LONGHOUSE · THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2026

How to get involved

Thursday 22 October 2026 · 6:00 PM–6:30 PM Phoenix · online. Thirty minutes online until we meet in person: the ways to connect with LongHouse, and where you might fit. Bring questions; listening is a fine way to start.

Source: the event record and the meeting page

BEFORE WE START

Housekeeping

RECORDED

Tonight is recorded

Cameras are optional. Say “leave me out” in the chat or to Brady and you're left out of anything we publish.

ZOOM

Muted unless speaking

Put your name and where you're joining from in the chat. Raise a hand to speak.

THIRTY MINUTES

Short and online

Until we meet in person. Questions at the end.

GROUND RULES

Argue with ideas

Open discussion, no personal attacks. More in a moment.

Source: LongHouse decision, 22 October 2026; the meeting page, longhouse.institute/meetings/longhouse-oct-22-2026/

WHAT LONGHOUSE DOES

Four pieces of work

READ IT PROPERLY

The civic library

A working reference built in public: primary sources and independent institutes.

POOL IT

A community-financing ring

The books stay open: we publish where the money goes, so contributors can see the work.

MEET

The meetings

Twice a month, on the Thursdays either side of the full moon.

HELP ON THE GROUND

Application help

For small farms and land stewards.

Source: the meeting page, longhouse.institute/meetings/longhouse-oct-22-2026/

SHINY PENNIES · REPRESENTATION, OPEN FINANCE, MEETING GUIDANCE

Shiny Pennies: three roles

Open-Book Treasurer

Custodian of the monthly P&L for any LongHouse-financed project. Publish where money goes so contributors can see the work.
First step: First treasurer needed.

Meeting Facilitator

Run the monthly civic meeting. Keep agendas moving, time-bounded, and accessible. Make sure quiet voices get heard.
First step: Joining the current meeting rotation.

Public Representative

Speak on behalf of LongHouse at city council, county supervisors, school board, or partner-org meetings. Stays accurate on the public record.
First step: Phoenix-area rep needed for the autumn meeting calendar.

Source: longhouse.institute/get-involved/ (the same list, read when this page was built)

RUSTY PENNIES · CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, SAFETY, AND SECURITY TRAINING

Rusty Pennies: three roles

Constitutional Rights Educator

Run short workshops on the Bill of Rights, due process basics, free speech limits, what to do when stopped or questioned. Plain-language, primary-source-based.
First step: First workshop needed: Know-Your-Rights at Public Comment.

Safety + De-escalation Trainer

Teach basic first aid, conflict de-escalation, situational awareness for canvassers and event hosts. Build the curriculum others can run.
First step: Trainer with prior Red Cross / civilian-de-escalation experience preferred.

Security Best-Practices Trainer

Cover digital + physical security for meetings, contact lists, event check-in, and protecting attendee data. Light, practical, repeatable.
First step: First session needed: contact-list hygiene + meeting check-in privacy.

Source: longhouse.institute/get-involved/ (the same list, read when this page was built)

PENNYWELLS · LONG-TERM INFORMATION, SENSITIVE TOPICS, REMEMBRANCE

PennyWells: three roles

Long-Mission Lead

Champion a seven-year civic project per the published methodology. Annual reviews, year-seven decision: renew, hand off, or end.
First step: Lead sought for the AZ water-rights long arc.

Sensitive-Topic Researcher

Work carefully on civil-rights cases, missing-persons files, historical injustice, and stories that require primary-source diligence before publication. Slow on purpose.
First step: First researcher needed for the AZ missing-and-unidentified review.

Civic Archivist / Story-Keeper

Capture community memory before it disappears (recordings, transcripts, signed releases). Preserve court-watch logs, oral histories, primary documents.
First step: Oral-history archivist for the founding cohort interviews.

Source: longhouse.institute/get-involved/ (the same list, read when this page was built)

WHAT WE ASK

Small, on purpose

9
open roles

≤4 hrs
a month, for any role

2
meetings a month

40
people at most on tonight's call

Every role is volunteer. None asks more than four hours a month.

Source: the meeting page, longhouse.institute/meetings/longhouse-oct-22-2026/

HOW WE TALK TO EACH OTHER

Open discussion, no personal attacks

SAY IT

Disagree with the idea

Open discussion is the point. Argue with the claim, not the person.

KEEP IT CIVIL

No verbal attacks

Anyone who attacks a person rather than an argument is asked to stop.

