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Arizona is facing a crisis in voter confidence. Regardless of one's views about how past elections were conducted or the legitimacy of the outcome, it is an undeniable fact that a significant portion of the electorate has lost faith in the integrity of our elections. And having an electorate who doubts the credibility of the election system is an existential threat to democracy. Why would people bother to participate in a process they don't believe is legitimate? Why would they trust a system they're convinced is unreliable? To dismiss or ignore the concerns of so many people, whether or not one shares those concerns, is to promote voter suppression and heighten this crisis all the more.

That's why I authored the legislation that became Prop 309, the Arizonans for Voter ID Act. It's a simple, practical, commonsense idea supported by an overwhelming majority of Arizona voters—Republicans and Democrats alike. The measure would require photo ID for in-person voting and provide a photo ID to eligible voters who don't have one so that no obstacle stands in the way of their constitutional right. For those who choose to vote by mail Prop 309 would apply an objective standard of written identification that people conveniently and routinely use in everyday life and require the identification be appropriately concealed until verified by election officials.

These reasonable policies established in Prop 309 will help restore voter confidence in the integrity of our elections by ensuring all Arizonans, no matter when, where, or how we vote, present ID when casting a ballot so that all legal votes—but only legal votes—are accepted and counted.

Let's make it easy to vote and hard to cheat. Vote YES on Prop 309!

J.D. Mesnard, State Senator, District 13, Chandler

Heritage Action for America, a national grassroots organization with two million conservative activists nationwide including thousands of Arizonans, fully supports the Arizonans for Voter ID Act. This ballot initiative contains common-sense reforms supported by an overwhelming majority of Arizona voters that would make it easy to vote and hard to cheat.

Secure elections that all citizens can trust is the bedrock of our republic. Voter ID is one of the best reforms to increase voter confidence in the integrity of our elections. Arizona has no Voter ID requirement for mail-in voting, leaving our elections vulnerable to fraud, errors, and abuse. Now is the time for Arizona voters to approve the AZ Voter ID ballot initiative so that no matter how you vote, when you vote, or where you vote, you can have confidence that your vote is secure.

Voter ID is one of the least controversial election reforms. In 2005, the bipartisan Carter-Baker Commission Report on Federal Election Reform was written for American people who were losing confidence in the election system. The report's words of warning ring true: "If elections are defective, the entire democratic system is at risk." The Carter-Baker commission noted that, "Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud."

When a vote is fraudulently cast, it robs a citizen of their voice and their vote. This is true voter suppression, and the AZ for Voter ID ballot initiative is the election reform we need to keep our elections accessible and secure so that every qualified vote counts.

Heritage Action for America urges Arizona voters to vote "YES" on the Arizonans for Voter ID Act.

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Nathan Duell, Western Regional Coordinator, Heritage Action for America, Glendale

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The majority of Arizonans believe requiring voters to show a government issued ID is easy to comply with and is a commonsense security measure. Prop 309 will help eliminate a critical vulnerability in our "no-excuse" mail-in ballot system, by requiring voters who vote by mail to provide basic ID on their ballot affidavit. This information, a birth date, last 4 digits of a social security card, or driver's license number are easily remembered or accessed by almost 100% of voters. This information would then be concealed by a privacy flap, or an outer envelope provided by the county. This simple step will give every mail-in voter confidence that their ballot will be protected and not be cancelled out by an illegal or fraudulent ballot. Voters who vote at the polls already expect to show voter ID, and we should be applying this standard to every voter, no matter how they choose to vote.

Prop 309 is a great way to increase security in our elections and give citizens confidence that Arizona cares about the integrity of the vote! Please vote YES on Prop 309!

Aimee Yentes, Vice Mayor, Town of Gilbert, Gilbert

The Arizonans for Voter ID Act is about one thing – creating a universal voter ID requirement so that no matter when, where, or how you vote, identification is required.

We routinely show ID in our everyday life. Whether buying alcohol, boarding a commercial flight, purchasing or renting a home, we expect to show ID. It's commonsense then that ID should also be required to cast a ballot, and that's why an overwhelming majority of Arizona voters support Prop 309, including a majority of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats.

Arizona has one of the most accessible election systems in the nation. Voters have the option of voting early by mail, dropping their ballot off at a polling location, voting early in-person beginning 27 days before an election, and voting in-person on election day.

Currently, a majority of voters choose to vote by mail, but only a signature is required to validate that a ballot was cast by the voter. This is a subjective measure and can lead to legal votes being improperly rejected and illegal votes being accepted.

Prop 309 creates parity between those voting in-person and those voting by mail. In addition to their signature on the envelope, a voter would write their date of birth and either the last four digits of their social security number or their Arizona driver license number. A privacy flap or outer envelope is required to conceal this information.

The Act also closes a loophole for in-person voters, ensuring a valid photo ID is required instead of a utility bill or bank statement and waives the fee for obtaining ID for those who need it for voting.

Prop 309 is supported by over 70% of Arizona voters because Arizonans want it to be easy to vote, and hard to cheat. Vote YES!

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Vicki Vaughn, Chair, Arizonans for Voter ID, Paradise Valley

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Because of its propensity for abuse, ballot harvesting – the practice in which political operatives bundle ballots and drop them off at polling stations -- is illegal in Arizona. Unfortunately, this law is very difficult to enforce. The AZ Voter ID Act (Prop 309) is a commonsense reform that simply ensures the law is followed by requiring voter ID for all ballots, making mischief at the ballot box nearly impossible. At a time of great division in our society, safeguarding the integrity of elections is something all Arizonans can agree on. Prop 309 does this, while maintaining the convenience of mail-in ballots that Arizonans have come to rely on. We urge Arizonans to vote “YES” on the AZ Voter ID Act.

Victor Riches, President & CEO, The Goldwater Institute, Phoenix

We support Prop 309, the Voter ID Initiative, because it is a common sense measure to ensure the accuracy of our elections. We already require people to show ID when they vote in person. The Voter ID Initiative would enact similar Voter ID requirements for mail in ballots. It would require people to show an ID when they drop off their ballot. It will also require people to verify their identity when voting by mail. Voters can do this by writing their date of birth and either the last four digits of their social number or their driver’s license number on an affidavit inside the envelope, where the info will remain private. This simple measure will prevent potential fraud, by ensuring that mail in ballots are completed by the actual voter. The Voter ID initiative does not make it harder for anyone to vote, it even allows people to get a free ID if they need one. Let’s pass this common sense measure to improve election integrity. Vote Yes on Prop 309.

David Kahn, Chairman, Republican Liberty Caucus of Arizona, Mesa and Ben Beckhart, Vice-Chair, Republican Liberty Caucus of Arizona, Gilbert

"Why would you want to give away your right to vote?

The best tool we have to support the integrity of our vote is to present ID to claim our ballot. Each eligible person is entitled to 1 vote. The likelihood of your vote being mugged increases because presentation of ID is not required to claim a ballot. Obtaining a ballot with no ID to prove who you are is like giving away your vote to a stranger. To not require ID lends the probability of someone else voting using your ballot."

