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Senator Steve Gallardo was born in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a fourth generation Arizona native. In 2002, Senator Gallardo was elected to the State House of Representative in a new legislative district covering the southwest valley. In October of 2001, Senator Gallardo was appointed to the Cartwright Elementary School Governing Board to fulfill an unexpired term and then later elected in 2002 and in 2010 for a 4-year term. Senator Gallardo currently serves as the Governing Board President of the Cartwright Elementary School District. In 2004, Senator Gallardo was elected to the Phoenix Union High School Board to the at-large district position and left Phoenix Union to run for the Arizona State Senate.

During his term as State Representative (between 2002 - 2008), Senator Gallardo served as the House Minority Whip. In 2010, he was elected to the Arizona State Senate and in 2013 was selected to be Senator Democratic Whip. As a State Senator, Gallardo provides a bold leadership and strong voice.

Senator Gallardo raised the community alarm on HB2305, the tea party's misguided attempt at voter suppression. He also was the loudest voice in the legislature against the infamous SB1070 which unfairly targeted all Latinos regardless of citizenship status. In 2006, Senator Gallardo was the chairman of the successful ballot initiative to create a state minimum wage in Arizona.

Senator Gallardo has spent his life working to make government work for the people. He spent 14 years working as a campaign finance administrator in Maricopa County Elections Department. He developed candidate training programs, spearheaded voter registration drives and organized "Get out the Vote" campaigns.

He has been involved in numerous boards and commissions, including the Arizona Civil Right Advisory Board and Maryvale Village Planning Committee. Steve is very involved with the local and national Hispanic community and served as a member of such organization as NALEO (National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials), LCLAA (Labor Council for Latin American Advancement) and an MALDEF alumnus (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund).