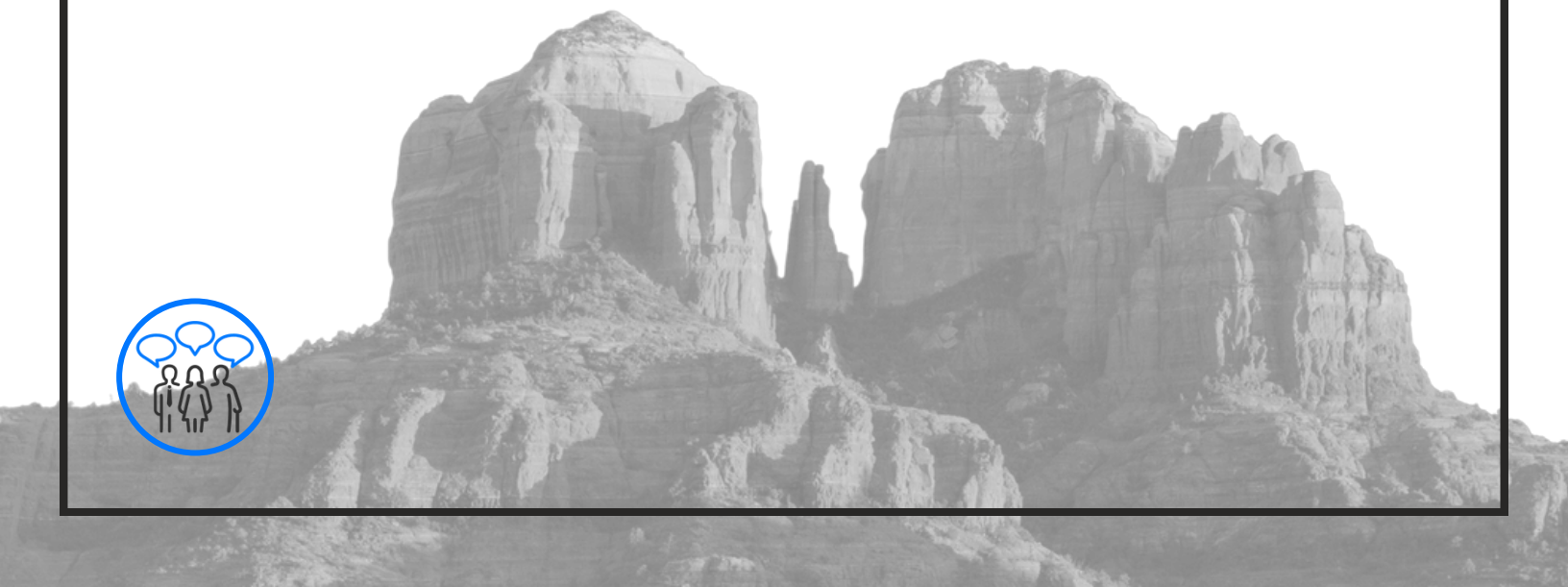
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BALLOT PARTY HOST GUIDE



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BALLOT PARTY HOST GUIDE

You're registered to vote. You know the candidates running for Governor, the newly created Lieutenant Governor seat, state executive offices, and your local legislative district. But when your Arizona ballot arrives, you'll also face a series of statewide ballot propositions on key issues like election administration, tax policy, and photo enforcement.

This year, voters will decide on major statewide ballot measures alongside local and state elections. Understanding these measures and their potential impact is essential, as the outcomes directly shape daily life across Arizona communities.

This toolkit is designed to help you break down the statewide propositions, evaluate the key arguments, and navigate constructive discussions with friends, family, and neighbors. While summaries and lists of supporters and opponents offer a useful starting point, the greatest value comes from having honest, thoughtful conversations with people in your community.

Using this guide, you can confidently participate in complex conversations that foster shared understanding and address different perspectives. Active, informed dialogue helps drive our collective goal forward: ensuring all Arizonans are informed, able, and empowered to engage in our democracy at every level.

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HOW TO USE THIS TOOLKIT?

This toolkit is designed to be printed, but includes QR codes to help connect to online resources where necessary. Below are some tips for how to prepare ahead of your party and during the party. We have also included the list of documents included in this full toolkit, and additional items to pring.

