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Keep AZ Free Supporters,

As we reflect on the events and activities from the past year, it's hard not to be both excited and hopeful about the future of our great state. It feels like we have turned a very big corner—that we are back on track to being the ruby red bastion of freedom that we all know Arizona really is.

There is no doubt in my mind that the success we are now enjoying would not have been possible without the Keep AZ Free infrastructure network you have helped us build here in Arizona.

Anchored around the Free Enterprise Club and AZ Liberty Network, our Keep AZ Free infrastructure network has **RESHAPED** Arizona's political landscape, playing a decisive role in many of the policy, political and electoral victories we achieved in 2024.

Thanks to Keep AZ Free, we defeated countless attempts by Katie Hobbs and the radical left to upend school choice, increase taxes and impose their woke agenda. We successfully defended election integrity in the courtroom, stopping Adrian Fontes' illegal election procedure manual and ensuring that proof of citizenship is required when registering to vote. And we stopped Ranked Choice Voting and Jungle Primaries from being enacted at the ballot box.

Best of all, we finished it off with an historic election that sent a message to the radical Left that Arizona will NEVER be California. Indeed, it was a mandate for freedom, prosperity and Pro-American common sense.

Across Arizona demographic groups, there is widespread rejection of liberal policies, green energy mandates, and socialist economic policies. The woke left is broken and demoralized, and we couldn't be any happier about it.

We are making Arizona a reliably conservative state again—where freedom thrives, prosperity abounds, and conservative values are once again ascendent.

This is not just a vision—it's a reality that we are committed to for years to come.

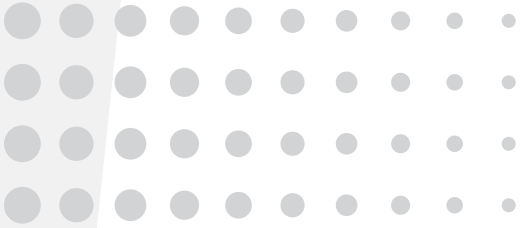
All of this would not have been possible without the continued support of our thousands of activists, coalition partners and donors that believe in our mission and purpose. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to an exciting 2025.

Scot Mussi



President of the AZ Free Enterprise Club
Chairman of the AZ Liberty Network





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2024 LEGISLATIVE & POLICY WRAP-UP OVERVIEW

The 2024 legislative session concluded business Saturday, June 15th at 9:55PM after the body spent over 12 hours debating and passing the state's budget bills. This legislative finale was preceded by weeks of nominal work by the legislature to provide time for leadership to negotiate with the Governor on foreclosing a \$1.3B budget deficit. Ultimately, a bi-partisan agreement was reached, highlighted by an interesting cross section of criticism from caucus members from the Left and Right sides of the aisle.



If an overall theme arose from this session, it was probably the lack of a unifying Republican agenda, especially underscored by the fracture brought about by an Arizona Supreme Court decision that clarified that the “pre-statehood” ban on abortion was the current law in effect, supplanting a 15-week ban passed only a couple years ago. That decision, *Planned Parenthood Arizona v. Mayes/Hazelrigg*, consumed the conversation at the Capitol almost entirely for three solid weeks and culminated in the first “roll” of leadership of the 56th legislature, when just a couple Republicans in the House motioned to suspend the rules to bring about a repeal of the 1864 law.

Unlike the previous session, there was less energy by Republican lawmakers to send “veto bait” bills to the Governor’s desk, replacing that motivation with efforts to pass referrals for the November election. As a result, there were numerous measures competing for a spot on the ballot. Given the referral process was the only meaningful policy outlet for Republicans, it is no wonder voters were presented with 11 different legislative referrals spanning from initiative reform, reigning in the executive, protecting conservative judges, and securing the border.

With two years of divided government and the dynamics within the one-seat majorities at the Legislature, the Club was still able to make measurable wins to help frame election narratives, expose the woke agendas of Hobbs’ agencies, and pass referrals that saved Arizona from California style elections and forced the left to waste time and money opposing ballot measures instead of capturing the legislature – their top aim.

