

DAVID W. RICHARDSON

for STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Living the American Dream. Keeping it within reach.

ABOUT DAVID — — —

Born and raised in Phoenix, David grew up in a rented guest house on food assistance. He couldn't read until his mother taught him at the kitchen table and moved him to a school that fit him, a decision he credits for everything that followed. He earned a full-ride scholarship to ASU, worked full time through college, and graduated debt-free as the first in his family with a degree. After engineering roles in medical devices and at ASU, he launched his first company in 2016 to build tools for personalized cancer treatment. During the pandemic, he pivoted his team to rapid-response diagnostic testing for local health organizations, businesses, and assisted living facilities. Today he runs healthcare ventures, partners with local researchers on new treatments for cancer and untreatable infections, and mentors Arizona entrepreneurs.

PRIORITIES — — —

A school that fits every kid

Parents deserve real options, and every child should leave school able to read, reason, and compete.

Room to build

A competitive tax and regulatory climate so Arizonans can start businesses, hire neighbors, and take risks.

Water we can count on

An engineer's approach: measure it honestly, plan decades ahead, and protect it for the next generation.

Accountable spending

Balanced budgets, a strong rainy-day fund, and audits for efficiency, so we don't pass debt to our kids.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE — — —

- **Founder of three Arizona bioscience and healthcare companies.** Built, scaled, and sold businesses.
- **Cancer diagnostics innovator.** Developed tools for personalized cancer treatment, backed by multiple federal and local research grants.
- **Pandemic response.** Led rapid-response diagnostic testing during the pandemic.
- **Researcher at Arizona State University,** developing new methods for analyzing tumors.
- **Patents** in medical devices, life-science tools, and AI, plus co-authored research in oncology and infectious disease.

RECOGNITION & SERVICE — — —

- **Global Innovation Fellow.** Selected by the U.S. State Department to represent American entrepreneurs abroad.
- **Engineering Advisory Board Member,** Grand Canyon University.
- **Mentor to Arizona entrepreneurs.** Guides founders of small businesses, LLCs, and nonprofits.
- **Youth leadership.** Former youth pastor for high school students.
- **Humanitarian work since 2002.** Projects leveraging entrepreneurial capitalism to lift people out of poverty through sustainable education, housing, and farming in Central America, South America, Central Africa, and India.

"The real win isn't beating your opponent. It's turning them into someone you respect."

A Brazilian jiu-jitsu black belt with 19 years of martial arts training, David brings that mindset to the Capitol: work with anyone, from either party, to get results for LD12.

REPUBLICAN • AZ HOUSE • LD12

THE RACE

OFFICE

Arizona State House of Representatives,
Legislative District 12

COMMUNITIES

Tempe • Chandler • Ahwatukee

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

AT A GLANCE

HOMETOWN

Phoenix native; Chandler resident since 2012

EDUCATION

Arizona State University
B.S.E. Mechanical Engineering
P.S.M. Nanoscience
Full-ride scholarship
First-generation college graduate

PROFESSION

Engineer and healthcare entrepreneur

FAMILY

Proud husband and father of three

FAITH

Active member of his Chandler church since 2012

ENDORSED BY

- Tempe Chamber of Commerce
- National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
- No Labels Party

MEDIA CONTACT

team@votedavidrichardson.com