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Keep Your Power: Vote No on Proposition 132

Arizona has a long, proud history of direct democracy via ballot initiatives. It has served us well.

Voter initiatives are a check balance in the system – one of the only ways that we as members of the public can push back against the stranglehold that deep pocket special interests like the chamber of commerce have on the legislature.

For years, members of the state legislature proposed bills to prohibit smoking in public places like bars and restaurants. But year after year, deep pocketed, well-connected business lobbyists found ways to kill those bills using their bag of magic tricks like getting the speaker of the house or president of the senate to make sure the bills were never heard.

Finally, in 2006, a group of nonprofits and ordinary citizens took matters into their own hands and collected enough signatures to get the Smoke Free Arizona Act onto the ballot. That Initiative included a ban on smoking in public places (with exceptions) and included a 2 cent per pack tobacco tax for enforcement.

Business interests fought hard against it, even running their own weakened voter initiative. But in the end, enough people saw that the Smoke Free Arizona Act was good. It passed by a margin of 54.7% to 45.3%.

Now, the Legislature wants you to approve Proposition 132 which will require voter initiatives that include a tax or fee to pass with at least 60% of the vote. If Proposition 132 was in effect back in 2006 we might very well still have public spaces full of tobacco smoke.

Prop 132 is a bald-faced attempt to take your power away and give it to the deep-pocketed lobbyists & business interests.

Don't let them. Please vote no on Proposition 132.

Will Humble, Director, Arizona Department of Health Services (2009-2015), Phoenix

The League of Women Voters of Arizona opposes this Amendment to the Constitution. The Arizona constitution has long given citizens strong powers, for example in the ability to propose and enact initiatives, leading to enactment or repeal of AZ statutes.

This measure would change the balance of power away from the citizens right to enact legislation. The Legislature can enact tax legislation with a simple majority. A "YES" vote for this constitutional change means the citizens will need a supermajority of 60% to pass a citizen led initiative. This is an unprecedented attack on the will of voters and limits citizens' ability to address areas where they feel the Legislature has not acted in the best interest of Arizonans.

This is a clear contradiction to the will of the framers of the Arizona constitution. Article 2, Section 2 of the Arizona Constitution states: "All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights." Why should a majority of the legislature have more power than a majority of the voters?

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS URGES YOU TO VOTE NO.

Pinny Sheoran, President, League of Women Voters of Arizona, Phoenix

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Proposition 132 would move the goal post for passing initiatives and referendums from simple majority to 60 percent, severely limiting the ability of Arizonans to raise revenue and invest in their future. That's why the Arizona Center for Economic Progress strongly urges voters to reject Prop. 132.

For years, Arizonans have used direct democracy—the initiative and referendum process—to voice and enact their priorities. And Arizonans did this when it meant approving new taxes to fund things like schools, roads, early childhood development programs, and parks. Often a majority of voters, but less than 60 percent, passed these important ballot measures that raised revenue; and had Prop. 132 been in place, these would have failed. Arizonans know that investing in their priorities is crucial to the state's future, and Prop. 132 would prevent them from doing so.

If people are Arizona's future, then they should be trusted to choose when new taxes are needed. When elected officials refuse to hear the will of the voters and starve the state of the financial resources it needs, the initiative and referendum process allows Arizonans to take the state budget into their own hands. At the ballot, Arizonans should be able to build a People First Economy—one where the resources are available so that children get the care and education they deserve, maintain quality roads, and protect green spaces and parks.

A “No” vote is for Arizona's people.

A “No” vote is for Arizona's future.

Andrew Sugrue, Assistant Director of Policy and Advocacy, Arizona Center for Economic Progress, Phoenix and May Mgbolu, Assistant Director of Policy and Advocacy, Arizona Center for Economic Progress, Mesa

The Arizona Education Association Retired (AEA-R) strongly opposes Prop 132 because it takes away the ability to make laws at the ballot when the legislature has failed to act on the will of the people of Arizona.

We urge all voters to reject this attack on our democratic process. It is an attempt to take away the power of the people. Instead of a vote by majority rule, the Arizona Legislature is creating a much higher bar for Arizona voters by requiring voters to approve anything at the ballot by at least 60% of the vote.

