

Jill Norgaard

Arizona State House District 18



Official Biography

State Representative Jill Norgaard was first elected in 2014 to represent Legislative District 18 in the Arizona House of Representatives, with her district covering areas of Chandler, Phoenix, Guadalupe, Mesa, and Tempe. Her passion for public service is rooted in constitutional principles of free markets, personal responsibility, and limited government.

She has sponsored numerous bills which have garnered widespread bipartisan support, and she has offered commonsense solutions for protecting business from state regulatory overreach, reducing financial red tape for education at the K-12 level, and reforming taxes.

Currently a small business owner and having previously worked in the aerospace and defense industry for over 25 years, Norgaard brings many years of management, business, and engineering experience to the Legislature. Her small business experience and her time serving as a Vice President of a major company in the aerospace and defense sector equips her with the experience needed to tackle some of the most complex changes to the state of Arizona.

She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Management from the University of North Dakota and subsequently received her Master's in Business Administration.

Representative Norgaard serves as Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Vice-Chair of the Commerce Committee, and a member of both the Education Committee and Appropriations Committee.

[Legislative Bio, [Accessed 9/20/17](#)]

ALEC membership/ties

- ALEC "scholarship" gift over \$500 in [2014](#)
- Signed Confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh ALEC Letter [2018](#)

- Attended ALEC's annual conference in Denver, 2017

Hits

Representative Jill Norgaard signed a letter delivered to the Senate Judiciary Committee insisting, “Judge Brett Kavanaugh is the single most qualified person in the country to serve on the Supreme Court.” This letter was crafted in partnership with the American Legislative Exchange Council. During his nomination hearing, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump’s second nominee to the Supreme Court, lied under oath and made plain his political partisanship. Kavanaugh repeatedly contradicted himself and obfuscated direct questioning from Democratic senators during his hearings with the Judiciary Committee. Kavanaugh claimed that allegations of sexual assault lobbed against him amounted to little more than a “political hit made on behalf of the Clintons.” With blustering indignation, he levied a threat against Democratic senators during his testimony, warning, “What goes around, comes around.” But even before revelations of sexual misconduct surfaced around Kavanaugh, civil rights activists stood in staunch opposition to him. The testimonies of Judge Kavanaugh and his accuser Dr. Christine Blasey Ford have exposed a cultural failure to understand and empathize with the experiences of sexual assault survivors, while Kavanaugh’s entire judicial record displays apathy to the liberty and security of women, the LGBTQ community, the disabled community, and people of color generally [Daily Intelligencer, [10.3.2018](#); The Washington Post, [10.2.2018](#)].

At the request of Netjects Inc., Norgaard sponsored a bill to exempt private jets from state sales tax. Each plane it applied to would cost the state’s general fund between \$470,000 and \$2.2 million. Though Governor Ducey vetoed this particular bill, Rep. Norgaard later slipped the same language into a larger tax bill that the governor did sign (The Copper Era, [5/12/17](#); The Daily Courier, [5/12/17](#))