Bruce Linker, Scottsdale

A voter registration card is such a special honor to possess that for years I carried it in my wallet everywhere. It is a unique privilege to be able to vote and be assured that it will count. It is each American’s voice against tyranny. I will vote for Voter ID to safeguard everyone’s right for honest and fair elections. I respect my brothers’ and sisters’ right and expectation to the same.

Paula Linker, Scottsdale

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I need personal IDENTIFICATION to:

- * Drive my car
- * Get on a plane
- * Open a bank account
- * Stay at a hotel
- * Rent a house
- * Pick up prescriptions
- * Or even walk into Costco.

Voting carries more consequences than any of the above actions.
Therefore, it is only reasonable to require IDENTIFICATION to VOTE.

Sibella Giorello, New River

Voter ID requirements are one step in the process of ensuring that every vote counts.

Thirty-five states currently have laws requesting or requiring voters to show some form of identification at the election polls (World Population Review). Based on a 2022 article published in The Quarterly Journal of Economics, “the (voter ID) laws have NO negative effect on registration or turnout, overall or for any group defined by race, gender, age, or party affiliation.”

Nothing discourages voter turnout more than the belief that their vote doesn’t count. It’s time to act! Vote Yes on Proposition 309, increase voter confidence and secure our elections.

Teresa Schrader, Phoenix

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The right to vote is a cornerstone of American Democracy. From our founders fighting for “no taxation without representation” to the campaigns for women’s suffrage, the black vote, and the Native American vote, people have instinctively understood the importance of the right to vote and how powerful that is. It is a RIGHT. That is why we need to have VOTER ID as a requirement in our elections. Only citizens of our country should be allowed to vote. Dead people should not be allowed to vote. Requiring voters provide basic proof that they are who they say they are is commonsense and protects every eligible voter. 1 citizen = 1 vote. Nothing more, nothing less. We must vote YES on the ballot Proposition 309 to require Voter ID and to have fair elections.

Cynthia Hill, Scottsdale

Only if showing Voter ID is required will we have fair elections. Without Voter ID people can and will vote multiple times and send multiple ballots. AZ will have illegal immigrants voting. It would not be a true election. It would be a rigged election. Please vote YES on Prop 309.

Phyllis Simcho, Scottsdale

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I support the requirement of voter ID in order to register to vote, and to cast a ballot. We must show our ID to fly, visit a doctor, obtain badges, cash a check, check into a hotel, rent an apartment, get a loan, obtain access to your lock box, come back into the United States, and a host of other activities. Why on earth wouldn't we need an ID to vote on how we want our country to be run? Free IDs are available for those who don't have a driver's license. This makes it very easy to comply with and ensures anyone who wants to vote can and that their vote is protected.

Sue Frandson, Phoenix

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A photo ID is utilized daily in our lives in Arizona. Voter ID has always been a commonsense integrity issue and people are very familiar with it. The goal of Prop 309 is to make future elections more secure and provide voters confidence in our voting system. Having universal Voter ID requirements is crucial and benefits all Arizonans. Any eligible voter can easily provide ID which helps protect their own ballot as well as the overall integrity of the elections in Arizona. Vote YES on Proposition 309!

Mary Reitz, Fountain Hills

Please vote yes on Voter ID, Prop 309 . I went to the pharmacy last week to buy cold tablets, and I had to show my ID to buy them from the pharmacist. ID is required to board an airplane, buy alcohol, and cross the border. Shouldn't ID be required to protect the sanctity of our vote?

Michal and Keith Joyner
Scottsdale, Arizona

Michal Joyner, 2nd Vice Chair, MCRC, Scottsdale and Keith Joyner, Elected PC, GOP, Scottsdale

I am urging my fellow Arizonans to vote "Yes" on Proposition 309, commonly known as Arizonans for Voter ID Act. In addition to enhancing voter identification for in-person voting, this measure will implement voter identification for mail-in ballots, an extra safeguard that is sorely needed in Arizona. A registered voter that casts a ballot by mail will include unique identifiers including date of birth, as well as a Driver's License number, or last four digits of Social Security number matching that person's voter registration file. The extra identification will deter bad actors, and provide election workers with additional criteria to verify someone's identity. At the same time, sensitive information included with the mail-in ballot will not be exposed on the outside envelope as the measure requires the county to provide a mechanism to conceal the information. Because Voter ID is very important to me, I personally collected signatures for this initiative from registered voters in my neighborhood before the Arizona State Legislature referred it directly to the ballot. Not surprisingly, many of my neighbors were eager to sign the petition. After viewing the 2000 Mules documentary where unscrupulous individuals are exposed on security cameras stuffing ballot boxes, learning about cases of Arizona voters put on probation for casting ballots of dead people, and reading the news that a former Arizona mayor pleaded guilty to illegal ballot

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trafficking in the 2020 primary election, I believe it is crucial to vote “Yes” on Proposition 309 to foster election integrity and deter cheating. We are not a republic if some person or entity is deciding the outcome of elections for us. Arizonans need the assurance that only legal votes are cast in elections, and I believe Proposition 309 is a major step in that direction.

Robin Veenstra, Gilbert

VOTE YES on ballot proposition #309. The vast majority of voters, no matter their political affiliation, are FOR providing identification in order to vote in Arizona elections. We must provide identification in order to board an airplane, rent a car, open a bank account, apply for a loan, buy a home, apply for a job, rent a hotel room, and these are just a few of the situations where we need identification. This initiative provides a free universal voter I.D. option to all lawfully registered U.S. citizens who are Arizona residents. VOTE YES to requiring a valid universal voter I.D. to vote in Arizona. This is the right choice to ensure integrity in our Arizona elections. VOTE YES!

Andrea Kadar, Sedona

VOTE YES on ballot proposition #309. In our Arizona elections, it should be easy to vote and very hard to cheat. This ballot initiative improves existing in-person voter I.D. requirements, and it also establishes voter I.D. requirements for mail-in ballots. This proposition will improve the absolute integrity and honesty of Arizona elections. This initiative deters people from harvesting or trafficking ballots that are not their own. All Arizonans want that. VOTE YES!

Dwight Kadar, Sedona

Vote YES on Prop 309! Voter ID is required in many states and countries around the world and should be here too!

Grenada is a relatively poor, island country in the Southern Caribbean and it is inhabited mostly by the descendants of slaves.

Grenada has high quality, photo, voter ID that looks very much like our driver’s licenses. If the arguments against voter ID in the US were valid, Grenada shouldn’t be able to have elections with strict photo voter ID. But it does.

I found out by accident on vacation while in a cab. An announcer came on the radio and reminded voters in the coming election to bring their voter ID. I was surprised and asked my driver if Grenada had voter ID.

“Yes! I’ll show you!” He got his wallet out, thumbed it with one hand, and handed me a perfectly made, laminated Voter ID with his name and voter information and a color photo. I handed it back to him and he returned it to his wallet.

I wondered, if Grenada can save elections with voter ID, why can’t we?

Richard Young, Gilbert

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VOTE YES on ballot proposition #309. In an Arizona state-wide poll (conducted by CRC Research, May, 2022), almost 3 of 4 respondents supported requiring a valid driver's license or state-issued I.D. in order to vote. People polled also supported the idea of proof of I.D. for mail-in ballots. Almost 4 of 5 respondents believe voters should have to provide proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote, including 2 out of 3 Democrats and 7 of 10 Hispanic respondents. VOTE YES for this proposition and help protect YOUR ballot and the integrity of our elections.