Arizona voters should not be held to a higher standard than our own state legislature which has the power to pass bills by a simple majority. Had this been in effect, measures that were voter-approved to fund our schools and children would not have passed by a 60% margin—Proposition 301 (education sales tax), Proposition 123 (state trust land funding for schools), Proposition 206 First Things First (early childhood education), and Proposition 208 (education funding).

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As retired educators and voters, we retired from our position but not our profession. The AEA-Retired values public education and has worked tirelessly in the success of the propositions mentioned above. Proposition 132 directly attacks the foundation of our democracy and silences the will of the voters. As educators, from bus drivers to cafe workers, from classroom teachers to paraprofessionals, from active to retired educators, we urge Arizona to vote NO on Proposition 132 to protect our schools, our pensions and our right to use our collective power. On behalf of our AEA-Retired Board representing our 2,200 members, as President, I will be signing this argument.

Respectfully,

Anna Cicero

AZ Education Association-Retired President

Anna Cicero, President, Arizona Education Association -Retired, Chandler

As a classroom teacher with 27 years of experience, as a parent, and a 7-year Navy veteran, I am strongly opposed to Proposition 132. This measure will diminish the power of the people in Arizona. This proposition will serve only to help silence the voices of Arizonans. It will serve to limit the ability of AZ voters to invest in the future of our state. The people of Arizona deserve to have their voices heard, not suppressed, by our elected officials. Vote NO on Prop. 132. Vote NO to support our voters. Vote NO to support our voices. Vote NO to keep the power with the people of Arizona. Prop 132 will require additional school funding by a vote of at least 60%. AZ voters should not have to meet a different set of criteria than our legislature who are able to pass measures with a simple majority. Vote NO on 132.

Estevan Carreon

2021 AzCEC Special Education Teacher of the Year

2021 Top Five candidate for AZ Teacher of the Year

Estevan Carreon, Glendale

The Paradise Valley Fund for Children in Public Education is asking Arizonans to protect democracy by voting NO on Proposition 132. Direct Democracy is at the very heart of Arizona's history, and is absolutely the best way to protect our rights and citizens' well-being. This proposition will require a 60% voter approval rate for new education funding initiatives, which will nearly eliminate the opportunity for the people of this state to influence the priorities of our state's budget.

This measure, written in the last minutes of the legislative session, is an astounding attack on one of the most important rights Arizonans have had since we earned statehood in 1912. The people of Arizona have relied on these rights to move our state forward, to guide our leaders, and ensure that all of our voices matter. The legislature passed this measure to take rights away from each and every one of us. Insist on fairness, insist on freedom, insist they protect Arizona's greatest treasure-our right to influence our government.

We have seen how a 60% threshold has left the US Senate nearly unable to function; why would we want

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to do that to the people of Arizona? The educators of the PV Fund for Children in Public Education ask you to oppose this dangerous attack on EVERY Arizonan's rights and our unique brand of liberty.

Vote no on Prop 132.

Joshua Atkins, President, Paradise Valley Fund for Children in Public Education, Phoenix

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The Chandler Education Association (CEA) and the Education Support Professionals of Chandler (ESPoC) vehemently oppose Proposition 132. We urge all voters to reject this attack on democratic processes. It is an attempt to take away the power of the people. Instead of a vote by majority rule, the Arizona Legislature is creating a much higher bar for Arizona voters by requiring voters to approve anything at the ballot by at least 60% of the vote. Arizona voters should not be held to a higher standard than our own state legislature which gives to itself the power to pass bills by a simple majority. Bills that attack things such as public education, health care and our own voting rights. On the final day of the legislative session, the majority party referred Proposition 132 to this ballot with the minimum number of votes — falling below the 60% the same state legislature wants voters to achieve when moving forward with any initiative in the future.

If this law had been in place in the past, then following measures which received the support of the majority of Arizona voters, but not 60%, would not have been enacted: Prop 301 education sales tax (53.5%); Prop 123 (50.9%); Prop 206 First Things First (53%); Prop 208 (51%)

Arizona voters value public education as demonstrated by the results of the elections above. Proposition 132 directly attacks the foundation of our democracy and silences the will of the voters. As educators, from bus drivers to cafe workers, from classroom teachers to paraprofessionals, we urge Arizona voters to vote NO on Proposition 132 to protect our schools and our right to use our collective power.