HOW TO PREPARE

- All attendees review the Ballot Propositions 101.
- Assign or select propositions so each participant gets the opportunity to lead a discussion. We recommend doing this in advance of the party, but you can also allow 20 minutes at the beginning of the party for each person to prepare.
- Each participant completes the Proposition Discussion Guide for their assigned propositions.

TIP: Print the full toolkit double-sided. Then you can print extra copies of the ground rules and checklist at the link below.

AT THE PARTY

- Before kicking off the discussion, utilize the Ballot Party Ground Rules to set guidelines.
- Ensure everyone has a copy of the Ballot Checklist to complete throughout the discussion.
- Set a timer for each proposition based on your ground rules.
- Utilize the Discussion Guides to go through each proposition.

Scan or **click here** to access the full toolkit and additional resources!

DOCUMENTS AND PRINT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ballot Propositions 101 *(Print optional)*
- Proposition List *(Print one to refer to assigned propositions)*
- Ballot Party Ground Rules *(Print one copy. Additional copies optional.)*
- Ballot Checklist *(Print one for each attendee)*
- Proposition Discussion Guides *(Each attendee prints and completes for their assigned propositions. Additional copies for each attendee optional).*

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BALLOT PROPOSITIONS 101

WHAT IS A BALLOT MEASURE OR PROPOSITION?

A ballot measure or proposition is a form of policy (a new law, regulation, or constitutional amendment) that is brought before voters for approval. They are sometimes called initiatives or referendums.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INITIATIVE AND A REFERENDUM?

An **initiative** is a proposition that is led by citizens. Registered voters may submit a proposed amendment to state statute or constitution to the Arizona Secretary of State. A petition signed by 10% (or 15% for a constitutional amendment) of registered voters is required to get an initiative on the ballot.

A **referendum** can refer to either a veto referendum or a legislative referendum.

A **legislative referendum** is a proposition that is referred to the voting public by the legislature. Legislators may choose to refer any piece of legislation to the ballot. However, all constitutional amendments must be voted on by the public.

A **veto referendum** is a citizen-led effort to veto a law or part of a law through referring the policy to the ballot. Citizens must submit a petition and gather signatures from 5% of registered voters.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSITIONS ON MY BALLOT IN NOVEMBER?

There are eight state-wide ballot propositions on the ballot. Additional propositions may be on your ballot based on where you live. This year all eight ballot propositions are legislative referenda.

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PROPOSITIONS LIST

PROP #	TITLE	CITIZEN OR LEGISLATIVE-LED	DISCUSSION LEADER
141	Prohibit Taxes or Fees on Vehicle Miles Traveled	Legislative	
142	Prohibit Preferential Treatment Based on Race or Ethnicity	Legislative	
144	Require Voter Identification and Voting Location Tabulation	Legislative	
316	Limit Grocery Tax Rate Increases without Voter Approval	Legislative	
317	Designate Drug Cartels as Terrorist Organizations	Legislative	
318	Require Restroom Restrictions at Schools Based on Sex	Legislative	
319	Prohibit Use of Current Photo Radar without Voter Approval	Legislative	
320	Restrict Some School District Funds to Direct Instruction	Legislative	

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BALLOT PARTY GROUND RULES

SETTING GUIDELINES FOR THE DISCUSSION

Disagreements may arise when discussing these critical topics so it is important to set ground rules for the conversation. Below are some recommendations for rules based on three of Valley Leadership's Principles of Doing and a template for setting your own rules.

ARIZONA FIRST

What is best for Arizona? Frame your discussion on how these propositions would impact all Arizona residents not just your own individual ambitions.

BUILDING TRUST

Seek to understand, not to win. Foster respect, civility, and be open to hearing other points of view. Question content, and not the individual.

INTEGRITY

Take responsibility as a speaker and a listener. Own your intentions and impact. Examine your own biases, and value information, facts, and critical thinking.

HOW WILL OUR GROUP AGREE TO DISAGREE?

HOW WILL WE INDICATE A NEED FOR A BREAK FROM THE DISCUSSION?

