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# 2008 Voting Guide

November 4, 2008 General Election



Established in 1978, the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce PAC is an organization dedicated to identifying and supporting pro-business candidates for state, county and local office.

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With many legislative candidates, and numerous ballot measures up for consideration, voters will be asked to make several crucial decisions in the 2008 General Election. The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present its members with the 2008 Voting Guide to help you determine which candidates and ballot measures merit the support of the business community. The Public Affairs Committee, Board of Directors, and the Political Action Committee (PAC) were crucial in determining the Chamber's endorsements for this election.

## Legislative Endorsements

(Metropolitan Phoenix districts only)

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's Super Political Action Committee (Super PAC) has a long tradition of involvement with state and local elections. The Super PAC provides support to candidates who have distinguished themselves as knowledgeable and supportive of the issues that affect the success of greater Phoenix area businesses. After a thorough review of voting records, questionnaire responses and personal interviews, the Chamber's Super PAC has decided to endorse the following candidates:

### Senate

### House

District 4:	Jack Harper (R)	Tom Boone (R)	Judy M. Burges (R)
District 6:	Pamela Gorman (R)	Sam Crump (R)	
District 7:	Jim Waring (R)	Ray Barnes (R)	Nancy Barto (R)
District 8:		John Kavanagh (R)	Michele Reagan (R)
District 9:	Bob Burns (R)	Rick Murphy (R)	Debbie Lesko (R)
District 10:	Linda Gray (R)	Jim Weiers (R)	
District 11:	Barbara Leff (R)	Jon Altmann (R) Adam Driggs (R) Dr. Eric Meyer (D)	
District 12:	John Nelson (R)		Jerry Weiers (R)
District 15:	Ken Chevront (D)		
District 16:		Cloves Campbell Jr. (D)	
District 17:	Jesse Hernandez (R)	Mark Thompson (R)	
District 18:		Cecil Ash (R)	Steve Court (R)
District 19:	Chuck Gray (R)	Kirk Adams (R)	Rich Crandall (R)
District 20:	John Huppenthal (R)	John McComish (R)	
District 21:	Jay Tibshraeny (R)	Steve Yarbrough (R)	Warde Nichols (R)
District 22:	Thayer Verschoor (R)	Andy Biggs (R)	



Don't forget to vote on November 4!

## Maricopa Special Health Care District

The Chamber Super PAC also endorsed four candidates for the Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board. Each candidate was evaluated through an extensive questionnaire and individual interviews.

- Mr. William "Bil" Bruno (District 1)\*
- Ms. Susan Gerard (District 3)
- Dr. Gerald Cuendet (District 4)\*
- Dr. Joan L. Kelchner (District 5)

\* Denotes incumbent

## Ballot Propositions

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's Public Affairs Committee held a meeting dedicated to learning more about the ballot propositions that would appear on the 2008 ballot, and to make position recommendations to the board. Proponents from each side were invited to speak before the committee, which also included an extensive question and answer session. After much consideration, the Public Affairs Committee voted to make ballot position recommendations to the Chamber's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is pleased to announce its position on ten of the ballot measures that will appear on the November ballot as follows:

### Proposition 100, *Protect Our Homes* - **NEUTRAL**

This measure is a constitutional amendment that prohibits the state or any political subdivision of the state from imposing any new tax or assessment on the act of selling or buying property in the state of Arizona.

### Proposition 101, *Medical Choice for Arizona* - **OPPOSE**

This measure is intended to protect choice in healthcare for Arizona. Proposition 101 lacks many details which could lead to unintended consequences such as high costs and unnecessary litigation.

### Proposition 105, *Majority Rules - Let the People Decide* - **OPPOSE**

This constitutional initiative would require the approval of a majority of all registered voters to pass any initiative that raises state taxes, fees, or establishes government spending obligations. The current constitutional threshold requires only a majority of voters casting ballots to pass a measure at the ballot box.

### Proposition 200, *Payday Loan Reform Act* - **OPPOSE**

Under this measure, the pay-day loan industry would have the right to continue to conduct business in the state. The fees that payday lenders are allowed to charge would change from \$17.65 to \$15 on a \$100, two-week loan. In addition, payday lenders would not be permitted to roll over the principal into extended loans and would have to offer consumers repayment plans. The measure also includes limits on returned check, closed account, and insufficient fund fees.

### Proposition 201, *Homeowners' Bill of Rights* - **OPPOSE**

This initiative seeks to grant litigation rights in dwelling actions to prospective buyers and prohibits builders from collecting attorney fees even if they are the prevailing party. In addition, the measure would establish a minimum ten-year warranty on new homes, require mandatory disclosures of financial arrangements and pricing, and prohibit a seller from requiring a deposit for a contract unless the purchaser is given the right to cancel within 100 days. The initiative would also extend the timeframe in which a person can sue over any real property improvement (including commercial, residential and industrial) from eight to ten years.

### Proposition 202, *Stop Illegal Hiring* - **OPPOSE**

This initiative revokes the business license of employers who knowingly or intentionally hire illegal immigrants, and increases penalties for identity theft. The measure also modifies the current requirement for businesses to participate in the E-Verify program by extending the deadline to December 31, 2008. In addition, the

proposal requires complaints against businesses to be written and signed. The measure also includes provisions increasing criminal penalties for identity theft committed for the purpose of obtaining employment.

### Proposition 300, *State Legislator's Salaries* - **SUPPORT**

This measure will increase State Legislator's salaries from \$24,000 to \$30,000 annually.

### School District Unification - **SUPPORT**

Arizona currently maintains a system of 227 school districts. More than half of the total number of school districts are not unified and serve only elementary or high school students. Based on their review of the data, the School District Redistricting Commission submitted plans to unify 76 school districts in nine different counties. Only those voters in the affected school districts will be asked to approve the proposals at the November 2008 election.

\*\* At press time, the ballot propositions listed in this guide are either in the process of certification, have been certified by the Secretary of State, or are on appeal in the court system.

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