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Carbone says Hobbs' 'all of the above' really means solar first

A top Republican lawmaker is accusing Gov. Katie Hobbs of prioritizing solar farms over housing in her newly released energy plan, a claim she calls “unfounded.”

House Majority Leader Michael Carbone slammed Hobbs' [Arizona Energy Promise Task Force report](#) Wednesday, saying it prioritizes renewable energy development over housing and lower utility bills.

“It’s a solar-heavy political plan that puts green industry insiders ahead of taxpayers, pushes utility-scale solar onto state land that could support badly needed housing, and says nothing about lowering gas prices for Arizona families,” Carbone said in a statement. “When Hobbs says ‘all of the above,’ what she means is more wind and solar.”

Carbone specifically took issue with [the report's](#) recommendations to explore solar and wind farms on state trust land, arguing it targets areas near neighborhoods for renewable projects instead of housing.

Hobbs told reporters Thursday that her office is not looking to deliberately develop solar farms near residential areas, but is trying to utilize state land to contribute the most value to the state land trust.

“We are being very strategic about how we are utilizing state land for its best use where it’s located ... sometimes that’s solar, and sometimes it’s housing,” Hobbs said.



TOP POSTS

“4,398 emails. Rest assured, Arizona, I got your message.”

According to Arizona law, it is illegal for federal agents to operate inside the 75ft voter protection zone at our polling locations. It is my top priority to administer a secure, accessible, and intimidation-free 2026 midterm election.”

— Secretary of State Adrian Fontes, via X.com.

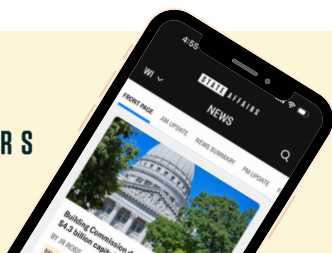
“This will be interesting, as long as they don’t hire TPUSA to chase the ballots.”

— House Communications Director Robbie Sherwood on the Arizona Capitol Times’ Best of the Capitol awards, via X.com.

“It’s a great day to #BearDown at the Arizona Capitol! #FinalFour”

— Rep. Leo Biasiucci, via X.com.

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“The federal government has chosen to pick winners and losers in the energy landscape, and we're not doing that in Arizona. They're saying no to renewables, we're saying yes to renewables, and all the other energy we need to keep power reliable and affordable for Arizonans who need it.”

— Gov. Katie Hobbs, on recent accusations that she unfairly favored solar energy in her Arizona Energy Promise Task Force report

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She also disagreed with Carbone’s reading of the report as “solar-heavy.”

“The federal government has chosen to pick winners and losers in the energy landscape, and we're not doing that in Arizona,” Hobbs said. “They're saying no to renewables, we're saying yes to renewables, and all the other energy we need to keep power reliable and affordable for Arizonans who need it.”

The report does not explicitly prioritize renewable sources over natural gas or coal, but it does recommend increased adoption of “low-carbon, water-use firm” technologies.

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Kalshi can't parlay New Jersey win into Arizona save

A federal judge declined to block Arizona’s criminal case against prediction market platform Kalshi, in a legal battle pitting the company against the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CTFC) and Attorney General Kris Mayes.

In March, Mayes charged Kalshi with illegal gambling and election wagering, alleging the company accepted bets on sports and political races — including the 2026 Arizona gubernatorial primary and general elections and the secretary of state’s race — without a state license.

Before those charges were filed, Kalshi sued in federal court, arguing the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over its operations under the Commodity Exchange Act. The CTFC later filed its own lawsuit against Mayes — also claiming exclusive jurisdiction over prediction markets — and the lawsuits have since been consolidated.

Kalshi sought a preliminary injunction to block the state’s prosecution, but Judge Michael Liburdi ruled under the Anti-Injunction Act that the federal court cannot stop state court proceeding, and Kalshi failed to provide evidence to satisfy an exception to the law.

“The Court finds that the AIA applies and the preliminary injunction Kalshi requests does not fall within any exception to the application of the AIA,” Liburdi wrote. The Court is barred by statute from issuing the injunction, so it must deny Kalshi’s requests for preliminary relief.”

Though Kalshi lost on its preliminary injunction request, the CTFC followed up with its own request to block state court proceedings. Liburdi set a hearing on the motion for April 10.

In state court, the parties are due for an initial appearance on April 13.

Meanwhile, similar disputes are unfolding elsewhere.

