



## **Kirk Adams: Speaker of the House**

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### **EDUCATION:**

BS, Business Administration, University of Phoenix.

### **POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:**

Senator, Arizona House of Representatives, 2006-present

Speaker of the House, January 2009-present

Chair, District 19 Republican Committee, 2002-2004.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Rep. Adams is a partner at The Adams Agency, a property and casualty firm with 19 employees and locations in Mesa, Apache Junction and Yuma.

### **AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Rep. Adams serves on the Mesa United Way's Board of Directors, Small Business Administration's 2004 "Family Owned Business of the Year" for Region IX, 2003 Arizona Small Business Champion – NFIB, 2005 Senator Paul J. Fannin Award – Arizona Republican Party, 2005 Reagan Plaque – Maricopa County Republican Party, 2005 Best District in Overall Performance – Arizona Republican Party, 2004 Chairman's Award – Maricopa County Republican Party, Graduate Mesa Leadership Training and Development, Bush-Cheney 2004 Small Business Steering Committee

### **BILLS RELATING TO EDUCATION:**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>Description</b>
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HB2639	Co-sponsor	2009-2010 budget reconciliation; K-12 education
HB2640	Co-sponsor	2009-2010 budget reconciliation; higher education
HB2073	Primary	State equalization property tax repeal..

#### **CAMPAIGN PROMISES:**

REFORM STATE GOVERNMENT: Reform the Budget Process: <http://www.kirkadams.org/issues.aspx>

AFFIRM OUR VALUES: Protect Traditional Marriage: <http://www.kirkadams.org/issues.aspx>

GROW THE ECONOMY: Reduce Taxes on Individuals and Small Business:  
<http://www.kirkadams.org/issues.aspx>

#### **OTHER MEDIA**

June 7, 2009: Saving the State's Budget: The Republican's Plan

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/viewpoints/articles/2009/06/06/20090606republicans07.html>

June 5, 2009: Legislature OKs Budget, But Will Talk With Brewer

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/2009/06/05/20090605budget0605.html>

April 17, 2009: Secrecy is Unacceptable Way to Write State Budget:

<http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/ss/related/114674>

#### **NOTABLE QUOTES:**

##### **May 25, 2009**

"Like his counterpart in the Senate, Bob Burns, Adams has vowed that the state budget will be crafted in the open, not behind closed doors. He, like Burns, has given his Appropriations chairman the authority to do the heavy lifting on the budget in the Appropriations Committee, making that panel relevant for the first time in years."

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2009/01/18/20090118politics-adams0118.html>

##### **May 12, 2009**

"In state government we are facing a massive deficit that has continued to grow. We have to ask ourselves, is it prudent to use existing balances, existing accounts, before we go to a method of borrowing. We think it is a more prudent method."

[http://www.azpbs.org/horizon/09\\_detail.php?id=1091#Legislative%20Leaders](http://www.azpbs.org/horizon/09_detail.php?id=1091#Legislative%20Leaders)

**April 14, 2009**

"It's important not to overstate the differences. The governor laid out five bullet points. The first four are widespread opportunity for agreement and we're optimistic in those areas. The primary difference would be whether you pass a temporary garden variety tax increase or send one to the ballot for the voters. There are practical and economic implications. We believe you can't fix the budget unless you also fix the economy and imposing a tax increase at this time does just the opposite. It will hurt the economy, not help it."

Ted Simons:

The governor said, I guess expressed shock at some of the things that the leadership was throwing out there. Which she called funny math, rollovers and these sorts of things. Your response.

Kirk Adams:

I understand -- I think there's legitimate criticisms and concerns about going in that direction, but relative to what? Many, many states across the country are utilizing these measures. Our position is that you have to identify the risk and downside with each option on the table and if you're going to propose a temporary tax increase, you have to acknowledge the risk to the economy along with that. We believe a preferable option would be to use the debt financing techniques that spread out the cost, if you will, of this deficit over multiple periods of time rather than concentrating that pain in -- concentrating it in a two or three period of time."

[http://www.azpbs.org/horizon/09\\_detail.php?id=1071#Legislative%20Leadership](http://www.azpbs.org/horizon/09_detail.php?id=1071#Legislative%20Leadership)

**April 2009**

"As a lawmaker, I will continue to fight to keep school choice a cornerstone of education policy in Arizona because it is important to the future of our state and the future of Arizona's children. As a father, I strongly believe it is my choice as a parent to send my children to a school that most directly benefits their education." [http://www.charterschoolmonthly.com/\(S\(qg24qsisip3nbe0uj4h34qn255\)\)/charter-school-monthly.aspx?y=2009&m=4&ContentId=af37a38e-0013-4069-85fd-3ad836ecab69](http://www.charterschoolmonthly.com/(S(qg24qsisip3nbe0uj4h34qn255))/charter-school-monthly.aspx?y=2009&m=4&ContentId=af37a38e-0013-4069-85fd-3ad836ecab69)

**January 4, 2009**

"Essentially, the state is broke," said House Speaker-elect Kirk Adams, R-Mesa.

Adams said he's not sure he agrees with Martin's belief that there is no way to avoid borrowing, saying lawmakers are hoping to rein in the state's \$1.2 billion budget deficit through spending cuts."

<http://www.aztreasury.gov/media/AZRepublic-01-09.html>

## **December 2008**

“Speaker-elect Adams stressed that all state expenditures would be on the table for potential budget reductions including employee layoffs, furloughs, and salaries and benefits. Adams pointed out that tough decisions are being made by families and businesses and that they should expect nothing less from state policymakers. He further noted that while this is clearly an opportunity to make government more efficient and smaller, state leaders need to pursue reductions in spending in a manner that doesn’t appear *gleeful*.” <http://www.arizonatax.org/ATRA%20Website%202009/Newsletters/December%20Newsletter.pdf>

## **2006**

“I believe to advance the state of Arizona we must Reform state government by measuring results, not how much we spend; Affirm our values by protecting traditional marriage; and Grow our economy by reducing taxes on individuals small businesses.” <http://www.kirkadams.org/>