Cara Kretz, Sedona and Thomas Kretz, Sedona

If you care at all about democracy and the right for every citizen to have their vote, you should want mandatory Voter ID. Those who oppose Voter ID say it "suppresses the vote", but they don't actually believe that. With no way to verify people's legitimate votes, we would simply have more fraudulent votes. Therefore, this would actually be suppressing the real votes of every law-abiding citizen.

Voter ID helps us all trust in our elections. It's easy to comply with, as almost every adult has an ID. (And if they don't, there are provisions to get one.)

There are no logical or honest reasons to oppose Voter ID, and every legitimate reason why it protects the voting rights of The People.

Kim Miller, President & Founder, Arizona Women of Action, Phoenix

I learned at a young age to keep it simple and true. This initiative keeps it simple for Arizonans to vote (no matter when, where, or how) and know that their vote counts. You just have to prove you are you. Easy to vote, and hard to cheat - that's what Prop 309 is all about and 82% of us support it. Make YOUR vote count! Vote YES!

Jerri D, Mesa AZ

Jerri Dingleline, Mesa

Arizona voters want and deserve an election system that is secure, fair, efficient, accurate, and of the highest integrity.

Prop 309 helps us accomplish that goal by requiring every voter to prove eligibility and that they are who they claim to be, by showing ID. This policy will reduce opportunities for fraud, ensure more accurate results, and protect vulnerable voters from ballot trafficking rings while not sacrificing convenience and accessibility. This is a win-win for voters and for the integrity of our elections!

I am proud to have to have voted for the Arizona Voter ID Act as a state lawmaker, and I am proud to vote for it in November. Join me in voting YES on Prop 309; a commonsense improvement!

Ben Toma, Majority Leader, Arizona State House, Glendale

I am proud as an Arizona State Senator to have supported the referral to the ballot of the Arizona Voter ID Act. Prop 309 is a reasonable and responsible approach to election integrity reform.

Nearly 100% of voters in Arizona already have the necessary information and ID to comply with this

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simple and straightforward measure. For the very few voters who do not, this measure allows them to obtain a free ID for the purposes of voting.

Many Arizona voters want to see simple reforms to our election system that will improve the accuracy of our elections and reduce the opportunity for bad actors to commit fraud.

Regardless of political party, everyone can agree we should have laws to ensure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat!

Join me in voting YES on Prop 309 to increase confidence in our elections!

Nancy Barto, Senator, Arizona Senate, Phoenix

As an Arizona State Representative who was first elected in 2018, I fully support requiring legal identification on all ballots cast in Arizona. Since I was first elected, I have been a major proponent of election integrity.

We all know Arizonans overwhelmingly support making it easy to vote, but tough to cheat. Arizona has some of the most liberal voting laws in the entire nation, so we need voter identification to safeguard the process when people vote illegally, it dilutes your vote and erodes our democratic Republic.

To help secure our elections and restore integrity in the voting process, it is time for Arizona to pass a real voter ID law. Other states like Florida and Georgia already have this law. Showing an ID is already embedded in our daily lives. Shouldn't it be used to secure your vote?

Please join me in voting YES for legal ID on all ballots.

Shawna Bolick, State Representative, Legislative District 20 (Phoenix, Glendale and Peoria)

Paid for by Vote Bolick

Shawna Bolick, State Representative, Arizona House of Representatives, Phoenix

Sponsored by Vote Bolick

Vote YES on Prop 309, AZ Voter ID. It will preserve our precious right to legitimate elections. It is a commonsense practice that will reduce illegal, illegitimate and fraudulent votes. Everybody agrees it should be easy to vote and hard to cheat. That's the goal and there will finally be an ID requirement for mail-In ballots. If you want to have confidence that your vote counts and is not cancelled out by an illegitimate vote, then vote YES on Prop 309!

Carol Stines, Phoenix

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Vote YES on ballot proposition 309. Whether you agreed with the legislative audit done in Maricopa County, some of the findings were basic and common sense, such as instituting a universal voter ID in Arizona. This ballot initiative would improve existing in-person voter ID; it establishes required voter ID for mail-in votes and helps to deter vote/ballot harvesting or trafficking. Vote Yes to require universal

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voter ID. We Arizonans must make it easy to vote and hard to cheat in Arizona elections. All political parties, and Independents, agree that election integrity is essential. Vote Yes on this simple measure to improve election integrity in our state.

Diane Conners-Lange, Sedona

Vote YES on Voter ID. We all want fair and legitimate elections. Requiring ID will help to ensure this outcome. Most people do not have a problem with showing ID, because we show it regularly in our daily lives - it's commonsense. The question is: why would someone not want to show ID? Vote YES on Prop 309!

Kathleen Fischer, Scottsdale

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Vote YES on Prop 309. Requiring a valid photo ID is common in free countries around the world and is the only way to ensure that only valid registered voters are allowed to cast a vote. There is no reason a citizen cannot obtain a valid ID as they are required for many daily activities and can be provided for free as part of this proposition. Citizens need to be confident only the person who is registered is the person who is voting.

Debbie Joy, Desert Hills and Gerald Abrahamson, Desert Hills

Yes on #309. Most Arizonans want honest elections. It should be easy to vote and hard to cheat. An overwhelming majority of Arizonans support voter ID, including political parties, Independents and people of all races and ethnicities. This Initiative gives every citizen access to a free voter ID. We can be assured that no matter when, where or how you vote, ID will be required. Voter ID is supported by the majority of voters and is a very common sense approach to fair elections. YES on #309.

Paul J. Pavlich, Sedona

VOTE YES on ballot proposition #309. The 9/24/2021, Maricopa County Forensic Election Audit, Volume III: Result Details, Page 5 of 96, 5.2 "Findings Summary Table" shows that more than 5,000 people voted in more than one Arizona County in 2020. Just under 24,000 ballots were cast by people who had moved prior to the election and more that 9,000 Arizona early ballots were duplicates. Rigorously enforced universal voter ID laws are a good place to start to stop the unfortunate findings. Vote YES on Proposition 309.

Larry Battin, Cornville and Kathy Battin, Cornville

Vote YES on Voter ID. An overwhelming majority (81%) of US adults say they support Voter ID according to a Monmouth poll conducted in 2021. Not only does it make sense for voters to identify themselves as they vote, but Voter ID would also serve to protect mail-in ballots and make the election process more secure.

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Nikki Colletti, Chapter Leader, AMAC Action, Glendale

Vote YES on Prop 309!!!

This is a very sensible proposition because it protects the most important aspect of our lives! The right to vote in an election does not occur in every country. We must cherish our right to vote and protect it from those who want to steal it from us. We want every legal citizen that lives in Arizona to vote! Voter ID is the ONLY way to make sure every legal vote counts.

We show ID to get on an airplane, get a library card and hundreds of other places of business make us show ID to use the system. We have laws to protect the vulnerable so they can vote too. Getting an ID is free and not difficult to do! PLEASE vote Yes on Prop 309!!