In New Jersey, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals recently upheld Kalshi’s preliminary injunction against that state’s enforcement efforts, finding the company “demonstrated a reasonable chance of success on its argument that the Commodity Exchange Act (“the Act”) preempts otherwise applicable state law.”

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On the governor's desk: federal school vouchers and groundwater repeats

With 57 bills awaiting action from Gov. Katie Hobbs, lawmakers are still working through the piles of legislation that cleared committees this session.

Thirteen originated in the Senate, while 44 of them came from the House. Hobbs did not take any legislative action yesterday, and lawmakers in both chambers were on the floor preparing to send her more bills today.

School choice proponents and opponents alike are waiting to see what action the governor will take on Senate Bill 1142 (federal tax credit; authorization; scholarships). If signed, the measure would opt the state into the federal government's new school tuition organization tax credit program.

Similar to an education voucher and the state's current School Tuition Organizations, or STO, program, the federal program allows individuals to receive up to \$1,700 for donating to scholarship granting organizations that help families pay for private school tuition, tutoring and more.

Hobbs declined to comment on pending legislation when asked about the bill by reporters Thursday. The Democratic governor has pushed to scale back Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account program and could face significant blowback from her party if she signed SB1142.

One of three bills introduced by Rep. Lupe Diaz to curb Attorney General Kris Mayes' use of public nuisance litigation is also on the governor's desk after initially failing to pass muster in the House. House Bill 2169 (attorney general; nuisance action; defamation) would hold the attorney general liable for defamation if she loses a public nuisance lawsuit.

Among the other legislation awaiting Hobbs' attention are three groundwater bills from Rep. Gail Griffin that were vetoed in previous sessions. Those bills are likely to meet the governor's veto pen again, given Hobbs' penchant for rejecting Griffin's groundwater legislation.

The governor typically takes action on legislation in the afternoon.

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WAKE UP CALL

Nominations CLOSED, Best of the Capitol LOADING...

Arizona Capitol Times

As we mark 120 years of the Arizona Capitol Times covering the leaders, decisions and debates that define this state, there's no better moment to spotlight the voices making an impact than by joining us on June 3.

Petersen calls for federal intervention against Mayes and Fontes' voter roll challenge

Yellow Sheet Report

Senate President Warren Petersen has once again asked the federal government to take action against state officials after accusing them of defying an order from the Trump administration.

On the governor's desk: state mining museum and school district superintendent contracts

Yellow Sheet Report

Gov. Katie Hobbs signed 12 bills and vetoed six more on Tuesday, while lawmakers sent 35 new measures to her desk.

LUCHA activists sue House and Senate leaders over trespass ban

Yellow Sheet Report

Facing a ban from the state House and Senate, Living United for Change in Arizona, or LUCHA, and eight of its ejected organizers sued the Senate president and House speaker, alleging violations of the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

Hobbs vetoes bill linking contraception education to adoption

Arizona Capitol Times

Arizona won't require schools and colleges that discuss contraception and sexually transmitted diseases to also talk about adoption.

Arizona bill aims to limit wolf restoration efforts

Arizona Capitol Times

A Benson Republican lawmaker says Arizona lawmakers need to be aware of the lessons of a fairy tale when they consider whether to preserve the Mexican gray wolf.

'Green' candidates win SRP board majority, presidency and vice presidency go to TPUSA-backed candidates

12 News

The Salt River Project election on April 7 saw thousands of voters cast their ballots. 12News is breaking down who won and what that means for Arizonans.

Phoenix City Councilwoman slams officer's conduct at student-led ICE protest

Fox 10

A Phoenix city councilmember is sounding off with some harsh criticism of a police sergeant who is under internal investigation for his alleged role in an incident during a student anti-ICE walkout in Chandler.

Arizona's Sen. Gallego says 'dumb' U.S. war with Iran needs quick end

KJZZ

As a fragile ceasefire deal takes effect in Iran, Sen. Ruben Gallego, a Democrat from Arizona, said the U.S. should bring an end to the war as quickly as possible.



Public Health Confirms Local Measles Case, Public Exposures Identified

Residents encouraged to confirm they are up-to-date on measles vaccines and learn to recognize symptoms

PHOENIX (April 9, 2026)—Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) has confirmed a measles case in a Maricopa County resident. This case is not linked to previous measles cases in the county and has no known source of exposure, highlighting the risk of local transmission and the importance of vaccination and early symptom recognition.

