

Sylvia Allen

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Sylvia Tenney Allen (born April 2, 1947) is an American politician from Arizona. She is a Republican member of the Arizona State Senate where she is President pro tempore.^[1] Allen is also a proponent of the chemtrail conspiracy theory.^[2]

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Career

She served as a Navajo County Supervisor. A Republican party activist, in 2008 she was appointed to the Arizona State Senate following the death of Senator Jake Flake.^[3] A resident of Snowflake, Arizona, she first represented the 5th legislative district.^[4]

Following her appointment, she was elected in her own right in 2008.^[1] In the 2009–10 legislature, she was a member of four standing committees: Appropriations; Education Accountability and Reform; Natural Resources, Infrastructure and Public Debt; and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Welfare. She served as chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Welfare for the Arizona Senate.^[5]

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Member of the Arizona Senate
from the 6th district

Incumbent

Assumed office
January 5, 2015

Preceded by Alice Crandell

Member of the Arizona Senate
from the 5th district

In office
June 2008 – January 2012

Preceded by Jake Flake

Succeeded by Chester Crandell (renumbered district 6)

Personal details

Born	April 2, 1947 Phoenix, Arizona
Political party	Republican
Spouse(s)	Richard Allen
Children	5
Residence	Snowflake, Arizona
Profession	Small business owner, real estate agent

Senator Allen was a sponsor of a 2012 bill, SB 1127, that introduced shared parenting to Arizona.^{[6][7]}

After redistricting, Allen was elected to the Arizona State Senate District 6 seat in 2014, taking office on January 5, 2015. Her current term ends January 1, 2017. In the 2015 legislative session Allen served on the Appropriations, Education, Government (Vice-Chair), Rural Affairs and Environment (Chair), Rules, Water and Energy (Vice-Chair) committees. She was selected by her caucus as President Pro tem.^{[1][8]}

Religion	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church)
Website	Senate Website (http://azleg.gov/MembersPage.asp?Member_ID=6&Legislature=52&Session_ID=114)

Controversies

During her tenure as a county supervisor, Allen attempted to interfere with an internal investigation into the conduct of her son-in-law, a detention officer, with female inmates in the Navajo County jail, where he worked. K.C. Clark, the Navajo County Sheriff, threatened to arrest her if she continued to interfere.^[9] In March 2015, Allen filed a senate bill that would provide detention officers, like her son-in-law, with greater protections from disciplinary investigations.^[9]

Speaking at a June 2009 Rural Development and Retirement Committee hearing regarding a uranium mine, Allen said the world was "6,000 years old."^[10]

During a March 2015 Senate committee hearing on a bill that would relax concealed carry restrictions pertaining to public buildings, Allen, a member of the LDS Church, suggested that attending Sunday church services should be compulsory for Americans.^{[11][12]} Arizona state senate Democrat Steve Farley argued that even if church attendance might prove beneficial for society at large, Allen's proposal was a clear violation of separation of church and state laws,^[13] including the First Amendment to the US Constitution.^[14]

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External links

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- Sylvia Allen for State Senator (<http://www.allenforazsenate.com/>) *official campaign website*

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