Katie Nash, President, Chandler Education Association, Gilbert

The Arizona Education Association (AEA) asks voters to soundly reject Proposition 132. The Arizona Legislature referred this measure to voters because they are angry that voters time-and-time again vote to support public education by dedicating financial resources to support our students and teachers. The Arizona Legislature proposes to make this near impossible in the future with this measure by requiring voters to approve any additional funding for schools by at least 60% vote approval. That is simply ridiculous, and un-patriotic. Voters are smart and want to support their neighborhood public school. A simple majority vote should continue to be the threshold for something to pass, and Arizona voters should not have a higher bar than politicians give themselves to pass laws. Please join your teachers and education support professionals in a vote to support our public schools and reject the extremism of the Arizona Legislature. Please vote NO on Proposition 132.

Marisol Garcia, President, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix

The Arizona Education Association (AEA) strongly opposes Proposition 132 and urges all voters to soundly reject this horrendous measure referred by the Arizona Legislature to take the power of the people away. Instead of a vote by majority rule, the Arizona Legislature is creating a much higher bar for

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Arizona voters by requiring voters to approve funding measures at the ballot by at least 60% of the vote. Why should voters have a higher bar placed on them than the legislature gives to itself where bills can pass by a simple majority? As background, Proposition 132 was referred to this ballot during the final day of the legislative session with the bare minimum votes to pass—far short of the 60% the Arizona Legislature wants voters to achieve when moving forward with any initiative in the future. This is a matter of fairness and respect for voters. On behalf of 20,000 teachers and education support professionals, please vote NO on Proposition 132 and keep the power in Arizona voters' hands.

Joe Thomas, Past-President, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix

The ability to pass laws at the ballot box through the initiative process is an important tool for Arizona voters to take matters into their own hands when the politicians at the State Capitol fail to do their jobs. Now those same politicians are pushing Proposition 132 to make it nearly impossible for Arizona voters to exercise that constitutional right. If Prop 132 passes, instead of a simple majority, an initiative would need a supermajority of 60 percent to become law. It will allow the minority to block the preference of the majority. Supermajority requirements like this already create gridlock in Congress and our state legislature, and now politicians want to bring that same type of gridlock to the right that Arizona voters have had since statehood to make their own laws at the ballot.

If Proposition 132's supermajority requirement had been in place in the past, it would have blocked millions of dollars in resources that Arizona children and families rely on today. Past ballot measures like Prop 301 and Prop 206 have produced millions of new dollars annually for Arizona's public schools and for early childhood education through the establishment of First Things First. Both of these measures received the support of the majority of Arizona voters but not the 60 percent threshold that Prop 132 will require in the future.

Prop 132 will make it nearly impossible to raise the revenue needed in the future to properly fund Arizona's public schools or to provide other resources that our communities depend on so that all Arizona children and families can thrive. We urge you to vote NO on Prop 132.

David Lujan, President and CEO, Children's Action Alliance, Phoenix

The Peoria Education Association (PEA) strongly opposes Proposition 132 and urges ALL voters to reject this measure referred by the Arizona Legislature. Proposition 132 sole intent is to take POWER AWAY FROM VOTERS. The Arizona Legislature is attempting to take the majority rule away from voters by requiring at least a 60% vote for any ballot measure be required to pass. This includes voter initiatives! Currently, the legislature gives itself a majority rule when passing House or Senate Bills, why should voters be forced to have a higher pass percentage than legislators? Prop 132 was created as a last ditch effort to take control away from the people and give the government more control. This measure was sneakily added on the last day of the legislative session. Don't let legislators take your voice or your power. VOTE NO on Proposition 132.

