

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 climate and businesses.

In preparation for the 2022 General Election, the Chamber's experienced public affairs team developed a Voter Guide to provide you and your business with the information you need ahead of the upcoming general election on **November 8, 2022**.

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. The Chamber's Political Action Committee (PAC) was established in 1978 to help pro-business candidates get elected to state, county, and local offices, and ultimately improve the overall business climate in Greater Phoenix.

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

## 2022 CHAMBER-ENDORSED CANDIDATES

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### District 1

Quang Nguyen (R), House  
Selina Bliss (R), House

### District 2

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

### District 3

John Kavanagh (R), Senate

### District 4

Matthew Gress (R), House  
Maria Syms (R), House

### District 5

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

### District 11

Marcelino Quinonez (D), House

### District 12

David Richardson (R), Senate  
Terry Roe (R), House  
Jim Chaston (R), House

### District 13

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

### District 16

T.J. Shope (R), Senate  
Teresa Martinez (R), House

### District 18

Christopher Mathis (D), House

### District 19

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

### District 20

Alma Hernandez (D), House

### District 22

Lupe Contreras (D), House

### District 25

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

### District 27

Kevin Payne (R), House  
Ben Toma (R), House

### District 28

Frank Carroll (R), Senate

### District 29

Steve Montenegro (R), House

## CITY OF PHOENIX ENDORSEMENTS

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### District 2

Jim Waring

### District 4

Laura Pastor

### District 8

Kesha Hodge Washington

## 2022 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

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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.

### Proposition 308

Chamber Position: Support

This proposition would allow non-citizen students, except those considered to be “nonresident aliens” under federal law, to receive in-state college tuition when they attend school for at least two years and graduate from a public school, private school or homeschool in Arizona.

Previous policy prohibited undocumented residents from receiving publicly funded services, including financial aid and in-state college tuition, causing Dreamers to pay significantly more to attend Arizona public higher education institutions. This referral would repeal these provisions and allow non-citizen Dreamers to receive in-state college tuition, making the state's economic future much more secure. This proposal does not provide free tuition, but rather levels the playing field among Arizona students.

According to current economic projections and reports, the state is not nearly equipped with the workforce needed for the rapidly growing Arizona economy. In passing this initiative, Arizonan's can help boost our economy Arizona's economy by tapping into these Arizona students that may otherwise leave the state to pursue more affordable higher education.

All Arizonans should be met with dignity, respect, and opportunity, including our Dreamers.

### Proposition 209

Chamber Position: Oppose

This proposed initiative, also known as the Predatory Debt Collection Protection Act and once again brought forward by a subgroup of out-of-state interests, would have devastating consequences for Arizona businesses and consumers. While the intention of the ballot initiative may be to protect consumers from unfair medical debt collection practices, the language of the measure could have unintended consequences that make it more difficult for lenders to collect on all legitimate debts.

The United States and Arizona were founded on free-market, common sense principles. This unnecessary measure grants government interference into free market practices. In arbitrarily placing limits on one sector of Arizona's credit market, the proposal would effectively dry up a large section of our business sector, as lenders across all product lines would have less recourse for recouping their debts.

Even worse, low-income earners would be impacted most, as they often have the hardest time accessing the credit. In addition, the state would suffer from a loss in tax revenue, as businesses would be unwilling to invest in an economy where they can't collect on debts.

The proponents of the measure and the California interests funding the initiative suggest this as a way to protect Arizonans from unfair debt collection practices. In reality, this measure just makes it more difficult for hardworking Arizonans to get car loans, home loans and other items secured by credit. The bottom line is that this measure will exacerbate the state's existing affordability crisis and is extremely harmful for Arizona.



In order to vote in the **November 8** election, individuals must submit their voter registration by October 11. 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.

