

September 30, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
521 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

We, the undersigned mayors in Southern Arizona, write to you with urgency to respectfully request that Congresswoman-elect Grijalva is sworn in immediately without delay.

The voters of Arizona's Seventh Congressional District have spoken clearly, electing Adelita Grijalva as their next Representative in the United States Congress. She leads her closest opponent by 39.5 percentage points – or more than 40,000 votes – leaving no question about the outcome of this election. The Arizona Secretary of State has already transmitted the necessary paperwork to proceed with her swearing-in.

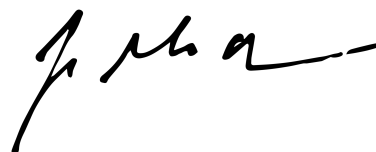
Every day that Congresswoman-elect Grijalva's swearing-in is postponed is a day that 800,000 Arizonans are denied their full voice in the People's House. Our communities face urgent challenges – in healthcare, education, water and infrastructure, and housing affordability – that require federal attention. Leaving Southern Arizona without representation during these critical discussions, especially as Congress is in the midst of budget negotiations, is unacceptable.

Earlier this year, Republican Representatives Jimmy Patronis (FL-01) and Randy Fine (FL-06) were sworn in less than 24 hours after their special elections and during pro forma sessions of Congress to fill vacant seats in the House of Representatives. We respectfully request that you move with the same speed in swearing in Congresswoman-elect Grijalva to ensure that Southern Arizona has a seat at the table during this critical time.

Sincerely,

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Regina Romero, Mayor
City of Tucson, AZ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerardo Anaya', with a stylized, flowing script.

Gerardo Anaya, Mayor
City of Somerton, AZ



Ken Budge, Mayor
City of Bisbee



Jose Grijalva, Mayor
City of Douglas



Jorge Maldonado, Mayor
City of Nogales



Nieves Riedel, Mayor
City of San Luis



Juan Rodriguez, Mayor
City of Tolleson



Roxanna Valenzuela, Mayor
City of South Tucson