Mrs. Nancy Dombrowski, Self, Phoenix

The vast majority, 80 percent, of Arizonans support Voter ID. Voter ID laws do not suppress anyone. Such laws/requirements are designed to ensure that every legitimate vote counts. As Americans, we must show ID for a host of activities including writing/cashing checks, withdrawing funds from our bank accounts, getting on an airplane, checking in to a hotel, obtaining a marriage license, etc. And countries such as Argentina, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Israel, the Netherlands, Sweden, as well as the United Kingdom, to name just a few, all require ID to vote. Let's ensure voter integrity in Arizona. Vote yes on Proposition 309.

Cheryl Pelletier, Scottsdale and Leonard Pelletier, Scottsdale

Vote YES on Prop 309! This initiative improves existing voter ID requirements and establishes voter ID for main-in ballots. It also deters ballot trafficking by enhancing voter ID requirements. ID is required for everything from renting a car to attending an event or concert. We must strengthen ID requirements for voting, which is our most essential civic duty. This is why Prop 309 is so important. Vote YES!

James Pinkelman, Glendale

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VOTE YES on 309

If you do not have to prove who you are, you can vote anywhere and everywhere as many times as you want, and NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW!

Jim Lockwood, Scottsdale

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Vote YES for AZ Voter ID - Prop 309. I find it ridiculous that people are required to have an ID for purchasing cough syrup but believe it's not necessary to validate who you are before casting a ballot!

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Allowing people to vote in elections that impact all of Arizona without showing valid ID is like letting people who have no driver's license drive a vehicle.

We have to protect the right of being able to vote for what we believe. If we allow everyone to vote, regardless of whether they are eligible or ineligible, we will never have elections in which the electorate has confidence. Please vote YES on Prop 309!

Carlyn Root, Tolleson

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"I support voter ID because I have to prove who I am at my bank, doctor, and most merchants as well as state offices. One of the most important constitutional rights we have is the right for to vote, this right must be protected, and voter ID is one of many ways to do so. Vote YES on Prop 309!"

Clair Van Steenwyk, Sun City West

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"I support Prop 309. Personal identification is already required for much of our interactions and businesses, for example, applying for state or federal benefits, flying on airplanes, verifying Social Security benefits, in-person financial transactions at banks and credit unions, and even for visits to the doctor. It will make mail-in ballots more secure by providing verifiable identification. Checks and balances are necessary to provide structure and decrease confusion.

Claims of disenfranchisement due to voter ID requirements have been proven false in recent Georgia elections where the number of voters, and especially minority voters, increased substantially after the implementation of similar voter ID requirements. In other words, turn out INCREASES in states with commonsense election safeguards like Voter ID that make it easy to vote and hard to cheat. Vote YES!"

Carol Winstanley, Mesa and Charmon Puhmann, Mesa

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A yes on Prop 309 will improve existing in-person ID requirements and establish voter ID for mail-in ballots. We need to make sure that the person voting the mail-in ballot is the correct voter. An overwhelming majority of Arizona voters want Universal Voter ID. This measure would also deter ballot harvesting and even provides for free voter ID if needed. Please vote yes.

Barb Yates, Queen Creek

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Voting is a precious constitutional right treasured by citizens. Care must be taken to protect that right from being stolen. It's not unreasonable to expect voters to present identification that is regularly used in transactions where it is necessary to prove identity.

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An illegitimate vote suppresses the value of those who have a constitutional right to vote. Failing to assure that only legal votes are counted is reprehensible. Our nation must safeguard our right to vote and ensure that it is easy to vote and hard to cheat and that elections are carried out according to the highest standards. That can only be done by ensuring that the individual casting that vote is entitled to do so. In other words, valid identification. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Gayle Peters, San Tan Valley

I am greatly in favor of having voter identification as part of voting in Arizona for either in-person or mail-in ballots. There are many benefits to this requirement, the most notable of which is that there will be less ability for anyone to claim voter fraud or stolen elections if voters are required to show ID. Similarly, there will no longer be claims of ballot trafficking if mail-in ballots carry ID requirements; our ID will be protected on mail-in ballots by being concealed with a privacy flap or extra outer envelope.

Providing ID when voting is not an onerous requirement since we already must show ID to check in for our doctor's appointments, to pick up our prescription at the pharmacy, to apply for any form of state or federal aid, and at our bank and credit union. Similarly, we have to provide either the last 4 digits of our social security number or our driver's license number for all kinds of access on the internet. We were required to show ID just to get into the Social Security office even before we met with an agent!

Vote YES for Universal Voter ID - Prop 309!

David Winstanley, Mesa

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Currently 20 states require photo IDs to vote, 15 states require non photo IDs, and 3 states require non photo IDs for first time voters. That means more than 3/4 of states, or 76%, require some sort of voter identification to vote. The vast majority of states require it, and the vast majority of voters - Republicans, Democrats, and Independents - support it, because it's just commonsense! Prop 309 ensures that all voters - no matter when, where, or how they vote - show valid voter ID. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Leslie Minkus, Chandler

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Every unlawful vote negates a lawful vote, deprives voters of their full voting rights and undermines public confidence in our elections. We cannot have secure elections without commonsense voter ID requirements.

Nearly 80% of Arizonans vote by mail, with only a signature required to verify that the person who cast the ballot is the person registered to vote. Signature verification is a subjective measure. As we get closer to the election, hundreds of thousands of ballots are received each day, which naturally reduces the amount of time available to process each one. This can lead to illegal votes being counted, but it can also lead to legal votes being improperly rejected. That's why we need objective voter ID for mail in ballots.

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Prop 309 would require early-by-mail voters to supply their date of birth and either the last four digits of their social security number or their driver license or state-issued identification number. It also requires a privacy flap to conceal this information. Once the ballot is received it requires the county recorder to compare the signature on the envelope with the signature in their registration record and confirm their date of birth and ID number – an objective measure.

Prop 309 further improves identification requirements because every qualified elector, before receiving a ballot in-person, must state their name and place of residence to the election official and present a valid and unexpired form of identification that bears photograph, name, and address. It eliminates the ability to simply show documents with your name and address as valid identification. It also waives the fee to get an ID!

Please vote YES for Prop 309 to protect our elections.

Kristin Baumgartner, Prescott

I totally agree with having a universal voter ID requirement in Arizona - everyone should show ID before voting. This should be done not just in Arizona, but in every state that does not already have voter ID laws. Almost everyone supports it, because we all show ID regularly in our daily lives - easy to show it before voting too! Vote YES on Prop 309!

Joanne Benz, Goodyear

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Our vote is our most fundamental constitutional right - protecting our vote means protecting our rights and liberties. Universal voter ID requirements secure our ballots - whether we cast them in-person or by mail - instilling confidence in the electorate and ensuring that a person casting a ballot is the person who is registered to vote. Vote YES on voter ID, Prop 309

Louann Savolt, Sun Lakes

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Can Sanity Prevail?

The arguments in favor of Prop 309 should be easy, because solutions to voter integrity are commonsense. An overwhelming bipartisan majority of voters favor voter ID.

