



**Overview: *Reclaiming Our Dignity***  
**Recall Pearce Ten Year Anniversary Celebration**

Ten years ago, this November in Arizona, the first senate president in the history of the United States was recalled and removed from office. Russell Pearce, the author of SB 1070, had spent over a decade in office attacking immigrants, workers, minorities, unions and women. The highly controversial recall campaign was launched by Citizens for a Better Arizona at a time when few thought it had a chance. In a matter of 18 months, Arizona went from *ground zero* in the fight against anti-immigrant hostility to *zero tolerance* for any and all anti-immigrant legislation. Since November 2011, there has not been one anti-immigrant bill in Arizona passed and signed into law.

On November 16, 2021, a special celebration will be held in Mesa, Arizona, to commemorate the Pearce Recall and to highlight how one of the most diverse coalitions of citizens—made up of Democrats, Republicans, independents, Mormons, Catholics, unions, seniors, youth, Latinos, Dreamers and many other individuals—who worked together to permanently dismantle Arizona’s anti-immigrant machine. The event will take place at the Wright House and begin at 6:00PM.

As the co-founder and President of Citizens for a Better Arizona, and now as President of the Organizing Institute for Democracy (OID), I remain committed to developing grassroots organizing strategies to challenge Arizona’s recent attacks on our democracy. These efforts not only limit, restrict and suppress our right to vote, but they also criminalize the very act of civic engagement. The OID, a 501 C 3 nonprofit organization, will host the event and coordinate all sponsorship opportunities.

Please review the attached sponsorship form and contact me if you or your organization is interested in serving as a sponsor for this historic gathering. I can be reached at 602-284-9745 or at [randy@oidemocracy.org](mailto:randy@oidemocracy.org). Thank you for considering our invitation to be a sponsor for this event.

In Pursuit of Justice,

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President