

Arizona

Congressional District 5



Your Democratic Candidate Guide

Meet your Candidates

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ELIZABETH LEE
FOR CONGRESS

Elizabeth Lee is a registered nurse specializing in reproductive medicine with experience spanning direct patient care, healthcare operations, and patient advocacy, focused on healthcare affordability, reproductive rights, and working families in Arizona.



www.NurseLee4AZ.com



CHRIS JAMES

Chris James is a Gilbert resident, former U.S. Treasury official, and economic development leader who has focused his career on business growth, infrastructure investment, and tribal economic development.



www.chrisjamesforaz.com



BRIAN HUALDE
FOR CONGRESS

Brian Hualde is an Army combat medic veteran and pediatric nurse practitioner focused on healthcare access, veterans issues, and support for working families in Arizona.



www.brianhualdeforcongress.com

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YOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE GUIDE



Category	ELIZABETH LEE	CHRIS JAMES	BRIAN HUALDE
Grassroots Donations	STRONG	MODERATE	LIMITED
Healthcare Experience	EXTENSIVE	LIMITED	MODERATE
Direct Patient Care			
Reproductive Rights Advocacy	CORE CAMPAIGN ISSUE	SUPPORTS ABORTION RIGHTS	SUPPORTS ABORTION RIGHTS
Cash on Hand	HIGHEST	MODERATE	VERY LOW
Endorsements	BROAD COALITION	LIMITED	VERY LIMITED
Campaign Style	GRASSROOTS	INSTITUTIONAL	EARLY-STAGE
Candidate Loans	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH
Democracy Protection Focus	STRONG (ANTI-MAGA)	DEMOCRACY & INSTITUTIONS	LESS EMPHASIZED
Cost of Living Focus	WORKING FAMILIES, HEALTHCARE, HOUSING	SMALL BUSINESS & INFRASTRUCTURE	HOUSING & DRUG PRICES

ELIZABETH LEE
 Registered nurse specializing in reproductive medicine, healthcare systems leader, patient advocate, and grassroots organizer focused on reproductive rights, affordable healthcare, and stronger support for working families across Arizona.

CHRIS JAMES
 Small business development executive and former federal official focused on bipartisan leadership, infrastructure investment, and growing Arizona's economy.

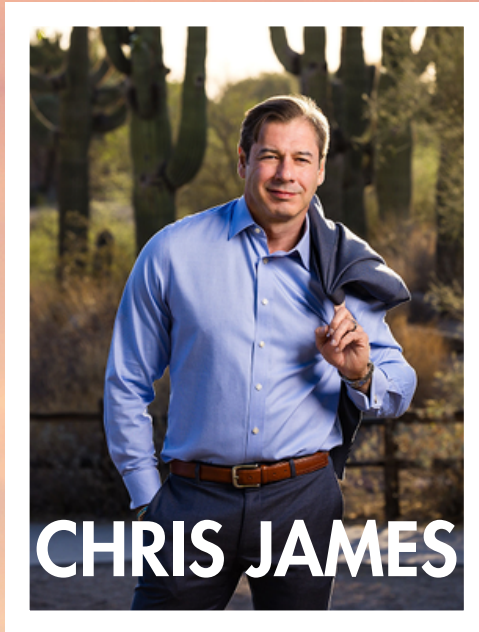
BRIAN HUALDE
 Army combat medic veteran and pediatric nurse practitioner committed to healthcare access, supporting veterans, and building a stronger Arizona for families.

Professional & Leadership Experience

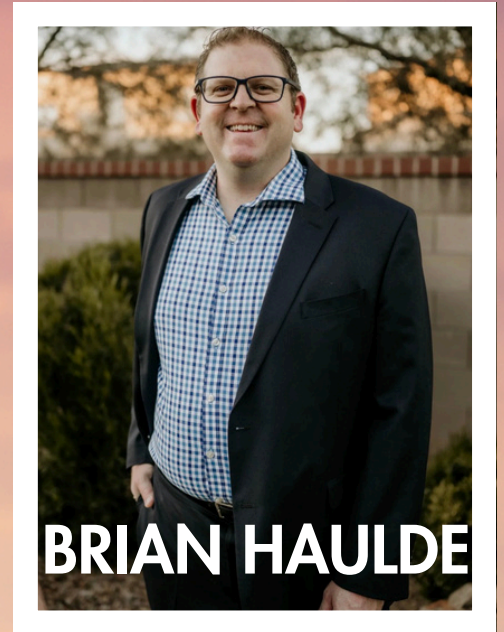
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ELIZABETH LEE