But it's also difficult to make arguments for the obvious.

Is water wet? Is the sun hot? Does $2+2=4$?

Should voters prove who they are? Only vote once? Only vote in their jurisdiction?

With both sides of our polarized society questioning the outcomes of elections, and in turn our government institutions, we have the opportunity to provide the needed clarity to move forward rather than arguing about the past. Prop 309 looks forward to adopting a commonsense election reform that gives all sides confidence.

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You will still be able to vote early by mail, you just have to prove you are who the early ballot says you are. Voting in person will require photo ID that, under Prop 309, you can get for free and is in line with ID we use on a daily basis.

Like many things in life, doing things right in the first place and letting commonsense and sanity prevail is preferable. That's why all voters should vote YES on Prop 309 and let commonsense, and sanity prevail!

Steve Hetsler, Gold Canyon

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Vote YES on Prop 309! Everyone already has the ID that this commonsense election reform requires. We know our date of birth and the last four numbers of our social security number or can quickly look at our driver license for an ID number. In fact, we provide this information all the time in our daily lives. It just makes sense that we should provide it before casting a ballot too. And Prop 309 waives the fee for obtaining an ID - removing any barrier for low-income voters. It should be easy to vote and hard to cheat - that's what Prop 309 does. Vote YES!

Rose Ann Watts, Payson

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Establishing VOTER ID for mail-in ballots is a critical and commonsense election reform. Nearly 80% of all ballots in Arizona are cast by mail. That means the vast majority of voters in Arizona currently do not show ID before casting a ballot, like those who do vote in-person. Prop 309 will ensure everyone is showing ID, regardless of how they vote. SAY YES TO VOTER ID!

Colleen Edens, Goodyear

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How would it feel if your bank did not require ID before making a withdrawal? It's an easy question and an easy answer - if you can just walk in and take out cash, someone else just as easily can too. That's why ID is required at the bank, before making major transactions, before buying alcohol, along with many other activities we do in our daily lives. Prop 309 ensures ID is also required from all voters before they cast their ballot. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Joan Lang, Scottsdale

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The Arizonans for Voter ID Act (Prop 309) would establish universal voter I.D. requirements ensuring voters have faith in elections that are secure, transparent, and accountable. Unfortunately, so many disenfranchised voters question our democratic process and things won't improve unless action is taken to repair their trust in elections in which every legal vote is counted fairly and openly.

That's why voter I.D. is not only common sense, but overwhelmingly popular among every voting demographic according to polls:

- Data Orbital: Arizona voters support voter I.D., including Independents (83.1%), Democrats (68.6%), Republicans (93.2%), Hispanics (81.1%), African Americans (73.3%), and Asian Americans (72.5%).

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- NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist: 79% of voters believe government-issued photo I.D. should be required, including majorities of Democrats (57%), Republicans, Independents, whites and nonwhites.
- Pew: 76% of voters, including 61% of Democrats, favor “requiring all voters to show government-issued photo identification to vote.”
- CNN: 64% of voters believe requiring photo I.D. would make elections fairer.
- Associated Press: “Bipartisan agreement on requiring all voters to provide photo identification at their polling place.”
- Honest Elections Project: 77% of voters, including Republicans (92%), Independents (75%), and Democrats (63%), support requiring voter I.D.
- Monmouth University: 4 in 5 Americans (80%) support requiring voters to show photo I.D.
- Grinnell College: 56% of voters oppose eliminating state laws that require photo I.D.
- Fox News: 77% of voters believe a state or federally issued photo I.D. should be required.
- Rasmussen: 75% of voters say showing a photo I.D. is necessary for a “fair and secure election process,” while 85% of voters said it is “common sense” to require photo I.D.

It should be easy to vote and hard to cheat in our elections. We urge your support for Prop 309 because identification should always be required to vote.

Honorable Ken Cuccinelli II, National Chairman, Election Transparency Initiative, Arlington

I am submitting this argument in favor of Prop 309 and requesting that it be included in the AZ Secretary of State's forthcoming publicity pamphlet. This proposed initiative improves the existing in-person voter identification and establishes voter identification for mail-in ballots. It will inhibit ballot harvesting by enhancing voter identification requirements. This initiative is critical to secure the integrity of Arizona elections. I will be voting yes.

Wendy Wayne, Mesa

Proposition 309 safeguards all Arizona voters whether they vote in-person or by mail. Under Prop 309, returned mail in ballot with date of birth and an identification number will be secured in the same way that other private communications are sent in the mail using an outer envelope to conceal it. This method is used very successfully in other states. Voters will provide an identification number of their choice (driver license number or the last four digits of their social security number) which will protect their vote and deter ballot trafficking. In-person voter will continue to present a valid form of ID. Prop 309 even provides lawful voters with the ability to obtain an ID for free! These measures will help all voters feel confident that their vote counts. Vote YES on Proposition 309!

Rashida Qureshi-Keys, Oro Valley

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A great benefit of Prop 309 is that it establishes voter ID for mail-in ballots. Arizona has one of the most accessible election systems in the nation, with the majority of voters choosing the convenience of voting by mail. We must take this step to ensure the security of mail in ballots. ID requirements are not oppressive – we show ID all the time in our daily lives. It gives honest citizens and voters assurance that our vote will count. Vote YES!

Cherie Anello, Mesa

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I support Prop 309. We have to show ID to open a bank account, to get a Driver's License, to get meds at the pharmacy, so why not show ID to vote? The argument that this will hinder low-income individuals and others from voting is not true because for the above-mentioned reasons - they show ID for opening bank accounts, getting a driver's license, and getting meds. Plus, Prop 309 waives the fee for obtaining an ID. It is not a burden to show ID. All voters should show ID before voting, and all should vote YES on Prop 309!

Peter Anello, Mesa

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How hard is it to show ID? We have to do it for everything else. What is wrong with showing ID when we vote? This isn't rocket science. It's common sense! SAY YES TO VOTER ID and VOTE YES ON PROP 309!

Josh Ursu, Scottsdale

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Do you value your voting rights? Do you want your vote to count? Do you want to protect our freedoms? Do you care about what happens to your schools, your neighborhoods and your country? There's nothing more important to protect than our elections with the goal to be easy to vote and hard to cheat. Voter ID is a commonsense reform to accomplish this, vote YES on Prop 309!

Sandra Ross, Glendale

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Vote YES on Prop 309! It's commonsense – everyone should show ID before voting! Most people who vote in-person show ID, and Prop 309 ensures those who choose the convenience of voting by mail also show ID. That's fair and will make sure the person casting a ballot by mail is the person who resides at the address to which it was sent and is the person registered to vote. Prop 309 will make it easy to vote and hard to cheat. Vote YES!!

Betty Koch, Payson

"Is Democracy too hard?"

When the Arizona Constitution was written and enacted over a century ago, residents voted on one day. For a long time, with few exceptions, everyone did. But now, no matter how much we have worked to make it easier to vote than ever, it's never enough.

In 1912 few people had cars or phones, and no one had cell phones. There were a little over 200,000 people spread over the same area that encompasses over 7 million today, with few if any paved roads. There were fewer media sources to tell them where to vote and how to vote and no electronic databases to scan or photocopy documents.