Devon Moseler, Vice President, Peoria Education Association, Peoria

As a high school teacher and president of the Glendale Union Education Association, I oppose Proposition 132. Let's be clear, citizens have been disenfranchised by the voting process. Case in point,

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for years our communities have continuously asked the state to fund public education through their vote, but the Arizona Legislature and court system defy those requests again and again. I teach my students that their voice matters, that they can have a say in what goes on in their neighborhood and that they can change the world. Proposition 132 will put unnecessary barriers in the way of this. By requiring voters to approve anything on the ballot by at least 60%, it is clear that there is a deliberate attack to stop our voice. Please vote NO on Proposition 132.

Amber Gould, Teacher, Glendale Union Education Association, Glendale

I strongly oppose Prop 132 and recognize it as an attack on the basic rights of Arizona citizens to come together and have their collective voices heard on issues that matter. Arizonans have proudly used the initiative and referendum process many times to ensure the voice of the people has been heard and heeded, and Prop 132 seeks to silence that voice by replacing the 50% majority rule standard with a requirement of a 60% vote to approve such measures. This high bar-while the legislature continues to operate on a simple majority rule-will make it increasingly difficult for voters to move forward the issues that matter to Arizonans, issues like access to high-quality education for all of Arizona's students. As an educational leader, a teacher, and a fellow Arizona voter, I strongly oppose Prop 132, and I urge you to vote no on Prop 132 and to protect the power of Arizona voter voice.

Lindsey Peterson, Board Member, Washington Elementary School District Governing Board, Phoenix

The Tucson Education Association (TEA) strongly opposes Proposition 132 and urges all voters to soundly reject this horrendous measure, referred by the Arizona Legislature, to lessen the power of the people. Our elected leaders have chosen to attack our children and our schools by deliberately setting a higher bar for the average voter than the one they, the legislators, must follow. Evidently, there is nothing wrong with Majority rule unless the majority does not agree with the personal beliefs of elected politicians who would rather sacrifice our Constitutional Rights rather than simply assist the most vulnerable population; our children. The Arizona Legislature referred this measure to voters because they are angry that voters time-and-time again vote to support public education by dedicating financial resources to support our students and teachers.

Voters are smart and want to support neighborhood public schools. Proposition 132 was referred to this ballot during the final day of the legislative session with the bare minimum votes to pass—far short of the 60% the Arizona Legislature wants voters to achieve when moving forward with any initiative in the future. If this measure were in place in previous years, Proposition 301, 123, 206 & 208 would have failed as well, leaving most district budgets with nothing to supplement base salaries or hire additional staff to lower class sizes and address special needs populations.

A simple majority vote should continue to be the threshold for something to pass, and Arizona voters should not have a higher bar than politicians give themselves to pass laws. This is a matter of fairness and respect for voters. On behalf of 20,000 teachers and education support professionals, please vote NO on Proposition 132 and keep the power in Arizona voters' hands.

Margaret Chaney

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TEA President

Margaret Chaney, President, Tucson Education Association, Tucson

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My name is Kareem Neal, and I was recently named the first teacher in Arizona history to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. I am asking voters to please reject Proposition 132. Over the past few months, Arizonans have reached out to congratulate me and tell me how much they love our schools, students, and teachers. The voters of Arizona have also shown that they love our schools by consistently voting to support public education resources. Proposition 132 is a blatant attack to take that power away from the people and give it to politicians who are frustrated at the fact that the people of Arizona consistently show how much they support education with their vote. To require voters to approve school funding initiatives by at least 60% of the vote shows that there are some lawmakers who feel that their personal beliefs should trump the will of the people of Arizona. I urge voters to consider the fact that some legislators are pushing to impose higher standards on the people than the standards they have at the legislature where they can pass laws by a simple majority. Ironically, the legislative majority referred Proposition 132 to the ballot with the minimum number of votes which would fall well below the 60% threshold that they want voters to achieve to approve funding initiatives in the future. Please join me and all other education professionals in voting NO on Proposition 132 to protect our schools and representative democracy.

Kareem Neal, Phoenix

My name is Patricia Acosta. I'm a retired public servant and have been a resident of Tempe, Arizona for almost 30 years.

For more than a century, Arizonans of all walks of life and all political views have used ballot measures to express the will of the people. Over the decades, I've voted on ballot measures to invest in public education, raise the minimum wage, expand benefits for workers, and more. I've seen how the ballot measure process provides a critical opportunity for voters to turn the will of the people into the law of the land.

