

Prop. 125: Public Retirement System

Arguments Submitted “Against” Prop. 125

Vote Against Prop 125. Corrections Officers who are retired fulfilled their employment agreement with their employer and the retirement plan. They should get all the benefits that they were promised and successfully worked for. The Arizona State legislature should not be proposing changes to retiree pensions after the fact. The Corrections Officer Retirement plan is the strongest in Arizona. No changes need to be made except for the Arizona State Legislature to stop raiding all the trust funds and using that money for other areas. Members of the Corrections Officer Retirement plan are successful members of Law Enforcement that had one of the hardest jobs in Law Enforcement. This job class is one of the lowest paid in Law Enforcement and the promise of a good pension plan is why people put up with some of the worst job conditions in any field. If Prop 125 passes even less people will consider a career in this area of Law Enforcement and the State of Arizona and other local agencies will have a very hard time getting new employees. Why would anyone come work for a government retirement plan that is cutting benefits? Less qualified and less dedicated people will fill the open jobs. All agencies will have a higher employee turn over rate and will have to pay again and again for training new recruit Corrections Officers to replace people who are not making Law Enforcement a Career. Since training a recruit Corrections Officer can cost an agency \$50,000 per employee you would think the Arizona State Legislature would be taking proactive practices to keep people in the field for a longer time to save on training costs. Please vote NO on Prop 125 and support Law Enforcement.

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