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## Speaker-elect J.D. Mesnard Rounds Out House Majority Staff

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – House Speaker-elect J.D. Mesnard today rounded out the majority staff of the Arizona House of Representatives by announcing the following new staff members:

Kelsey Jahntz will serve as Education Policy Advisor. Jahntz comes to the House from the Arizona Commerce Authority's Office of Economic Opportunity, where she was manager of the Workforce Arizona Council. She has also served as communications specialist for Grand Canyon University's Strategic Educational Alliances Department and a coordinator in the Governor's Office of Education Innovation. She is a former House intern.

Ric Blazquez will serve as Communications Advisor. Blazquez previously worked for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix as executive director of development at the All Saints Newman Center and was a fellow and researcher at the Goldwater Institute.

**“I’m extremely excited about the team that we’ve put together and very optimistic about what the House of Representatives can accomplish with their help,”** said Mesnard.

In addition to these new policy staff positions, Mesnard announced that Bob Robles will serve as Acting Sergeant at Arms. Robles has been part of House security for nearly nine years and has served as security supervisor since 2014. He previously spent 18 years as a Phoenix firefighter and two years in the United States Air Force.

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