HOW WILL WE ALLOCATE TIME FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS TO BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION?

TIME LIMIT FOR EACH PROPOSITION: _____

OTHER RULES?

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BALLOT CHECKLIST

PROP #	TITLE	NOTES	MY VOTE
141	Prohibit Taxes or Fees on Vehicle Miles Traveled		
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DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 141

TITLE: Prohibit Taxes or Fees on Vehicle Miles Traveled

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote would amend the Arizona Constitution to prohibit state and local governments from implementing: (1) taxes or fees on based on motor vehicle miles traveled; and (2) laws or rules that monitor or limit motor vehicle miles traveled without the person's consent. These prohibitions would not apply in certain instances, such as interstate commercial vehicles or to vehicles owned by the state or local governments.

A **"NO"** vote would maintain the current constitutional language, maintaining the legislature's ability to implement taxes or fees on vehicle miles traveled and enact rules to monitor or limit vehicle miles traveled.

Constitutional Amendment: YES OR NO	**Legislative or Citizen Led**

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING

- Arizona Free Enterprise Club
- Maricopa County Libertarian Party
- Home Builders Association of Central AZ
- National Motorists Association
- Arizona Trucking Association

ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED

- LD3 Democrats Northeastern Maricopa County
- Rural Arizona Action
- Civic Engagement Beyond Voting

DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 141

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

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DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 142

TITLE: Prohibit Preferential Treatment Based on Race or Ethnicity

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote would change the language of the constitution. It would specifically prohibit requiring individuals to support preferential treatment or discrimination against "any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting." It would also prohibit spending public money on positions in public education responsible for promoting preferential treatment or discrimination, implementing disciplinary practices that treat students or employees differently based on race and ethnicity, and requiring enrollment in a course that promotes considerations of race-based diversity, equity, and inclusion or intersectionality.

A **"NO"** vote would keep the existing language of the constitution and would maintain the current prohibition against preferential treatment or discrimination.

Constitutional Amendment:
YES OR NO

Legislative or Citizen Led

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING

- Goldwater Institute
- Heritage Action for America
- Arizona Women of Action
- AZ Free Enterprise Club

ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED

- ACLU of Arizona
- Civic Engagement Beyond Voting
- League of Women Voters of Arizona
- Our Voice, Our Vote
- Mi Familia Vota

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 142

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

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DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 144

TITLE: Require Voter Identification and Voting Location Tabulation

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote changes the language of the constitution. It will be amended to say that "only citizens could vote and register to vote in an Arizona election" and require that voters, regardless of whether they are voting in person or by another method — including mail, must show a government issued ID at the time of voting. Language would also prohibit foreign nationals from making contributions to influence Arizona elections and prohibits others from knowingly accepting such contributions. Lastly, this would require that voters have the option to have their votes tabulated at their voting location on Election Day.

A **"NO"** vote would keep the existing language of the constitution the same and continue to require voters to provide the appropriate identification as per state statute.

Constitutional Amendment:
YES OR NO

Legislative or Citizen Led

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING

- Arizona Freedom Caucus
- Heritage Action For America
- AZ Free Enterprise Club
- Arizona Women of Action

ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- Arizona Public Health Association
- Indivisible Tuscon
- League of Women Voters of Arizona
- Rural Arizona Action
- Vitalyst Health Foundation
- Chispa AZ
- Mormon Women for Ethical Government

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 144

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 316

TITLE: Limit Grocery Tax Rate Increases without Voter Approval

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote would cap the tax or fee that a city, town or other taxing jurisdiction may impose on the sale of food intended for home consumption at 2%. For cities, towns or local tax jurisdictions where the tax rate is already above 2%, the tax rate would not be abolished or decreased, but the tax rate could never increase above the existing rate. The measure would require that any city or local tax jurisdiction seeking to increase the sales tax on groceries receive voter approval before the tax increase goes into effect. The highest that a sales tax on food could be raised is 2%.

A **"NO"** vote opposes prohibiting local governments from imposing or increasing a tax on the sale of groceries without voter approval and capping the tax rate at 2%.