The Club had three primary goals which had varying levels of success:

- 1 Ensure the budget was balanced without a slew of gimmicks.**
- 2 Solidify key reforms in agencies such as the Arizona Commerce Authority and the Department of Transportation.**
- 3 Pass additional ballot referrals for good conservative policy that requires the Left to spend money.**

The budget largely met the Club’s criteria of an acceptable budget given the political realities and accomplished what it needed to. They didn’t employ K-12 rollovers, they did not drain the rainy-day fund, and they in fact did exact cuts across agencies, maybe not right-sizing government, but curbing its growth.

Agency reforms gained traction mid-session but in the case of ADOT withered on the vine. As for the Arizona Commerce Authority, they benefited from a rammed through last-day-of-session reauthorization of five years with window-dressing reforms that will allow them to continue their worst and likely illegal programs. Excluding real reforms in these continuations was a missed opportunity for the legislature, but the Club was successful in tying them up for weeks, exposing real problems within the agencies, and establishing the groundwork for future reforms

The Club championed several of our own referrals and supported other conservative groups that brought good ideas to the body. Though not all of our measures were successful at the legislature, our strategy proved once again immensely successful at the ballot box which we hope will continue to increase buy-in for the Club’s ballot strategy with legislative leadership.

Overall, the session maintained the status quo in the state which in and of itself is a major win. After two years with an oppositional Governor, landmark tax cuts remain in place, universal school choice expansion is unscathed, Hobbs’ failed to deliver on any major promises, and Republicans have increased their majorities. ■

KATIE HOBBS'

SECOND SESSION SCORECARD

The Hobbs' Agenda

Katie Hobbs delivered her state of the state address on January 8, 2024, where she outlined her priorities for the forthcoming legislative session. Surprisingly, her first talking points were "Republican" talking points, the border and the economy, both issues that have consistently ranked highest in polls of voters for well over a year. Despite what Hobbs front-loaded in her speech, her real agenda was obvious, a renewal of Prop 123, controlling state water policy, regulating ESAs and framing the 2024 election around abortion in order to flip the legislature. Given her priorities, her second term was a failure, as she gained no discernible wins at the close of session on any of these key priorities.

Investigated for Pay to Play Scheme

Not only did Hobbs fail to deliver any wins for her party, but the shadow of scandal continued to loom throughout as public suspicions of a corrupt pay-to-play scheme regarding her dubious inauguration fund led to an open investigation by rival Democrat Attorney General Kris Mayes. Hobbs caught fire at the outset in her term in January 2023 for raising \$1.1M in private special interest money for putting on her inauguration ceremony/party that cost a grand total of \$200,000. Republican lawmakers publicly called for Hobbs to not inappropriately funnel the money into electioneering to flip the legislature blue. Much ink was spilled in an effort to shame



the newly minted Governor into disclosing who donated those funds and in what amounts. After finally acquiescing, Hobbs probably figured she could put all the unpleasantness behind her. That didn't happen.

Subsequent articles in the Arizona Republic laid out the facts of an ostensible pay-to-play plot with a state vendor, Sunshine Homes, that

Republicans have 100,000 reasons to investigate Gov. Katie Hobbs' inaugural fund

Opinion: Gov. Katie Hobbs gets a \$100,000 donation to her 'dark money' inauguration fund and the donor gets a pay boost on its state contract? Sure, that doesn't smell very much.



Laurie Roberts
Arizona Republic

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election leaving her so weak that Democrat Secretary of State is floating public mutiny in Politico.

More Corrupt Dealings?