Yet somehow, they managed to vote without spreading the election over several weeks and requiring people to register before election day or enacting countless accommodations. While making it easier to vote did create opportunities for voters, it also created opportunities for bad actors to exploit the system.

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The technology that allowed us to expand the ease of voting also provides the technology to add the safeguards with free and readily available ID and databases to find and verify information.

By adding the necessary safeguards and plugging loopholes, Prop 309 allows us to continue to vote by mail and keep other conveniences without calling into question the integrity of the system itself.

Let's put our tools and knowledge to work for clear-straight forward solutions that are easy to track instead of elaborate workarounds.

This initiative works toward a commonsense solution - ensuring all voters show ID - and deserves a yes vote."

William Henry, Star Valley

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PLEASE VOTE YES on Prop 309. Integrity in our voting system is what makes this country great. If we do not enforce strict security measures in verifying who is voting, then there is NO CONFIDENCE in our elections. NO CONFIDENCE = NO REPUBLIC. A YES vote on PROP 309 reinstates the confidence that is now lost. Anything of importance or services that you require, local, state or federal requires an ID. Arizona voted to legalize Marijuana, which you may or may not agree with, but try to buy it without a photo ID. This initiative, YES on PROP 309 provides a FREE universal voter ID if you do not have an ID. You cannot check into a lodging facility, fly in a plane, or rent a car without a photo ID. Voting is a RIGHT, given to LEGAL citizens to elect the people that they want to govern them. A VOTE is permission to be governed. Do you want NON citizens selecting who is governing you? Protect YOUR right, VOTE YES on Prop 309.

This RIGHT has rules when you exercise it. Giving NON citizens this RIGHT is not only unconstitutional, it flies in the face of what makes this country great. Review the Western European countries. Voter ID is mandatory, and mail in ballots are ILLEGAL. Absentee ballots - yes, only with a rigorous approval process and IDENTIFICATION. The United States is the strongest Republic EVER on the planet. Don't give it away to those that are not citizens. Vote YES on PROP 309.

Charles Schroeder, Sedona

Let's move AZ forward to make sure it easy to vote and hard to cheat. I support this initiative because it keeps elections in AZ free and adds reasonable, commonsense safeguards for mail in voting. Vote YES on Prop 309!

John Matthews, Sun City

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How would you like it if someone (maybe even a family member) walked into your bank and was able to get into your safety deposit box without your permission because no ID was required? Get the picture? We use ID in our daily lives to verify who we are. IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE to make sure all voters

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are showing ID before casting a ballot. That's why over 80% of voters agree with universal voter ID. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Thomas Scott, Sun City

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Most Arizona voters support universal voter ID to prove that a voter is a citizen and is eligible by state law to vote. This proposition extends that requirement to mail-in ballots! It also closes a loophole with our current in person voter ID requirements that can only be fixed through a ballot initiative since it is voter protected.

Under current law a voter can show two documents that contain a voter's name & address such as a piece of mail or utility bill. This allows for fraud since no photo is attached to these documents. Prop 309 will remove this and ensure that every voter must show a valid photo ID before casting a ballot.

This initiative will not expose personal information as photo IDs are utilized frequently in our daily lives. We need a photo ID to purchase alcohol, get on a plane, purchase a firearm, open a bank account, rent a home, obtain unemployment insurance, obtain a driver's license and even to donate blood! Why isn't it even more important to prove you are a legitimate voter?

A lawfully registered voter is eligible to receive a FREE non-operating photo ID.

Of active voters on the Permanent Early Voter list, 99.9% have this information on their registration file. Those who do not will have ample time to complete their file through the Recorder's office.

This initiative is about the future of elections not about past elections! It will only make future elections more secure and give voters more confidence in the system.

We want to know that our vote counts!

Patricia Moore, Goodyear

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The bedrock of our constitutional republic is electing individuals to represent us. In order for a nation to thrive, it is necessary for us to have trust and confidence in the system by which we elect those representatives. Regardless of any fraud, the electorate will no longer show up to vote if they feel their ballot is not being counted, or that it will not impact the outcome.

That's why as a lawmaker I have sponsored and supported measures that will increase confidence, increase transparency, and ensure commonsense safeguards are in place to secure our elections and ensure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat.

With those goals in mind, I am proud to have supported and voted to put the Arizonans for Voter ID Act on the ballot. Prop 309 is simple, ensuring all voters, no matter when, where, or how we vote, show ID

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before voting.

Prop 309 is a commonsense reform and it's wildly popular. Vote YES!

Joseph Chaplik, State Representative, Scottsdale

The most commonsense and reasonable election reform to ensure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat is requiring voter ID from all voters before casting a ballot. Currently in Arizona, only those voting in-person are required to present ID before obtaining a ballot. Prop 309 closes a loophole to that requirement, and establishes identification requirements for mail-in voters, by simply writing their date of birth and either the last four digits of their social security number or driver license number in the same area where they currently sign the envelope. A privacy flap or additional envelope will conceal that information. Voter ID ensures only eligible citizens are voting and having their ballots counted, preserving the integrity of our elections upon which our democracy was founded. Showing ID is not a burden and does not in any way inhibit citizens from exercising their right to vote, plus Prop 309 waives the fee for obtaining Voter ID! Vote YES on Prop 309!-----

Victoria Craig, Scottsdale

I am in favor of Proposition 309, Arizonans for Voter ID requiring ID for Mail-in and In-Person voters. According to recent statewide polling, more than 80 percent of Arizona voters favor requiring a photo ID to vote. We all want to make sure it is easy to vote and difficult to cheat so the results are accurate and trusted. This ballot measure is a step toward that end.

This proposition would require all Arizona voters, whether they vote by mail or in-person to be held to the same standards. Identification will be required. Mail voters will be required to provide date of birth and either the last four digits of their Social Security number, Arizona Driver's License number, or Arizona non-operating identification number in addition to their signature on their mail-in ballot affidavit. The fee for a state-issued ID will be waived for those who cannot afford it.

As a practical matter, photo ID is required for many things we do daily, like boarding a plane, receiving government benefits, purchasing liquor, opening a bank account, receiving medical treatment, and even purchasing some over-the-counter drugs. A new study by professors from Yale, Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania challenges the notion that voter ID laws disproportionately affect minorities. The study found "no definitive relationship" between tough laws requiring voters to present ID and a drop in Hispanic, Black and other minority turnout.

Marjorie Benson, Gilbert

Vote "YES" on Proposition 309!

Providing identification is such a normal activity in our everyday lives, that it would be only logical to carry that practice into what is arguably one of the most important civic duties we participate in as citizens.... voting.

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- improves existing in-person Voter ID requirements - for instance, removes the use of a utility bill as ID
- establishes Voter ID for mail-in ballots - such as providing an AZ driver's license number (in addition to a voter's signature) on the mail-in ballot
- deters ballot harvesting by enhancing Voter ID requirements

Arizonans want to know that their votes are protected, and only qualified votes are considered in our elections. Proposition 309 provides that security in easy to vote, hard to cheat, universal voter identification requirements.

Let's put a stop to the existing loopholes that have played a role in undermining our faith in our elections.

