

The Greater Phoenix Chamber is THE voice of business at every level of government. Our robust Public Affairs program gathers business leaders and policy experts to evaluate proposed legislation, vet candidates, and review ballot measures for the potential impacts on the Greater Phoenix region's economic recovery and prosperity.

In preparation for the 2020 General Election, the Chamber's experienced Public Affairs team developed a Voter Guide to provide you and your business with critical information ahead of the upcoming election on November 3, 2020.

## 2020 PROPOSITIONS

Ballot propositions play a pivotal role in establishing voter-supported policies at all levels of government. However, not all ballot measures are created equally—when enacted, some support businesses and others could be detrimental to the region's economic prosperity.

To help you understand the issues on this year's ballot, the Chamber has prepared a comprehensive guide on the propositions that will harm your business.



**PROPOSITION 207**  
**SMART AND SAFE ARIZONA ACT**  
Chamber position: **Oppose**

Arizona voters in 2016 rejected marijuana legalization, and the Chamber continues to oppose legalization this cycle as well. More harm than good will result from legalization, with the potential for severe consequences, including increased workplace accidents and lower overall workplace productivity, as well as increasing strain on an already struggling public health system, especially in the wake of a global pandemic.

In addition to health and workplace issues, the claimed state revenue benefits are likely to fall short. Arizona faces increased rates of addiction and other costs associated with drug treatment and rehabilitation. The costs of these drug treatment and rehabilitation programs make legalization an expensive proposal when state and city budgets are becoming exceedingly overwhelmed by fiscal strain.

If legalization passes by this initiative, it will be nearly impossible to change as Arizona law severely limits the ability of the Legislature to reverse or alter a voter-passed measure, regardless of unintended consequences or a public health emergency. The Chamber believes that the community should not pass a new law by initiative that cannot be changed or undone. More importantly, the Chamber doesn't support allowing special interests to use Arizona's ballot initiative process for severely problematic experiments in public policy.



**PROPOSITION 208**  
**INVEST IN EDUCATION ACT**  
Chamber position: **Oppose**

The Chamber opposes this initiative and the impact the tax increase will have on Arizona's small businesses.

The business community's largest concern is that this intended "tax the rich" proposal will result in significant tax hikes (77%) on small business owners who pay taxes through the individual income tax method. Small businesses are the epicenter of Arizona's economy, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs in the community. Arizona's small businesses are already struggling in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; this tax increase will further hinder their efforts to stabilize and will significantly harm efforts to grow the economy.

As communities grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a critical need to grow Arizona's economy and remain competitive in business attraction and retention. This initiative will significantly harm Arizona's ability to remain competitive and threaten the state's economic recovery.

The business community recognizes the importance of education funding. However, the business community urges lawmakers and members of the public to holistically develop a funding approach for the P-20 education system. This initiative excludes community colleges and universities, which are drivers of workforce development and economic activity in communities across the state.

Every two years, Arizonans vote for a new state legislative body. Each State Senator and State Representative runs for his or her seat and works to earn the votes of their constituency. Established in 1978, the Chamber's Political Action Committee (PAC) helps pro-business candidates get elected to state, county, and local offices, and ultimately improves the overall business climate in the Greater Phoenix and in Arizona.

The PAC vets candidates and endorses them based on their alignment with the Chamber's annual Public Policy Guide and voting record.

## 2020 CHAMBER ENDORSED CANDIDATES

### LEGISLATIVE

#### District 1

Karen Fann (R), Senate

#### District 2

Daniel Hernandez (D), House

#### District 3

Alma Hernandez (D), House

#### District 4

Joel John (R), House

#### District 5

Sonny Borrelli (R), Senate  
Leo Biasiucci (R), House  
Regina Cobb (R), House

#### District 6

Walter Blackman (R), House

#### District 8

T.J. Shope (R), Senate  
Frank Pratt (R), House

#### District 11

Vince Leach (R), Senate  
Mark Finchem (R), House  
Bret Roberts (R), House

#### District 12

Warren Petersen (R), Senate  
Travis Grantham (R), House  
Jake Hoffman (R), House

#### District 13

Sine Kerr (R), Senate  
Tim Dunn (R), House  
Joanne Osborne (R), House

#### District 14

David Gowan (R), Senate  
Gail Griffin (R), House  
Becky Nutt (R), House

#### District 15

Nancy Barto (R), Senate  
Steve Kaiser (R), House  
Justin Wilmeth (R), House

#### District 16

John Fillmore (R), House

#### District 17

J.D. Mesnard (R), Senate  
Jeff Weninger (R), House  
Jennifer Pawlik (D), House

#### District 18

Sean Bowie (D), Senate  
Bob Robson (R), House

#### District 19

Lupe Contreras (D), Senate  
Diego Espinoza (D), House  
Lorenzo Sierra (D), House

#### District 20

Paul Boyer (R), Senate  
Shawna Bolick (R), House  
Anthony Kern (R), House

#### District 21

Rick Gray (R), Senate  
Kevin Payne (R), House  
Beverly Pingerelli (R), House

#### District 22

David Livingston (R), Senate  
Ben Toma (R), House  
Frank Carroll (R), House

#### District 23

Michelle Ugenti-Rita (R), Senate  
John Kavanagh (R), House  
Joseph Chaplik (R), House

#### District 24

Lela Alston (D), Senate  
Jennifer Longdon (D), House  
Amish Shah (D), House

#### District 25

Tyler Pace (R), Senate  
Rusty Bowers (R), House  
Michelle Udall (R), House

#### District 28

Kate Brophy McGee (R), Senate  
Aaron Lieberman (D), House

#### District 29

Cesar Chavez (D), House

#### District 30

Tony Navarrete (D), Senate  
Robert Meza (D), House

### CITY OF PHOENIX

#### Mayor

Kate Gallego

#### District 3

Deb Stark

#### District 7

Francisca Montoya



In order to vote in the **November 3** election, individuals must submit their voter registration by October 5. Voters may return early ballots by mail, deliver to the Maricopa County Recorder's Office, or return to any early voting site or polling place on Election Day. To be counted, completed early ballots must be received by an election official no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.