As if this optical quid-pro-quo scandal and fake agency directors wasn't enough, after the election Hobbs was in the media again being excoriated for waste, taxpayer abuse, and nepotism. It

provides housing for children in the foster system, donated \$100,000 to the Hobbs' Inauguration Fund as well as \$200,000 to the state Democrat Party, the first and only political checks the group had ever donated. The business is 100% funded by government contracts. Having recently been rejected for a rate increase just a year before, it was oddly suspicious that their organization received a rate hike under Hobbs' administration despite dozens of other providers not receiving any such increases. Demands made by Republican lawmakers as well as the Club led to County Attorney Rachel Mitchell and Attorney General Kris Mayes to formally open investigations into the dubious fund.

Hobbs' Administrative State

Thankfully, Katie Hobbs' agenda continued to be stymied by Senate Republicans spiking of radical agency appointments.

In 2023 when all her executive agency appointments were pummeled by the Senate's newly minted Committee on Director Nominations headed up by Senate

Arizona's secretary of state mulls gubernatorial primary against Hobbs

It's the latest chapter in a wave of post-election Democratic finger pointing.

Republican bulldog Jake Hoffman, Hobbs decided to take a new tactic to getting around the Senate confirmation process – breaking the law. Instead of her nominees running the Senate gauntlet, Hobbs appointed all her top picks as “executive deputy directors.” The Senate sued in December of 2023 and by June 2024 the judge had indicated agreement with the Legislature. Ultimately the Governor cried uncle, agreeing to abandon all legal defense and withdrawing several acting directors for confirmation, including David Lujan for Department of Child Safety, the architect behind the Prop 208 income tax hike.

Ultimately Katie Hobbs' first two years in office were ineffectual. Her inability to make any gains over the Republican legislature have her own party gnashing teeth and eyeing a 2026 challenge. Her policy failures were only compounded by dashed legislative victories in the general

was discovered that Hobbs' office of tourism, being headed up by an illegitimate director, Lisa Urias, who never received Senate confirmation, shelled out \$700,000 for a new state logo and re-branding contract. That contract was awarded to a firm, Heart & Soul Marketing, whose CEO was encouraged to contract with another firm, Urias Communications. Urias Communications is currently operated by Heart & Soul's brother but is ultimately owned by the director, Lisa Urias, herself. The backlash and public outcry was so fast and fierce, including by Senate Republicans who promised Lisa Urias would never receive a Senate confirmation, that she resigned in the next 24 hours. Yet another staffing debacle and public embarrassment for Katie Hobbs. ■

BUDGET

Following years of surpluses, the Legislature came into their second session of divided government with an anticipated budget deficit of more than a billion dollars.

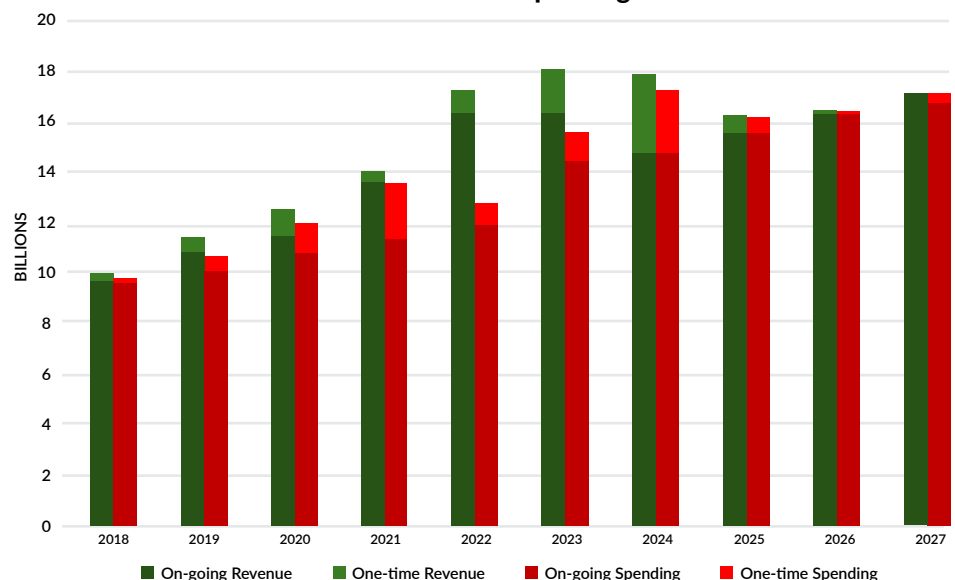
The left's strategy was clear: blame the historic tax cuts that benefit all Arizonans and the universal expansion of ESAs. That narrative, though universally adopted by the media, couldn't be further from the truth. That's why early on the Club urged lawmakers to see the budget deficit stemming from years of overspending. Arizona does not have a revenue problem; it has a spending problem. The budget shortfall presented an opportunity to "right size" government spending. Importantly, the Club cautioned lawmakers from tapping into the Rainy-Day fund, sweeping professional licensure fees, using any budget gimmicks to "balance" the books, and encouraged fully