Constitutional Amendment: YES OR NO	**Legislative or Citizen Led**
ORGANIZATIONS / OFFICIALS SUPPORTING • League of Arizona Cities and Towns	**ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED** • Civic Engagement Beyond Voting • Arizona Municipal Clerks' Association • Arizonans for Freedom

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 316

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 317

TITLE: Designate Drug Cartels as Terrorist Organizations

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote would (1) declare drug cartels as terrorist organizations and direct the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to do everything in its authority to address threats posed by drug cartels; (2) define "drug cartel" to mean an ongoing formal or informal association of persons engaged in human smuggling, drug trafficking, or any act defined as terrorism under Arizona law; and (3) clarify that this measure does not support an alien's asylum claim. It would define threats as anything designed to disturb, violate, or harm the public welfare or individual rights.

A **"NO"** vote not define drug cartels as terrorist organizations and would not expand the responsibility of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to address them.

Constitutional Amendment: YES OR NO	**Legislative or Citizen Led**
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING • N/A	**ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED** • Arizonans for Freedom

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 317

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

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DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 318

TITLE: Require Restroom Restrictions at Schools Based on Sex

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote would prohibit all schools and athletic associations from authorizing a student, athlete, employee, or other individual from using a restroom, locker room, shower room, or other private space that is not designated for their sex, defined as the "biological status as male or female as recorded at birth on the individual's original birth certificate." It would also remove the provision allowing any student, including females, to participate in any interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport designated for males.

A **"NO"** vote would have the effect of maintaining the current laws relating to student athletics.

Constitutional Amendment:
YES OR NO

Legislative or Citizen Led

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING

- Center for Arizona Policy
- Liberty Counsel Action
- Protect Girls Sports in Arizona

ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED

- ACLU of Arizona
- Arizona Coalition for Working Families
- Arizona Students Association
- Ballot Initiative Strategy Center
- Children's Action Alliance
- Equality Arizona Action
- Rural Arizona Action
- Save Our Schools Arizona
- Stonewall Democrats of Arizona

DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 318

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 319

TITLE: Prohibit Use of Current Photo Radar without Voter Approval

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote would (1) prohibit state agencies and local governments from using photo enforcement systems to identify violators of traffic laws unless the agency or government contracts to use those systems by December 31, 2026. It would also (2) require local governments to obtain voter approval of existing photo enforcement systems at the next regular general election and every 10 years afterward to continue using photo enforcement systems.

A **"NO"** vote would maintain current laws governing photo enforcement systems.

Constitutional Amendment: YES OR NO	**Legislative or Citizen Led**
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING N/A	**ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED** • Arizona Public Health Association • AAA Arizona • Civic Engagement Beyond Voting • Institute of Transportation Engineers Arizona Section

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DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 319

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:
PROPOSITION 320

TITLE: Restrict Some School District Funds to Direct Instruction

SUMMARY

A **"YES"** vote would require that large school districts (more than 7,500 students or counties with populations greater than 500,000) spend at least 60% of their budget on "direct instructional expenses." The state Auditor General will be responsible for defining "operational spending" and "direct instructional expenses" and determining whether a school is in compliance. If a district fails to reach the 60% requirement, beginning in the fiscal year 2027-2028, they will need to increase their spending on "direct instructional expenses" by at least 0.05% per year until they meet the 60% requirement. If a district fails to reach the 60% or the 0.05% annual increase, their allocation of the state's classroom site fund would be reduced for that fiscal year.

A **"NO"** vote would have the effect of maintaining the current laws governing school district budgets.

Constitutional Amendment: YES OR NO	**Legislative or Citizen Led**
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING • The Goldwater Institute • Arizona Women of Action	**ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSED** • Arizona Education Association • League of Women Voters of Arizona • Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest

DISCUSSION GUIDE: PROPOSITION 320

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discussion leader to complete in advance to guide conversation

1. What are the reasons to support this position?

2. What are the reasons to oppose this position?

3. What are the critical aspects of this proposition that make you lean one way or the other?

4. How might the outcome of this proposition impact you personally?

5. Has this discussion changed your perspective of this proposition?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Scan the QR Code or visit
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to access the full toolkit,
additional checklists and
more resources!