CHRIS JAMES



BRIAN HAULDE

Healthcare affordability, reproductive rights, patient advocacy

- **Registered nurse** specializing in reproductive medicine
- **Patient advocate** and healthcare consultant
- Experience in **healthcare operations** and **clinical process improvement**
- National reproductive **healthcare leadership** and **advocacy work**
- Former **higher education administration** experience

Economic growth, infrastructure, business development

- President & CEO of the **National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development**
- **Former U.S. Treasury Department** official
- Former **SBA Office** of Native American Affairs leader
- **Economic development** strategist
- Focus on **tribal and rural business development**

Veterans issues, healthcare access, working families

- Fourth-generation **Arizonan**
- **Army combat medic** during Operation Iraqi Freedom
- **Pediatric nurse practitioner**
- Works in pediatric surgical services
- **Healthcare provider**
- Father of six

Experience Area	Elizabeth Lee	Chris James	Brian Haulde
Direct Patient Care		—	
Healthcare Systems		—	
Federal Government			
Small Business			—
Community Advocacy			
Executive Leadership			

Endorsements

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ELIZABETH LEE



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LAUREN KUBY



CHRIS JAMES



Former Mayor
of Flagstaff
Paul Deasy



BRIAN HAULDE

Campaign Issues

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Issue	Elizabeth Lee	Chris James	Brian Hualde
Healthcare Affordability	Direct patient-care experience + affordability focus	Access + economic solutions	Healthcare provider perspective
Cost of Living	Working families + housing + healthcare	Small-business focus	Veteran focus
Public Education	Public school investment + family affordability	Workforce & investment focus	General support for schools
LGBTQ+ Equality	Strong vocal support	Publicly supportive	Publicly supportive
Reproductive Rights	Core campaign issue + reproductive healthcare background	Supports abortion rights	Supports abortion rights
Immigration & Border	Humane reform + family-centered approach	Border security + bipartisan reform	Border security
Democracy Protection	Strong anti-MAGA focus	Democracy protection messaging	Less emphasized publicly
Campaign Funding Style	Grassroots + small-dollar donors	Institutional / professional network + PACs	Heavy candidate loans

Campaign Finances

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	Elizabeth Lee	Chris James	Brian Haulde
Individual Contributions (excluding candidate)	\$89,382.76	\$101,441.52	\$13,720
Loans Made by Candidate	\$5,000	\$18,322.47	\$29,600
Operating Expenditures	\$71,302.08	\$110,232.64	\$43,237.86
Ending Cash on Hand	\$23,080.68	\$14,386.14	\$82.14
Individual Contributors	1,800	107	16
Debt Owed	\$5,000	\$18,322.47	\$29,600.00

*All numbers as of 3/31/26

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ELIZABETH LEE

Elizabeth Lee has built a growing grassroots campaign centered on healthcare affordability, reproductive rights, and support for working families in Arizona. Through March 2026, her campaign raised **more than \$89k**, maintained over **\$23k cash on hand**, and relied **far less on candidate loans than the other Democratic candidates**. Her fundraising profile reflects **broad community support**, strong **cash retention**, and a campaign infrastructure **positioned to compete long term in AZ-05**.



CHRIS JAMES

Chris James has raised the **most money** in the Democratic primary and is running a highly **polished campaign**. But the financial picture also shows a campaign that has **already spent most of what it raised**, relied partly on **committee/PAC contributions** and **candidate loans**, and ended the quarter with **less cash on hand than Elizabeth Lee**.



BRIAN HAULDE

Brian Hualde brings a sincere service background and healthcare experience to the race, but the campaign finance numbers **raise serious questions about long-term viability**. Through March 2026, his campaign raised about **\$43k**, nearly **\$30k of which came from candidate loans**, and ended the quarter with just **\$82 cash on hand**.