protecting our landmark school choice program and tax cuts.

Big picture, the legislature was largely able to do that. On the positive side, they did manage to accomplish an across the board 3.5% cut to all state agency budgets. On the negative side, one of the primary mechanisms used to balance the books was by sweeping fund surpluses that are funded by fees paid by professionals needing state licensure. Those surpluses imply that those professionals are being

overcharged, so the money should be returned to them. However, the legislature did ensure that none of the boards managing those funds could raise licensing fees for the next two years. The budget deal also presented missed opportunities for leverage against the Governor by holding Hobbs' agencies accountable, but for a second year of divided government, the budget deal accomplished what it needed to, getting lawmakers out of session and out campaigning to preserve majorities. ■

Revenue vs Spending



EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT

State Agencies automatically sunset after a date prescribed in statute, providing an opportunity for the legislature to investigate, evaluate, and reform those agencies when passing a continuation.

This session provided a uniquely powerful opportunity, because several agencies were set to sunset and divided government provided the legislature motivation – they wouldn't be fighting with their own Governor's agencies, but with an oppositional Governor's.

The Club focused primarily on two of these, the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Arizona Commerce Authority. We encouraged lawmakers that first and foremost, no Agency should receive a rubber stamped 8–10-year continuation. The starting point should be just two years, requiring those Agencies to come back again under the next administration. From there, lawmakers should use these continuations as leverage with other major issues such as the budget and at least make a few substantive reforms. Unfortunately, Republican leadership and the majority were never able to unify around a strategy and every agency up for continuation was continued with no substantive reforms.



Arizona Department of Transportation

Hot off the heels of the passage of a new “Prop 400” Maricopa County transportation tax in 2023, the Republican legislature had a solid education regarding woke transportation policy and its creep into seemingly benign planning, including at the Department of Transportation. And they had an opportunity to flush the agency of that nonsense. A bundle of reforms was passed out the Senate, including a prohibition on the agency adopting a “carbon reduction plan,” prohibiting DEI trainings and programs in the agency, and prohibiting ADOT from competing with private companies to build or maintain electric charging stations. The reforms got bungled in the House and ultimately spiked by one House Republican David Cook who lost his primary in 2024.