MCDPH is working closely with state and local partners to promptly notify people who may have been exposed, so they can watch for symptoms and take steps to prevent further spread.

“We’ve prevented measles outbreaks for years by staying up to date on vaccinations,” said Dr. Maria Merrick, assistant medical director for MCDPH. “If you’ve been meaning to get the measles vaccine, this is your reminder. Measles spreads easily, and vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others.”

Measles is a highly infectious virus that can linger in the air for up to two hours, and approximately 90% of unvaccinated individuals who are exposed to measles will become infected.

Public Exposure Sites

In addition to contact tracing and notifying exposed individuals directly whenever possible, MCDPH issues public notifications when exposed individuals cannot be identified. These public notifications inform people who may have been in a public setting at the same time as an infectious person of their potential exposure and how to take protective steps. MCDPH will provide public notification via the media and update its online list of public exposure sites if additional public exposures are identified.

People who were at the following locations at the listed dates and times may have been exposed and should watch for symptoms. The measles virus can survive in the air for up to two hours, and the following exposure times include that extended period.

Costco

20260 S. Ellsworth Rd, Queen Creek, 85142

April 3, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Watch for symptoms through April 25, 2026

Walmart

21055 E. Rittenhouse Rd. Queen Creek, AZ, 85142

April 4, 2026

8:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Watch for symptoms through April 26, 2026

Generation Church Queen Creek at Faith Mather Sossaman Elementary

22801 Via Del Jardin Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Jr. High Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt

April 5, 2026

8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Watch for symptoms through April 27, 2026

People who were at these locations during the listed dates and times should:

1. Check your vaccination status. Review your immunization records to confirm you are protected against measles. People who have not had measles or received the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine may not be protected and should talk with a healthcare provider about vaccination.



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2. Watch for symptoms, which typically appear seven to 12 days after exposure but may take up to 21 days. Symptoms include:
 - High fever (> 101°F)
 - Red, watery eyes
 - Cough
 - Runny nose
 - A rash that is red, raised, and blotchy. The rash begins after other symptoms, usually on the face at the hairline, and moves down the body. View [photos of measles](#).
 - In some situations, certain people exposed to measles may be eligible for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to reduce their risk of becoming ill. This includes some children under 12 months, pregnant women, and individuals with compromised immune systems. Individuals should contact their healthcare provider for guidance.
3. If symptoms develop, stay at home, and call a healthcare provider to seek medical care and testing. Call ahead and let them know about your symptoms and possible measles exposure so you can be seen without exposing others.

Measles cannot be treated, but it can be prevented

Measles is preventable with two doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, typically given during childhood. Adults need at least one dose of MMR vaccine given after the age of one. Individuals born before 1957 or who had measles as a child are considered immune. In alignment with [CDC guidance](#) in the setting of a local measles outbreak in Maricopa County, MCDPH recommends infants aged 6-11 months to get early MMR vaccination in addition to the 2 scheduled doses at 1 year and 4-6 years.

There is no treatment for measles, and it can have long-term health impacts. Serious, long-term complications from measles infections include subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE), a brain infection which may not appear until years after a person's initial measles infection.

MCDPH is encouraging healthcare providers to be alert for unvaccinated patients with fever and rash, especially if they have a known exposure. Healthcare providers are [required to report](#) suspect cases of measles within 24 hours to their local health department.

For more information on measles, visit Maricopa.gov/measles.

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Applications Open for a Vacancy on the Mohave County Superior Court

Phoenix, AZ - The Governor's Office is accepting applications for an upcoming judicial vacancy on the Superior Court in Mohave County given the retirement of the Honorable Lee F. Jantzen.

The Governor's Office will review applications and interview selected applicants for the position, and Governor Hobbs, pursuant to Article VI, Section 12 of the Arizona Constitution, will appoint a new judge to serve through the election and qualification of a successor at the November 3, 2026 General Election.

Applicants must be at least 30 years of age and less than 65 years of age, of good moral character, admitted to the practice of law in Arizona for the past five years, a resident of Arizona for the past five years, and a resident of Mohave County for the past year pursuant to Article VI, Sections 22 and 37 of the Arizona Constitution.

Candidates may apply by submitting a complete application via email to azgovlegal@az.gov by 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026. The application can be found at <https://bc.azgovernor.gov>.

Initial interviews with Governor's Office staff will be open to the public. More information on the time and location of interviews will be posted on <https://bc.azgovernor.gov>.

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