That's why it's so frustrating to see politicians at the state capitol trying to undermine the ballot initiative process. Instead of respecting the will of the people, they're trying to change the rules of the game in a way that will ultimately block voters from expressing our power.

Proposition 132 would make it harder for voters to pass certain ballot initiatives by increasing the approval threshold from 50+1% to 60%. It creates a higher bar for passage of laws than politicians are beholden to themselves.

In short, Proposition 132 effectively ends majority rule, undermines the concept of one person, one vote and allows just 41% of voters to block the will of the people.

I will be voting NO on Proposition 132 and I urge you to do the same.

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Patricia Acosta, Tempe

MWEG supports the Arizona Constitution, specifically the right of the people to referendum and to submit ballot measures through lawful process. That process is sufficiently robust to ensure measures are not proposed casually. Requiring a supermajority would weaken the voice of the people and would prevent productive ballot initiatives from passage. The current majority requirement, coupled with the required process, is more than adequate. Anything more would unduly hamper democracy. We oppose HCR2015.

Christie Black, Arizona Chapter Coordinator, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, Mesa and Andrea Messinger Dalton, Arizona Chapter Coordinator, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, Oro Valley

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The Washington District Education Association (WDEA) strongly recommends that voters reject Proposition 132. This measure was referred by Arizona Legislature due to their anger that Arizona voters consistently vote to support public education and Arizona students. This measure would require any ballot measure to meet a 60% voter approval- the Arizona Legislature passed this measure on party lines- 57% in the Senate and 53% in the House. Based on their requirement in this measure, their own proposal would not have passed. Simple majority voting should continue to be the threshold for something to pass. Arizona citizens should not have a higher bar to pass laws than politicians. Please join the WDEA and Arizona public schools and vote NO on PROP 132.

Brittani Karbginsky, Teacher, Washington District Education Association, Anthem

The same people who lied about the 2020 election are pushing this democracy diluting initiative by requiring that citizen initiatives need 60% to win on the ballot while keeping their own requirement to win at a simple majority or about 50.1%. By voting for Prop 132, you will be reducing the weight of your vote while giving the 90 people in the legislature more power than the 3 million+ Arizona voters like you who participate in the general election.

It's a no brainer.

Vote NO on 132.

Mohit Asnani, Tucson

As an organization focused on addressing the problems facing Arizona's rural communities, we know rural Arizonans often feel forgotten and left behind. Decisions made in Phoenix affect us and our lives, and yet it can be hard for us to make our voices heard and force those in power to pay attention. We hear this every day where we live in Casa Grande and San Tan Valley and in our work across Pinal, Yuma, and Coconino Counties.

That is why we are committed to using and protecting the ballot initiative process. For more than 100 years, Arizonans have used ballot initiatives to voice the will of the public. From expanding paid sick

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leave and other benefits for workers to investing in public education, ballot initiatives have allowed people to be the conduits for change.

Through the ballot initiative process, our legislators have a constitutional responsibility to follow the will of the people when we make our voices heard.

Now, some politicians are trying to rewrite the rules to block voters from using our power. Proposition 132 will make it harder for voters to pass certain ballot initiatives, and create a higher bar for passage of these initiatives than politicians are beholden to themselves. This measure restricts our freedom to enact change at the ballot box and undermines the core principle of our democracy: one person, one vote.

We need to stand up to these politicians and preserve our power. Join us in voting NO on Proposition 132.

Natali Fierros Bock, Co-Executive Director, Rural Arizona Engagement, San Tan Valley and Pablo Correa, Co-Executive Director, Rural Arizona Engagement, Casa Grande

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Arizonans: vote NO on Proposition 132.

Proposition 132 is a direct attack on our ability to make change through the ballot initiative process. Under Proposition 132, it will become much more difficult for voters to pass policy through ballot initiatives. In fact, if Proposition 132 passes, most initiatives will face a higher bar for passage than elected officials face themselves.

Arizonans have used ballot initiatives for more than 100 years. Under our constitution, politicians are required to follow the will of the people as expressed through this initiative process. We need to fight back on attempts to weaken or block our power like Proposition 132.