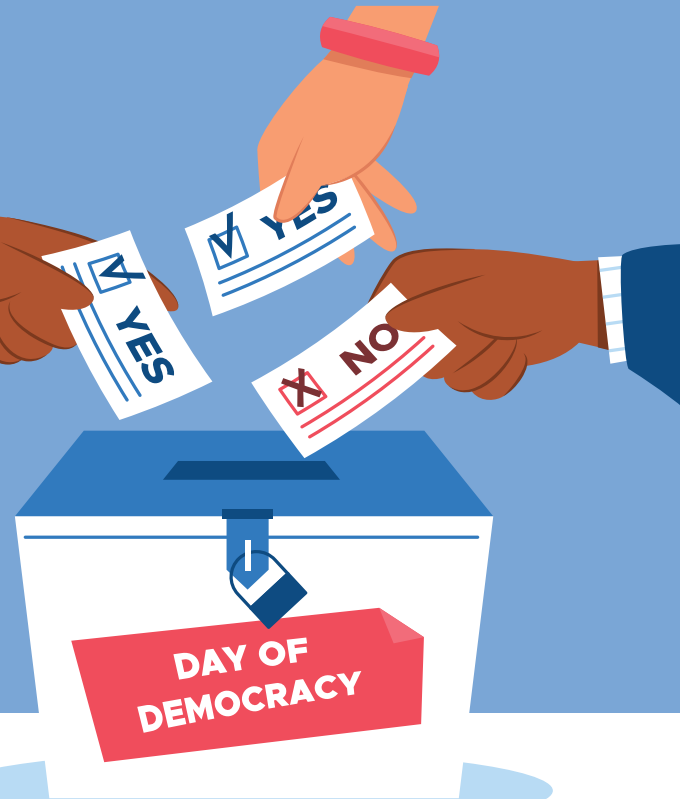


Arizona Commerce Authority

At the outset of the legislative session, Senate leadership declared their intention of ending the Arizona Commerce Authority. But they lacked a plan to do so.

Understanding the inevitable overwhelming political pressure in a fight that put leadership in the crosshairs of the business elite class with tremendous lobbying clout, the Club moved forward unilaterally with Senator Jake Hoffman, the Chair of Government, to put forth major reforms of the agency. At the center of the proposal was a statutory Gift Clause test crafted by the Goldwater Institute. Given recent Gift Clause rulings, it is now obvious that many of the refundable tax credits and grant programs administered by the ACA are unconstitutional, and the ACA reforms bill pushed mid-session would have required the agency to vet outlays to private businesses based upon the high court's two-pronged public benefit and commensurate value test. As the session neared completion, the outstanding ACA reauthorization created pressure on the body, with members within the caucus carrying water for the business community. Ultimately senate leadership deviated from the mid-session reform package, opting to negotiate their own bill without input that weakened the reforms past the point that the Club could support. What passed and was signed by the Governor was the longest reauthorization the agency has ever received, a sweeping of the Competes Fund which is not novel at all, and no real lasting reforms that will drive accountability in the agency. ■

BALLOT MEASURES



The left has always seen the ballot as an election strategy, using it to their advantage to turn out their voters and force the right to expend resources to defeat them. For some on the right, there has been hesitancy to put anything on the ballot, following a strategy of primarily choosing measures for which there is identified campaign resources and a high likelihood of success. The Club has argued that the litmus test for placing a measure on the ballot instead should be a two-prong test. First, is it good policy? Second, will it force the left to fight it, tying up their financial resources and time which cannot be used in legislative races? With that strategy in mind, and with the divided government preventing substantive policy being signed into law, the Club came into session with a robust agenda of ballot measures.



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Our measures addressed a wide variety of policy areas.



HCR2018 was our “Freedom to Move Act”

Which would have prohibited government from tracking, taxing, or limiting the miles we drive.



HCR2050 was our “Energy Nondiscrimination Act”

Which would have shielded Arizonans from gas device bans.



HCR2058

Would have allowed Arizona to conduct our own census and require that it count only citizens and then require that legislative districts be apportioned by citizen only population.



HCR2056

Would have prevented the government from discriminating based on race.



SCR1041

Would have allowed Arizonans to challenge initiatives before they appear on the ballot and if the Arizona Supreme Court found it to be unconstitutional the measure would not go to the ballot.

The Club also supported other measures, like SCR1006, authored by the Goldwater Institute, to protect property owners from public nuisances like homeless encampments by allowing them to be reimbursed, up to their property tax liability, for expenses incurred due to failures of local governments to enforce their own ordinances. The Club also supported the effort to put the Secure the Border Act (Prop 314) on the ballot, empowering local law enforcement to apprehend individuals who illegally enter Arizona outside of a lawful port of entry.

