Festival of Democracy
Video Transcript

[Announcer] On a cold Saturday morning, much like that of one year ago, hundreds of Tucsonans gathered at the West Campus of Pima Community College to participate in the Festival of Democracy. The festival was part of “Beyond-Tucson” a City-wide event to commemorate the first anniversary of the January 8th tragedy.

[male voice]: Set.... Go....

[Announcer] The day began with a “Run for Office” 5k. Over 50 runners participated in the walk/run at the athletic sports complex of the PCC West Campus. The course took runners through the desert and finished at the West Campus courtyard.

[music] Music filled the air as guest arrived at the west campus.

[Dr. Roy Flores:] “… the Declaration of Independence. When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another….”

[Announcer] The focal point of the festivities was the “Constitution on your Corner”. This was inspired by the “Congress on your Corner” an event Representative Gifford’s was having on that tragic day one year ago. Guest speakers recited passages from the Constitution.

[Daniel Hernandez] “I think it is really fitting to be hear today, reading the Constitution, which is something the Congress woman did the week before she was injured in the Congress reading the first amendment. So I think it is a really fitting thing to have survivors, other people that were there and other dignitaries here today to participate in the reading of the Constitution.”

[Jim Walsh] A year ago, Gabby Gifford’s and the other people who gathered at the Safeway were involved in a real exercise in democracy and reading the documents that are the foundation of our democracy is I think a very suitable tribute and a way to remember what last year was really about.

[music] The 62nd Army Band from Fort Huachuca continued with traditional patriotic music.

[female voice] “...draw your heart. You make a great heart.”

[Announcer] Other activities include tile painting. These tiles will eventually be made into a memorial. A kid’s corner was setup for activities like drawing and face painting.

Pima College students and instructors set up a health fair to inform people about the importance of good health and featured health related programs that PCC has to offer.

The Staff Council of PCC sold t-shirts that had been created by Pima student Stephanie Redmond. The proceeds go towards the Gabe Zimmerman scholarship.

[Ross Zimmerman] The goal in the event set for this day is I wanted to get as large a fraction of the community out and active and engaged with one another as possible because that makes people healthier that’s a mental health tool.

[Singing] The day’s activities wound up with a sing-along with some classic favorites.