As a faith leader, I place tremendous importance on our ability as voters to come together and make change. The values that underlie our democracy – including the principle of one person, one vote – are connected to the inherent dignity and worth of each individual person. We have an obligation and a duty to protect our democracy, and it starts by standing up to these politicians and preserving our power. Please join me in voting NO on Proposition 132.

Katie Sexton-Wood, Reverend, Glendale

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You shouldn't need a law degree to fill out your ballot, but Proposition 132 sure makes it feel that way. Here's how I read the fine print:

The goal of Proposition 132 is to permanently change our constitution to require a three-fifths supermajority to pass certain ballot initiatives. In other words, it allows just 41% of voters to block issues that the majority of Arizonans want – like funding for schools, healthcare, roads, and more.

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Arizonans have a strong history of using ballot measures to pass common-sense legislation when politicians can't get their act together. Requiring a three-fifths supermajority vote creates a higher bar for passage of ballot measures than politicians are beholden to themselves, taking away power from the voters and putting it in the hands of politicians and wealthy corporations.

In Arizona, we believe in "one person, one vote." Proposition 132 shreds this principle. It guts the very concept of majority rule by putting the minority, the outvoted, in charge.

Here's the other reality: Proposition 132 is poorly written and vague, and legal experts agree that it will result in litigation, costing taxpayers money.

We need more power for voters, not less.

Vote NO on Proposition 132.

Joseph O'Rourke, Tempe

Crushing voters' powers. This is yet another move by the current legislative majority to prevent Arizonans from using our Constitutional right to pass laws by the initiative process. Their professed reason is that they are unable to tweak a voter-passed law to make sure it works well. (Source: Committee hearing) If that was the true motivation, however, they could have written this to allow tweaks for initiatives passed with between 50%+1 and 60%. They did not. Instead, they want to require initiatives to pass with a super-majority. (The measure already has to provide a funding source, so most will be impacted.)

Don't give up one of your super-powers, fellow Arizonans! Vote NO!

Paul Weich, Candidate, AZ House, LD12 (Tempe/Chandler/Ahwatukee), Phoenix

Common Defense is the country's largest veteran-led grassroots organization committed to engaging, organizing, training and mobilizing veterans to elect accountable leaders.

As veterans, as Arizonans, and as members of Common Defense, we urge you to vote NO on Proposition 132.

Under the Arizona constitution, our legislators are required to follow the will of the people as expressed through ballot initiatives.

Unfortunately, some politicians don't like that they are required to follow the will of the people. Through efforts like Proposition 132, they're trying to change the rules to block voters from using our power.

Proposition 132 will make it significantly harder for voters to pass ballot measures, setting a higher bar for most ballot measures to pass than politicians have to meet themselves.

Respecting the will of the people is a key value that Arizonans share, one that forms a bedrock principle of our democracy. Join us in protecting our power as Arizonans by voting NO on Proposition 132.

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Joanna Sweatt, Organizing Director, Common Defense, Chandler; Chad Flannery, Member, Common Defense, Chandler; Christopher Emmons, Member, Common Defense, Mesa; Jason Moon, Member, Common Defense, Phoenix; Frank Thompson, Member, Common Defense, Tucson; Sylvia Andersh, Member, Common Defense, Tucson; Bridget Bellavigna, Member, Common Defense, Phoenix; A.R. Yates, Member, Common Defense, Phoenix; Jana Lynn Granillo, Member, Common Defense, Tempe; Marilyn Wilbur, Member, Common Defense, Surprise; and Bruce Alvers, Member, Common Defense, Gilbert

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Arizona has a proud tradition of the voters making their voices heard when the Legislature fails to act around issues important to them. Proposition 132 asks the voters to give up their power and that's why the Friends of ASBA is strongly opposed to Proposition 132.

