (R-ME). He serves on the Appropriations and Veterans Affairs committees. He has strong ties to the district's Hispanic business and political communities.

### JoAnna "Jo" Mendoza | Democratic Challenger

*There are several possible candidates; we'll know more after the primary on August 4. Until then, we've identified this front runner:*

Born in Florence, AZ, **JoAnna "Jo" Mendoza** served in the Navy from 1994-97 and in the Marine Corps from 1998-2016. She served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. She now lives in Eloy.

Her career experience includes working as a veterans' outreach coordinator for Pima Community College, a program manager at A Place Called Home, and a veterans' services representative for Congressman Tom O'Halleran (D) of the AZ-01.

She is focused on lowering costs for families in her district while expanding access to healthcare and education. She is additionally concerned about cuts to federal programs on which her constituents rely. As a veteran herself, she understands the importance of strong national security. She supports responsible gun ownership, protection of water and natural resources, tackling climate change, ensuring transparent and responsive government, and defending democracy and equal rights. She has been endorsed by Senators Reuben Gallego (D) and Mark Kelly (D) as well as Rep. Greg Stanton (AZ-04).

**The contrast:** Although Ciscomani has strong local roots and presents himself as a traditional pro-business Republican, his voting record in Congress is as extreme as any MAGA Republican's. Electing a Democrat with an equally strong connection to the district is the key to opposing the untrustworthy Ciscomani and his support of the radical MAGA agenda.