A "Yes" vote on Prop 309 – is a vote for more secure elections!

Maria Lopez, Tucson

Vote YES on Prop 309 because honest elections matter. All voters should be required to provide ID, not just the ones voting in person at the polls. No private information will be visible on the outside of the envelope. It will be safe and secure with either a privacy flap or an outer envelope to conceal it. Easy to vote, but hard to cheat is what it's all about.

Jennifer Arroyo, Tempe

YES, on Prop 309. The securing of Arizona elections is a high priority. This proposition has been carefully crafted to do just that: it improves existing in-person voter ID requirements, it establishes voter ID for mail-in ballots, it deters ballot harvesting/trafficking by enhancing voter ID requirements for in-person ballot drop off, and it provides a free voter ID option for lawfully registered Arizona voters who need it for voting. This is common sense. If I need an ID to purchase insurance, buy or rent a home, or get on an airplane, it makes sense that we would need a valid ID to vote. YES, on Prop. 309.

Deborah Johnson, Sedona and William Johnson, Sedona

Arizona has one of the most accessible election systems in the nation. As a lawmaker, I have sponsored and advocated for reforms that instill confidence in our elections, ensure transparency, and safeguard against bad actors. Every one of these reforms has had one goal in mind: ensuring it is EASY TO VOTE, and HARD TO CHEAT.

That's why I am proud to have supported and voted to refer Prop 309, the Arizonans for Voter ID Act, to

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the ballot. This commonsense measure is about one thing: ensuring that no matter when, where, or how we vote, ID is required.

We regularly show ID in our everyday lives – in business transactions, when travelling, when making large purchases, identifying ourselves over the phone, even when buying spray paint or allergy medication, among other things. It only makes sense that we would show ID before casting a ballot, the most sacred duty in our constitutional republic.

This measure is overwhelmingly supported by all Arizonans – among every political affiliation and demographic. I voted for it as an elected member of the Legislature, I will be voting for it in November, and I encourage all voters to do the same. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Jacqueline Parker, Representative, Mesa

Prop 309 accomplishes what should be obvious to all: strict voter ID is a critical reform to protect our elections and ensure only legal votes from eligible voters and cast and counted. Photo ID for in-person voting helps to verify identity and ensures that our citizenship, residence, and age requirements are met. Identification numbers, like the last four digits of a social security number or driver license number, must be applied to mail-in voting.

Voter ID should be required equally from all voters – it’s unfair that ID is required for those choosing to vote in-person but not required for those choosing to vote by mail. Voter ID helps prevent ballot trafficking, protecting vulnerable voters from campaign operatives trying to collect and influence their vote. Strict voter ID underpins the “easy to vote, hard to cheat” statement that should be the goal of every state.

I have yet to hear a valid reason to NOT require strict voter ID, especially considering the multitude of requirements to positively identify oneself for arguably less important activities than voting: purchasing goods or services, banking, traveling, etc. If you’ve ever lost your wallet or had your identity stolen, you know first-hand how important your ID is—because of how difficult it is to prove who you are to recover your identity or identifying documents.

“Disenfranchised”? Nonsense. Use that argument the next time you want to fly, buy alcohol, or get a signature notarized; you’ll be considered crazy, and you won’t get what you want without ID. In other states, voter turnout INCREASED after strict voter ID laws were enacted. Cost? The initiative provides for a free voter ID option.

Vote YES on Prop 309!

Tim Schalick, Gilbert

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Each American citizen has a unique right to vote and to have it counted exactly once as cast. A crucial part of protecting the vote is confirming the voter’s identity.

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As we recently observed in Georgia's primary elections, photo identification requirements do not inhibit turnout or oppress voters. The Georgia Secretary of State released 2022 data showing a 168% voter turnout increase in early voting over the 2018 primary election and a 212% jump in early voting turnout above the 2020 primary election.

YES to Arizona Proposition 309 improves ballot integrity by:

- Eliminating Arizona's two document alternative to photo ID for in-person voting.
- Requiring a voter to include their date of birth and either a 1) driver's license number, 2) last 4 of social, or 3) unique voter ID number for mail-in ballots (added to the current signature requirement).
- Waiving the cost of non-operating photo identification cards to anybody who needs them for the purposes of voting.
- Protecting the voter's signature by properly concealing it in an outside protective envelope.

Given that 89% of Arizona voters in 2020 cast ballots using early voting and mail-in ballots, there is a need for security and transparency in these areas. Polls show on average, 85% of Americans support photo identification requirements to vote. In Arizona, more than 70% of voters support the ballot measure, including majorities of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats. This ballot measure does not prevent or inhibit voting by mail, voting in person, voting early, or dropping a ballot off at a polling location. If passed, the Arizonans for Voter ID Act (Proposition 309) will help Arizona move toward making it easy to vote and hard to cheat.

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<https://azfree.org/blog/2021/04/15/both-republican-and-democrat-voters-show-their-support-for-election-integrity-bills-in-new-poll/>

Jordan Kittleson, Policy Director, Center for Election Integrity, America First Policy Institute, Fort Worth

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Vote YES on Prop 309, Arizonans for Voter ID. Prop 309 incorporates checks and balances for the Mail-in-Ballot process like the various voting methods currently in ARS 16. A Voter must currently show valid ID with photograph to vote in person, at an early voting center and emergency voting location. Since a Mail-in-Ballot does not afford the opportunity to provide a picture ID, this proposition adds criteria to enhance validation of the Voter. A Voter using the Mail-in-Ballot method will now provide date of birth or unique voter identification. Voter identification in the form of either a valid/unexpired driver's license number, a non-operating license number, last four digits of voters Social Security number, or voters unique identifying number.

Additionally, this proposition waives the fee to obtain a Nonoperating Identification license for those Voters who do not currently have one ensuring each voter has an opportunity to vote should they not have

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a valid driver's license. All citizens should be in favor of protecting their vote by Voting Yes on Prop 309 which enhances current election law to ensure it is easy to vote and hard to cheat.

Lisa Stuessel, Oro Valley

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I support Prop 309 and encourage you to vote YES on establishing a universal voter ID requirement. The last time I got on a plane, I had to show my driver's license or passport. Same at the car rental counter and the hotel. If you go to your doctor or hospital, you show valid ID. This initiative removes a current loophole where voters can use a paycheck as ID in lieu of a driver's license. How is that acceptable? Our votes do count. Our voices are important. Support Prop 309 to safeguard your ballot!

Pam Dial, Gilbert

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Prop 309 embraces the goal of it being easy to vote and hard to cheat. We show ID regularly in our daily lives, so it only makes sense that voters, all voters, should show ID before casting a ballot. Prop 309 accomplishes that, plugging a loophole for existing in-person voters, and establishing reasonable identification requirements for those who choose to vote by mail. It's a commonsense election reform that the overwhelming majority of Arizona voters - Republicans, Independents, and Democrats alike - support. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Rosemary Holmes, Goodyear

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If I have to show ID at my bank to make a deposit, to receive a certified letter at the US Post Office, to buy alcohol, among many other daily activities., then it's COMMON SENSE to require ID to vote too! Vote YES on Prop 309!

