

Green Valley Democrats' Recommendations on Citizen Initiatives, Referendums, and Legislative Referrals

Background

An initiative is the method by which voters may propose new laws or amend existing laws by gathering signatures from registered voters to place the issue on the ballot.

A referendum is the method by which voters may veto a law (or part of a law) by gathering signatures from registered voters to place the issue on the ballot.

The Arizona State Legislature may also place measures on the ballot as legislatively referred constitutional amendments (LRCA) or legislatively referred state statutes (LRSS).

Recommendations

There will be eleven (10) initiatives and referrals on the November 8, 2022 ballot: three (3) Legislatively Referred State Statutes (LRSS); five (5) Legislatively Referred Constitutional Amendments (LRCA); and, two (2) Citizens Initiated State Statutes (CISS).

The Green Valley Board reviewed all of these items and have made the following recommendations:

Legislatively Referred State Statutes and Constitutional Amendments

Prop 128 Legislative Changes to Ballot Initiatives with Invalid Provisions Amendment

Allows the legislature to amend or repeal voter-approved ballot measures that contain provisions ruled unconstitutional or invalid by the State or Federal Supreme Court. **Vote NO.**

Prop 129 Single-Subject Requirement for Ballot Initiatives Amendment

Requires citizen-initiated ballot measures to embrace a single subject. **Vote NO.**

Prop 130 Property Tax Exemptions Amendment

Allows the legislature to set certain property tax exemption amounts and qualifications rather than determining details in the state constitution. **No Recommendation. Pro:** Expands the tax exemption for disabled veterans to include veterans who are currently Arizona residents, even if they were not residents prior to serving in the military. **Con:** Gives the legislature power to determine tax exemptions which may result in more corporate tax cuts. May force local governments to respond to the reduction in their tax base by either raising taxes or cutting

spending and shifting taxes to other taxpayers. More information:

[https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona Proposition 130, Property Tax Exemptions Amendment \(2022\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_Proposition_130,_Property_Tax_Exemptions_Amendment_(2022))

Prop 131 Create the Office of Lieutenant Governor Amendment

Creates the office of Lieutenant Governor to be elected on a joint ticket with the governor and to succeed the governor in the case of a vacancy. **Vote NO.**

Prop 132 60% Supermajority Vote Requirement for Constitutional Amendments and Ballot Initiatives Amendment

Requires a three-fifths (60%) supermajority vote to pass ballot initiatives (both statutes and constitutional amendments) and legislatively referred amendments. **Vote NO.**

Prop. 308, In State Tuition for Non-Citizen Residents Measure

Repeals provisions of Proposition 300 (passed in 2006) to allow in-state tuition for non-citizen residents. **Vote YES.**

Prop 309, Voter Identification Requirements for Mail-In Ballots and In-Person Voting Measure

Requires date of birth and voter identification number for mail-in ballots and eliminates two-document alternative to photo ID for in-person voting. **Vote NO.**

Prop 310 Sales Tax for Fire District Funding Measure

Creates a 0.1% sales tax for 20 years to fund Arizona's fire districts. **Vote YES.**

Citizen's Initiatives

Prop 209 Protection from Predatory Debt

This initiative would increase the levels of protection that currently exist for persons facing monumental personal debt. It also limits to 3% the amount of interest on medical debt.

Vote YES.

Prop 211 Voter's Right to Know

AKA Campaign Finance, Dark Money.

This statute, if passed, would end the "dark money" (money laundering) in campaigns.

Vote YES.