

## **Arizona's 1st Congressional District Republican Primary**

### **Survey Memorandum**

**Conducted:** May 12-13, 2026

**Sample:** 400 Likely Republican Primary Voters

**Margin of Error:** ±4.9%

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### **KEY FINDINGS**

A recent survey of likely Republican primary voters in Arizona's 1st Congressional District shows Representative Joseph Chaplik holding a strong early advantage in the Republican primary and significantly expanding his support after voters receive additional information regarding the candidates.

The survey also revealed a surprisingly weak level of name identification for Jay Feely despite his public profile and media exposure.

Most importantly, after voters heard additional information regarding Feely's past statements, political positions, and ties to Democratic political figures, undecided voters moved sharply toward Chaplik, despite no positive messaging being presented on Chaplik himself.

## **Initial Ballot Test**

When initially asked whom they would support in the Republican primary for Congress, Chaplik begins with a clear lead in the field:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Initial Ballot</b>
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Joseph Chaplik	29%
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Jay Feely	9%
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John Trobough	5%
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Undecided	57%
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At the outset of the survey, more than half of voters remained undecided, indicating that the race is still developing and that many voters are only beginning to engage with the candidates.

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## **Digging Deeper**

The survey electorate is overwhelmingly conservative and strongly aligned with President Donald Trump:

- 80% approve of President Trump's job performance
- Nearly half identify as Trump/MAGA or America First Republicans
- Seniors age 66+ account for a majority of likely primary voters surveyed

Chaplik performs especially well among self-identified Trump/MAGA and America First Republicans, the dominant ideological blocs within the Republican primary electorate.

Despite nearly identical name ID (Feely 77% and Chaplik 80%), Feely enters the race with limited standing among Republican primary voters.

Only 19% of voters view Feely favorably, while 31% hold an unfavorable opinion. By comparison, Chaplik starts the race with 40% viewing Chaplik favorably and only 10% viewing Chaplik unfavorably.

The survey also tested a series of messages regarding Jay Feely. 75% of Republican primary voters reacted negatively to Feely’s past statements, political positioning, residency issues, and associations with Democratic political figures.

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### **Informed Ballot Test**

After voters received additional information regarding Jay Feely’s background and ideology, Chaplik significantly expanded his advantage.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Initial Informed</b>	
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Joseph Chaplik	29%	39%
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Jay Feely	9%	8%
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John Trobough	5%	6%
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Undecided	57%	47%
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Most notably, the movement occurred despite the survey presenting no positive messaging regarding Chaplik.

Instead, a significant share of undecided voters moved organically toward Chaplik after hearing additional information about Feely and the broader race dynamic.

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### **Conclusion**

The survey demonstrates that Arizona CD-1 Republican primary voters are highly conservative, strongly aligned with President Trump, and resistant to candidates perceived as inconsistent with the Republican base.

As voters become more informed, Representative Joseph Chaplik consolidates support while Jay Feely fails to gain traction, positioning Chaplik as the clear frontrunner in the AZ-01 Republican primary.