

Adoption Promotion Task Force

PURPOSE: To advise the Department of Health Services on preparing the website information required by Section 36-2153.01, Arizona Revised Statute and to develop a public education initiative to promote adoption.

MEMBERSHIP:

House Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Shawna Bolick, Beverly Pingerelli

Senate Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Nancy Barto, Sine Kerr

Other One licensed clinical social worker who has experience in assisting birth mothers in navigating the adoption process, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Ms. Taylor Archer

One resident of this State who is employed by a public or private nonprofit adoption agency, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Mr. Marc Burmich, President & CEO, Choices

One Executive Director of a nonprofit organization that promotes adoption as an alternative to abortion or the Executive Director's designee, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Mr. Brent DeSaye

One attorney who is licensed in this State and who specializes either in advocating for women at risk of being coerced into abortion or in navigating the adoption process, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Mr. Brent Ellsworth

One resident of this State who provides preabortion or postabortion counseling in association with a nonprofit organization that does not counsel for or provide abortion, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Ms. Lisa Henry, Director, Pregnancy Care Center

One attorney who is licensed in this State and who specializes either in advocating for women at risk of being coerced into abortion or in navigating the adoption process, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Mr. John Jakubczyk

One licensed clinical social worker who has experience in assisting birth mothers in navigating the adoption process, appointed by the President of the Senate:

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Ms. Josette Kehl, LCSW, Adoption Specialist

One resident of this State who provides preabortion or postabortion counseling in association with a nonprofit organization that does not counsel for or provide abortion, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Ms. Michelle Lunka, Christian Family Care

One Executive Director of a nonprofit organization that promotes adoption as an alternative to abortion or the Executive Director's designee, appointed by the President of the Senate:

Ms. Laura Magruder, CEO, Maggie's Place

One resident of this State who is employed by a public or private nonprofit adoption agency, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Ms. Alicia O'Loughlin

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