Angela Godac, Payson

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Everyone has an ID with picture. The argument that some people can't afford or get an ID or don't have access to an ID, is untrue. People on government programs that assist them with rent or food, have an ID with picture. The same programs will often help them get an ID and in some instances pay for it. Prop 309 even waives the fee to obtain one if needed.

When you rent or buy a house, you are required to show proof that you are who you say you are. When you go to your doctor or dentist, the office staff ask for your ID. When you go to your bank to take out savings, you have to show two IDs, your bank card and another picture identification.

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When purchasing a car or truck, car dealerships require photo ID and additional proof before they give you a loan or hand over that car or truck. Even folks who do not drive a car and don't need a driver's license still have an ID. When flying, one needs an ID or a passport. Going on a trip and renting a hotel, one has to provide ID. As simple as buying a lottery ticket, when purchasing cigarettes or alcohol, you have to provide an ID with picture.

Nearly every day, we have to show an ID with picture. Voting is very important, and it makes sense to treat voting as important as our everyday business dealings. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Gisela Aaron, Tucson

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We need to have more than signatures to validate our ballots. Signatures are often scribbles or hard to read. It's a subjective measure that can lead to legal votes being improperly rejected and illegal votes being counted. Identification numbers are objective and are easier to recognize. Numbers are used to differentiate phone ownership, social security, zip codes, alarm systems.

We need better means of voter ID to be used in person and for mail in ballots.

Phyllis Lester, Chandler

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Proposition 309 will help keep Arizona elections free from bad actors, making it easy to vote but hard to cheat. Voters should be confident that when they vote, they're doing so in free, fair, and valid elections. One of the biggest deterrents to fraud is voter ID laws.

Proposition 309 will establish a voter ID requirement for mail-in ballots. Mail-in voting is more vulnerable to abuse and must be properly safeguarded to verify the validity of ballots. Without a voter ID requirement, election officials must rely on the subjective method of signature matching. This practice can lead to illegal votes being counted and legal votes being rejected. This initiative also closes loopholes for existing in-person voter ID laws. Voters will now have to provide a photo ID and not just two documents that only show the voter's name and address. Almost all lawfully registered voters already have an ID, and this initiative will ensure that those who do not can obtain one for free.

Voter ID is a simple way of verifying that a voter is who they say they are. No voter should have their vote canceled out by a fraudulent vote. Requiring universal ID will increase ballot security for Arizona voters regardless of whether they choose to vote in-person or by mail.

Proposition 309 will also enhance ID requirements for in-person ballot drop-off, preventing crime rings from engaging in large-scale election fraud and ballot harvesting that often targets vulnerable citizens. Requiring ID will also help to prevent the state from mistakenly issuing more than one ballot to each voter.

A vote in favor of Proposition 309 is a vote in favor of election integrity and security. If the initiative passes, Arizona voters can have confidence in the election process, and in the election results.

Bryan Sunderland, Director, Foundation for Government Accountability, Louisville

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Lax voter regulations surrounding the 2020 elections led to a lack of confidence in the election process. Election integrity is key to trusting and accepting the results of any election, regardless of political party.

Changes made to the voting process during the COVID pandemic must be corrected. The Arizonans for Voter ID Act makes those corrections while also keeping the convenience of voting by mail. In short, the act makes it easy to vote but hard to cheat.

The Arizonans for Voter ID Act ensures only qualified citizens are registered and able to vote in Arizona. It also improves existing in-person voter ID requirements, tightens regulations against ballot harvesting, provides a free voter ID to qualified voters who need it, and it establishes voter ID for mail-in ballots. Current Arizona law requires identification for in-person voting. It only makes sense to require ID for voting by mail as well.

A yes vote will correct some of the key safeguards lost during the 2020 election that led to widespread distrust and division. It protects the integrity of our voting process, while accommodating all qualified voters.

Please vote YES.

Cathi Herrod, Esq., President, Center for Arizona Policy Action, Phoenix

Vote YES for Voter ID! 82% of Arizona voters support universal voter ID requirement including every race, ethnicity, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.

Prop 309 would improve existing voter ID requirements for in-person voters, ensuring everyone is showing valid government ID instead of a piece of paper with their name and address such as a utility bill.

Prop 309 would require ID on mail in ballots, creating parity between in-person voters and those who choose to vote by mail. That means no matter when, where, or how you vote, ID will be required. Required personal information would not be exposed when voting by mail.

This initiative will not disenfranchise voters as all forms of acceptable ID are utilized in our daily lives. For those who currently don't have one, Prop 309 completely waives the fee for obtaining one. It's simple, commonsense, and that's why it's supported by the vast majority of voters. Vote YES on Prop 309!

Bonnie Lund, Phoenix

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Arizonans want it to be easy to vote and hard to cheat. I am proud to be a citizen of this nation and a resident of Arizona and to have the fundamental right to vote. Commonsense election reforms like voter ID protect that right. Everyone should SUPPORT voter ID and vote YES on Prop 309!

Rhonda Smith, Phoenix

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As a sitting Arizona State Senator, I am honored to have supported the Arizona Voter ID Act. Voters want to know that their ballot will count and not be cancelled out by an ineligible ballot. A very easy way to protect every individual's ballot is to require proof of ID.

That is what the Arizona Voter ID Act does – it sets a basic standard that no matter when, where, or how you choose to vote – ID is required. That is simple and commonsense.

Most Arizonans agree – showing ID is a reasonable way to improve security and something all of us are already accustomed to doing in our ordinary lives.

I hope you will join me in voting YES on Prop 309 to keep Arizona elections easy to vote and hard to cheat!

Warren Petersen, AZ State Senator, Queen Creek

The most commonsense election reform is requiring voter ID. Since most voters in Arizona choose the convenience of voting by mail, we must require voter ID on mail in ballots just like we require voter ID from in-person voters before they obtain a ballot at the polls. The voter just has to write the identification number on their envelope, and there is a flap to conceal it! It's wildly popular, and all voters should vote YES on Prop 309!

James Edens, Goodyear

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VOTE YES on 309

Voter ID is commonsense and supported by over 80% of voters from each side of the political spectrum. We show ID every day in our lives, and never question the importance of that. Why do I have to place my name on this ballot argument, if no one needs to identify themselves to VOTE? ~ Mrs. Nobody

DJ Lockwood, Scottsdale

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Why the outcry regarding Voter ID? A photo ID is something everyone should have. It is kept with us and is used often to verify our identity in so many ways. We really would be lost without it.

It appears questionable why some dispute people having an ID and try to justify some not being able to obtain an ID. Are there some who don't think others have an ID and can't obtain one if not?

Voila, this initiative provides an ID free of charge if someone does not have one.

Let's be sensible and implement a strong photo ID with voting in person and also an identification process with our mail-in ballots. Everyone gets ONE vote and fills out ONE ballot. The individual should know their date of birth and another verifying information to verify it is them. ONE ballot for someone to include this information on should not be difficult!

What would be the reasons for any outcry over Voter ID? It is outlandish!

(For) SCR1012 - Proposition 309 - voter identification; affidavit; procedure

VOTE YES on Prop 309!!

April Smith, Mesa