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Republican Juan Ciscomani Ducks Only Televised Debate in AZ-06 Race

Arizona Public Media debate was scheduled to take place next week

Tucson, AZ — Republican candidate Juan Ciscomani has dodged the only televised debate in the race for Arizona's 6th Congressional District, forcing the organization to cancel it a week before it was scheduled to take place. Democratic congressional candidate for Arizona's 6th District Kirsten Engel released the following statement:

“As a longtime Arizonan and Tucson resident, I know that Arizona Public Media’s debates are a fixture of each election year in this district. By dodging this debate, Juan Ciscomani is depriving voters of the opportunity to hear where he stands on crucial issues. My question for Ciscomani is simple — what are you afraid of?”

“Just like Blake Masters and Kari Lake, Ciscomani proudly supports extreme abortion bans like the near-total 1901 ban that just went into effect in our state, which has no exceptions for rape or incest. Extreme, dangerous Republicans like Ciscomani are completely out of step with the needs and values of Arizonans. Is Ciscomani hiding from the voters to avoid answering for his radical and unpopular views?”

The general election debate for Arizona’s 6th Congressional District was scheduled for next week, hosted by Arizona Public Media (AZPM). This isn’t the first time Ciscomani has refused to appear in televised debates with his political opponents. During his primary, Arizona PBS held a debate for all the Republican candidates — and Ciscomani was a no show. Kirsten Engel was proud to participate in Arizona PBS’ debate during the Democratic primary. Ciscomani also refused to join Engel for a general election forum hosted by Arizona PBS and Engel instead participated in an individual interview.

Ciscomani cheered the overturning of Roe v. Wade, which gave women the fundamental right to choose. Recently, in an Arizona Daily Star interview, Ciscomani voiced his support for a ban on abortion in Arizona without exceptions for rape or incest. Earlier this week, Ciscomani was seen running away from Arizona voters to avoid defending his radical stance on abortion.

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