Overall, the Club had limited success in getting many of our measures on the ballot. Last session, we successfully advocated for Prop 133 to protect partisan primaries and stop California style election schemes, Prop 134 to protect our ballot from out of state special interests by requiring signatures for initiative petitions to come from all 30 legislative districts, and Prop 135 to rein in the power of the Governor during “emergencies” by automatically terminating them 30 days after they were declared, unless extended by the legislature. This year, we were successful in getting one of our priority measures, Prop 136, on the ballot, and helped in efforts to place Prop 312 and Prop 314 on the ballot.

The measures that did not make it began the conversation down at the Capitol and the groundwork from the past two sessions will place the measures that did not make it this time around in a better position to prevail in the next two years ahead of 2026.

The Club will use this cost and reliability analysis to advocate that the newly elected Commission reopen these resource plans and amend them to ensure grid reliability and affordability. We will also be prepared to fully intervene in future rate cases and continue to push the Commission to adopt policy banning ESG, DEI, and climate commitments, while pushing a robust legislative agenda to do the same. ■



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

For years radical environmentalists have attempted to force Arizona utilities to go “Net Zero” by 2050. It began in the early 2000s when the first renewable energy mandates were passed at the Commission, requiring utilities to obtain 15% of their energy generation from “renewable” sources which has already cost ratepayers over a billion dollars. Then an out of state funded proposition was placed on the ballot to require 50% renewable energy by 2035, and it was resoundingly rejected by voters.

Then the Commission itself began considering even more extreme mandates to go 100% “renewable” by 2050. The mandate was almost passed, before a third-party cost analysis had even been conducted. The Commission paused, allowing for one to be completed, which found the mandates would cost ratepayers \$6 billion, resulting in the mandate being rejected 4-1. But then, the utilities publicly declared they would go green anyway, mandate or no mandate.

This past year, the utilities proposed their updated Integrated Resource Plans, which forecast energy demand over the next fifteen years and outline how the utility will meet it. Unsurprisingly, all those plans begin with the precommitment to be 100% “carbon free” by 2050. Even their modeling software was owned by ESG giants like Blackstone and Vista Equity Partners, a software that somehow put together a “Least Cost Portfolio” that cost more than their preferred ESG, Net Zero plan.

Unfortunately, these plans were approved by the Commission prior to the election. Approval of these plans allows for the utilities to justify recovering the expansive costs of going green from their captive ratepayers.

Though the plans were approved, the Club intends to only increase our engagement at the Corporation Commission. We have contracted with a third party to do a full cost analysis of the APS Plan (which the Commission did not do) as well as a reliability analysis. This study will likely show, as previous analyses have, that their plan would cost ratepayers billions and shutter grid reliability. We previously published a paper authored by economist Steve Moore which compared states with energy mandates to those without energy mandates. The findings were unsurprising: ratepayers in states with mandates pay on average 42% more for electricity than ratepayers in states with no mandates. One only has to look to California or Germany to see the price paid for pursuing these political agendas.

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GRASSROOTS

As we end our 4th year with our grassroots membership, we are excited to report our grassroots engaged over 70,000 actions in 2024. Actions which include, but are not limited to, sending messages to their lawmakers to support or oppose bills, registering their opinion on the Arizona Legislatures website, sending public comments to municipalities or their Corporation Commissioners and sending in ballot arguments for the Voter Guide for 2024 election. In addition, club members handed out thousands of collateral and participated in weekly/monthly educational events throughout the year.



Members Giving Their Opinions to elected Officials using Request To Speak

In 2024, our Club members engaged on over 60 important bills being proposed at the AZ Legislature resulting in over 27,000 opinions being given to their lawmakers via the Request To Speak system. Club members gave personal comments, supporting or bills being considered. In addition, they sent over 20,000 personal emails to their lawmakers sharing their opinion on the bills being proposed. In 2024, we added 6 cities, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Chandler, Casa Grande, Tempe and Mesa to our watchlist and now members in those cities can give their opinion directly to their council and mayors on important



issues which arise. We had a great success with members participating on a local level with their city councils. We calculated over 50,000 communication actions taken by our grassroots members in 2024.

