



**STATEMENT FROM PHOENIX PRIDE – NOVEMBER 7, 2020**

**PHOENIX PRIDE STATEMENT REGARDING OUTCOME OF 2020 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

**PHOENIX — Phoenix Pride issued the following statement today in response to the 2020 U.S. Presidential General Election results:**

**"As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, Phoenix Pride does not endorse or oppose candidates for political office.**

**"However, we do advocate in favor of policies that protect the LGBTQ community and oppose those that would do harm to our community and our allies.**

**"The current administration in Washington has enacted, advocated for and stoked the flames of policies and ideas that are tremendously harmful and hateful to LGBTQ Americans, and particularly to the transgender community. Phoenix Pride has previously denounced the Trump Administration's actions and rhetoric designed to marginalize LGBTQ Americans, and we will continue to oppose any policies that seek to do so.**

**"President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris have made clear their support for marriage equality – a first for an incoming U.S. President – as well as their intent to roll back the harmful LGBTQ-phobic actions of the current administration.**

**We look forward with optimism and confidence to a national return to the march toward equality and equity for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnicity, faith, ability, status or place of origin.**

**"Phoenix Pride will continue to call for and support policies that aim to extend and protect the rights of all Americans, and we are relieved at the prospect of a return to those shared values in the White House."**

**ABOUT PHOENIX PRIDE**

**Phoenix Pride is the producer of the two largest annual public LGBTQ community events in Arizona: the Phoenix Pride Festival and Parade held each spring in April, and the Rainbows Festival, held every fall in October. Founded in 1981, the organization engages year-round in its mission to unite, educate and engage people to support and empower the LGBTQ community and its allies. Additional information regarding Phoenix Pride is available online at the agency's website, <http://www.PhoenixPride.org>.**

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