One of the only things that has kept Arizona remotely competitive has been the voters' ability to see the big picture where the Legislature could not. Voters have approved taxes for schools, roads, and healthcare when the Legislature would not. Since the year 2000, only you, the voter has produced new revenue sources for K-12 education. The Legislature has used you, the voter, to accomplish revenue increases when they lacked the political will to do it themselves. Voters approved a 0.6% sales tax for schools in 2000 when the Legislature asked them to. Voters enacted a temporary sales tax to avoid bigger cuts to education during the Great Recession when the Legislature asked them to. Voters approved increased land trust money for schools in 2016 when, once again, the Legislature asked them to.

Voter-approved funding provides over \$1 billion to our schools today. Proposition 132 makes it harder for citizens to implement their values and fund their priorities, and easier for monied special interests to exercise control. Don't give up your power. Vote no on Proposition 132.

Steven Chapman, President, Board of Directors, Friends of ASBA, Glendale

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Arizona is one of 23 states that allows their citizens to initiate referendums. By requiring 60% of the voters to pass a ballot measure, the Arizona Legislature will be creating an unfair and nearly unobtainable bar for its citizens to move initiatives. This is a direct attack by the elected politicians to revoke the voice of the people by setting higher expectations for the voters than they have required for themselves. Why should Arizona voters have higher restrictions placed on them? If a simple majority is the standard for the Arizona Legislature, then it should be the same for the voters. Mesa education association asks voters to firmly reject proposition 132. MEA asks all voters to solidly reject this attempt by the Arizona Legislature to restrict and remove the power of the people. Do not vote to silence our ability to take action when the legislature fails to act on behalf of public education, students, families, and communities.

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Kelly Berg, President, Mesa Education Association, Mesa

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A simple majority vote is the backbone of our democracy.

Vote NO on Proposition 132 to keep a simple majority vote for all ballot measures, instead of requiring a supermajority of 60% for some measures.

To be clear: this effort only needs a simple majority to pass, but its supporters want a different standard for everyone else. This ballot measure is designed to make it more difficult for citizen initiatives to get on the ballot, which only increases the power of lobbyists and special interests. Activate 48 is asking voters to protect our direct democracy and vote NO on Proposition 132.

Activate 48 is a coalition led by LUCHA, Mi Familia Vota, Our Voice Our Vote Arizona, and Chispa Arizona. We are four of Arizona's leading movement organizations working to engage young people, Latinos, and communities of color in the political process.

We are bringing together Arizonans across backgrounds, regions, and issue movements to shape the state's future around the needs of communities, not corporations. As a people-powered movement, we believe all Arizonans deserve to have their voices heard. Proposition 132 will make that harder.

Please join us in voting NO on Proposition 132.

Alejandra Gomez, Co-Executive Director, Living United for Change in Arizona (LUCHA), Phoenix; Vianey Olivarría, State Co-Director, Chispa Arizona, Phoenix; Sena Mohammed, Chief of Staff, Our Voice Our Vote, Phoenix; and Carolina Rodriguez-Greer, Arizona State Director, Mi Familia Vota, Phoenix

Since the beginning of statehood in 1912, voters in Arizona from all sides of the political spectrum have used ballot initiatives to propose and enact laws to voice the public will and improve our communities.

But now, some politicians are trying to rewrite the rules because they don't want voters to use our power at the ballot. Arizona voters must stand up to these politicians and defend our freedom to make decisions through ballot initiatives.

Proposition 132 will permanently alter Arizona's constitution to make it harder for voters to pass certain ballot initiatives. It will create a higher bar for passage of ballot measures than politicians are beholden to themselves. Under Proposition 132, just 41% of voters could block popular policies supported by the majority of Arizonans, on topics ranging from healthcare to education.

Arizona voters must defend our right to determine our future by standing together to stop these politicians and voting NO on Proposition 132.

Montserrat Arredondo, Executive Director, One Arizona, Phoenix

Ballot measures are unique and precious to Arizona. They allow us, as voters, to directly make decisions about the laws we live with and how our tax dollars are spent. They give us a way to make sure state laws reflect what we care about in a way that black-and-white, cookie-cutter national political party platforms can't. This proposition would make it much, much harder to pass a ballot measure. It would take away

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power from Arizona voters. In short: if you like choices, want a voice in the political process, and want Arizona laws that reflect Arizona values, just vote no.

Katherine Koster, Scottsdale