Outside Speaking Engagements

Our grassroots team was invited 100's of various legislative districts, AZ Federation of Republican Women clubs and other private clubs across Arizona. We were asked to train on using the AZ Legislature's Request To Speak system, How a Bill Becomes a Law and we updated citizens on the current status of bills. In addition, our team spoke at meetings throughout Arizona covering the 2024 ballot propositions, answering questions and sharing our positions.

Weekly Capitol Campus Trips with Members

This was our 2nd year the Free Enterprise Club and AZ Liberty Network began hosting weekly trips

with activists to the Capitol to learn more about the legislative process. Guided by our staff, club activists witnessed firsthand how bills are drafted, discussed, debated and voted on. Our goal to demystify the legislature and empower grassroots to engage in the process first-hand proved to be very successful and the program will continue.



Virtual Legislative Updates & Training

We continue to have a tremendous participation with our virtual weekly Friday Keep AZ Free Legislative Update and Training, averaging between 150 and 300 participants every week. The Friday virtual meetings continued after the legislative session closed to bring special guests and speakers to grassroots. Special speakers included covering local calls to action, inviting coalition partners to talk about their mission, getting national updates from elected U.S. House Representatives and training with subject matter experts on various issues and grassroots training. In addition, monthly virtual and in person training was provided by the AZ Liberty Network all year round. ■



4TH ANNUAL 2024 KEEP AZ FREE SUMMIT

Our 2024 Keep AZ Free Summit, sponsored with the AZ Liberty Network & AZ Free Enterprise Club, was amazing with an incredible 700 attendees.



Radio Talk Show Host, James T Harris, of The Conservative Circus of iHeart Radio did a fabulous job moderating the event this year.



Great Britain's Nigel Farage was our Keynote Speaker. Nigel, who had recently taken over the Reform UK party and was very successful in the July UK elections, spoke about the importance of organizations, like AZ Free Enterprise Club, and how grassroots is the key to everything. Identifying himself as "Mr. Grassroots", he gave a very inspiring talk to let our attendees know just how important they are to the direction of our nation and Western Civilization.



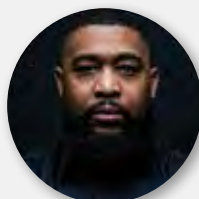
Darla Gonzalez recognized our coalition partners with the AZ Liberty Network, our Club regional leaders and top activists and shared how we can never give up on Arizona.



Aimee Yentes and Greg Blackie launched their campaign, "Don't CA my AZ" and shared new videos which were going to be shown to over a million Arizonans in the hope to keep Arizona free from CA Style policies.



Scot Mussi shared his thoughts on the upcoming election and how to stay united. The theme for 2024 was "United We Win".



Brandon Tatum, podcast influencer, closed our event with uplifting thoughts about the importance of staying united and working together in keeping Arizona free.





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2024 REGIONAL LEADERS

In 2024, the Club's Regional Leadership Program was monumentally important to our election cycle success and expanding the Club's reach in Arizona.

Our Regional Leaders, operated in their local community to recruit, train and mentor members on how to use the Request To Speak system at the Arizona Legislature. They became subject matter experts on the propositions and expanded our reach for ballot education by an additional 40 plus more speaking engagements throughout Arizona. ■



2024 KEEP AZ FREE

ELECTION IMPACT REPORT

The Keep AZ Free Network tackled an ambitious and multi-faceted plan for the 2024 election cycle which included seven distinct campaigns to reach over 1 million voters across the state. These campaigns combined with direct contributions to candidates made the network's presence and impact the most of any other election cycle to date.

CAMPAIGNS

Defend & Expand Legislative Majorities

Budget: \$620,000

Our top down ticket priority this cycle was retaining GOP control of the state legislature to prevent Katie Hobbs from enacting the Left's radical agenda in AZ. Our efforts paid off as the Republican legislature picked up one seat in the Senate (now 17-13) and the House picked up two seats (now 33-27).