MAKE ROOM

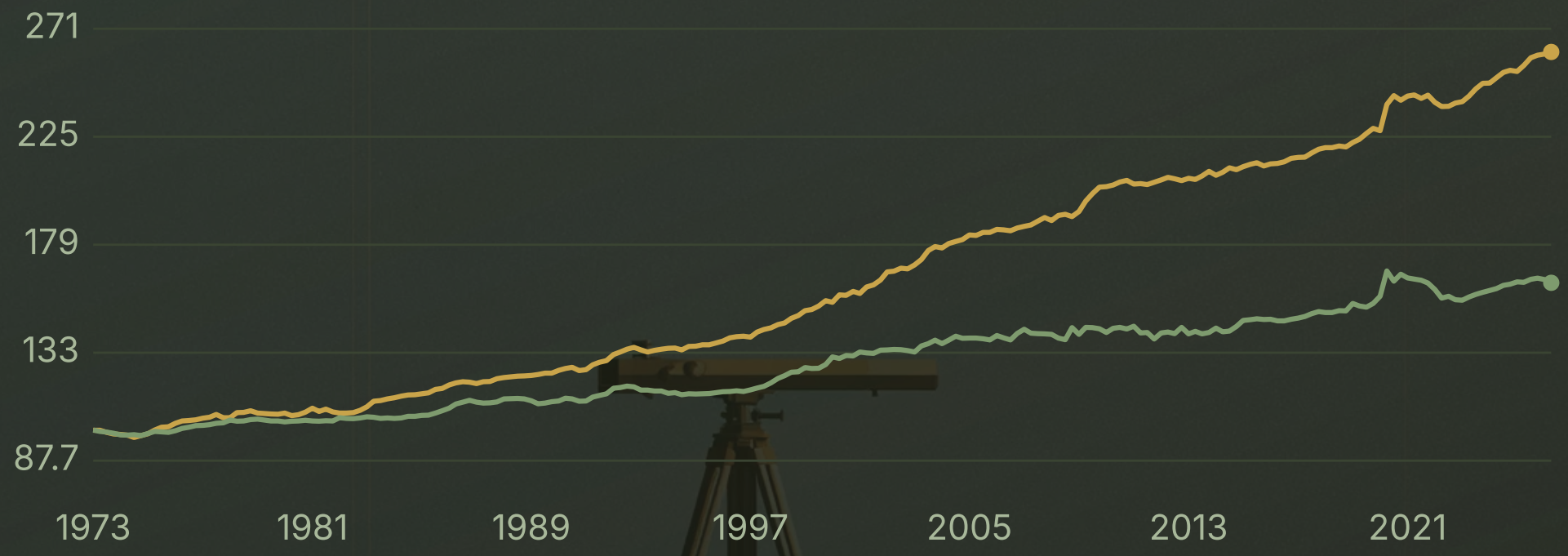
Everyone is welcome

Broad inclusion. The facilitator makes sure quiet voices get heard.

Source: Brady's notes for tonight, and the Meeting Facilitator role on longhouse.institute/get-involved/

FROM OUR RESEARCH · MEASURING AMERICA

Output per hour and pay, since 1973



Source: BLS productivity and costs (OPHNFB, COMPRNFB), nonfarm business sector, via FRED. Latest observation April 2026.

Since 1973, output per hour is up 161% and real hourly pay 63%. Why the two lines part is a question we'll take up.

A caution: these record output and pay, which is one part of how people live. Our Measuring America brief also looks at health, poverty and wider measures of wellbeing, because the economy is only one part of experience.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, via FRED (St. Louis Fed); our 1973 = 100 rebasing

FROM OUR RESEARCH · THE LAND CYCLE

Home prices after inflation



— Real home prices: 337 (Jul 2026)

Source: S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller US National Index deflated by CPI-U, via FRED. Latest observation July 2026. Shaded: NBER recessions.

Real prices peaked in May 2022. Mortgage debt is 43% of GDP, against 73% at its 2009 peak: high prices, but not 2006's borrowing.

What this doesn't show: it is one national index of houses and land together, so it hides big differences between towns, and it says nothing on its own about rent or who can afford to buy.

Sources: S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller, BLS CPI-U, Federal Reserve Z.1, BEA GDP, all via FRED

LONGHOUSE UPDATES

What's changed, and what's next

- Online meetings now run 30 minutes, 6:00 to 6:30 PM, until we meet in person.
- Next week: Research Standards & Our Infrastructure — how we check a figure against its source, and how to read a chart.
- New civic briefs in progress: Measuring America, then and now; and where we are on the land cycle. Each becomes a future talk.
- In person: we'll meet in a room once a venue is set. Registrants hear first.
- Civic library review: we're choosing readings sized for different groups, from a 3–5 person study circle to the full meeting.

COMING UP

- **Thu 29 Oct** · 6:00 PM–6:30 PM Phoenix · Research Standards & Our Infrastructure
- **Thu 19 Nov** · 6:00 PM–6:30 PM Phoenix · Communications & Our Major Subjects
- **Wed 25 Nov** · 6:00 PM–6:30 PM Phoenix · Internal Systems for Civic Support

Sources: RC 2026 Events (dates and times, read when this page was built); Brady, 22 October 2026; RC 2026 Events, 29 October; Brady, 22 October 2026; Brady, 22 October 2026; Brady, 22 October 2026

BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

Where would you fit?

Say a role in the chat, or tell us after. Suggest a speaker. Bring a topic.

Roles and how to start: longhouse.institute/get-involved/

Next meeting: Thursday, October 29.

Register to join the next meeting; the join link comes to you by email.

Source: the meeting page, longhouse.institute/meetings/longhouse-oct-22-2026/

END OF THE MAIN ARC

For next time

Inviting speakers and posting topics. They're here for anyone reading this page afterwards.

Source: tonight's agenda

INVITING SPEAKERS

Who should we hear from?

THREE YESES

Live, recording, archive

A speaker agrees to each one separately.

THEIR NAME

Their choice

The speaker decides how they're credited.

THEIR TERMS

Indigenous knowledge and lore

Shared only on the speaker's own terms.

ANY TIME

The right to withdraw

A speaker can take their talk back later.

Source: tonight's agenda

POSTING A TOPIC

Anyone can bring a question

1
One sentence
The question you want answered.

2
Its scale
Federal, global, state or local.

3
Your watershed, if local
Don't know it? That's fine; we look it up together.

4
Up to five tags
So it can be found later.

Local topics are organised by watershed rather than by district, so neighbours on the same water end up in the same conversation.

Source: tonight's agenda

SOURCES

Sources

- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — Productivity and Costs, nonfarm business (series OPHNFB, COMPRNFB), via FRED
- S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index (CSUSHPINSA), via FRED
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — Consumer Price Index (CPIAUCSL), via FRED
- Federal Reserve — Financial Accounts Z.1, household home mortgages (HHMSDODNS), via FRED
- U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis — Gross Domestic Product (GDP), via FRED
- NBER recession dates (USREC), via FRED
- LongHouse roles and groups
- This meeting

Source: the citations above, each read when this page was built