AZ Free News Promotion

Budget: \$450,000

Through digital, text message and print distribution, AZ Free News articles were advertised to over 500,000 Arizona residents during the election season. In addition to promoting important stories about key issues and candidate races, AZ Free News picked up an additional 2,500 subscribers from July to October.

AZ FREE NEWS

Don't CA My AZ

Budget: \$275,000

Our thematic education campaign focused on explaining how one seat majorities were all that stood in the way of adopting California's most radical policies in Arizona. The campaign proved to be a very successful and effective message that worked across multiple issues and will remain a brand that our Network will invest in and promote in the future.





Ballot Measure Education/ Judicial Retention

Budget: \$300,000

Spearheaded an aggressive field operation to educate voters throughout Arizona on a dozen different ballot measures and key judicial retention races. We also launched a new website called azballot.org, a one-stop-shop for down ballot recommendations that was shared with thousands of voters statewide.

No on Prop 140

Budget: \$1,100,000

After a lengthy legal fight that concluded with the Arizona Supreme Court authorizing Prop 140 to be tabulated on the ballot despite insufficient signatures, the Club needed to organize a campaign to defeat the California-style jungle primaries and ranked choice voting initiative. This campaign was very successful, resulting in the defeat of Prop 140 by nearly 20 points.



No on Prop 499

Budget: \$75,000

Ran a field campaign to educate Glendale voters on the dangers of a proposed initiative that would significantly increase costs and impose new regulations on business owners. Our campaign was successful as Prop 499 went down in defeat.

Hispanic Voter Outreach & Ballot Chase

Budget: \$100,000

Organized a multifaceted program to educate, register and turn out Hispanic voters in Arizona. Built around promoting conservative issues and causes, the campaign successfully registered and turned out thousands of voters in Arizona.



TOTAL IMPACT

Total Spending: \$2.992 Million

- Over 6 Million Text Messages Sent
- 230,000 AZ Free Newspapers Distributed
- Mailers to +1 Million Households
- 1.1 Million Ballot Measure/Judicial Retention Palm Cards Distributed
- 650,000 Candidate Palm Cards Distributed
- 100,000+ Doors Canvassed
- Cumulatively over 7 Million Digital and Social Media Impressions, Views and Clicks
- Participated in 100+ Forums, Events, Interviews, and Debates Throughout the State.



The AZ Liberty Network Coalition partners worked alongside one another throughout the year. Every month, coalition partners gathered in person and online to shared updates from their organization and enlist help where needed.

Although each of the AZ Liberty Network partners had their own mission and vision on how they were going to affect the outcome of the 2024 election, they joined together in a spirit of collaboration and coordination to support one another.

The goal was to have a unified network, utilizing comparative advantages and working with one another. With harmony and shared vision, the AZ Liberty Network partners grew in relationship and trust and had overall success in Arizona.







The AZ Liberty Network is the largest coalition of experts and advocates in Arizona working alongside one another towards the same goal, keeping Arizonans free. We do this by hosting regular monthly meetings, educational events, providing mentorship and resources to our coalition partners to improve their effectiveness.

Areas of focus include:

- Ballot chasing and Voter Registration
- Education/School Choice
- School Board Training
- Transportation/Climate Change Policy
- Rank Choice Voting/Jungle Primaries
- Women & Family Culture War
- Leadership Training
- Gun Rights
- Pro-Life





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The AZ Faith Alliance represents multiple churches, faith-based organizations and pastors who are united against worldview culture and gather to discuss current issues where a lot of religious cultural and political issues intersect.

The AZ Faith Alliance had their grand opening with a private showing of TPA Faith's movie, "Letter to the American Church". The attendance was at max capacity with 300 people. We had a panel of spiritual leaders/pastors who spoke and answered questions following the movie. The AZ Faith Alliance sponsored two more showings of this movie in different locations in Arizona.



AZ Faith Alliance sponsored two private movie showings of "God's Not Dead: In God We Trust" with total attendance close to 300 people. The goal was to show the demand to theatres in the hopes they would play the movie for the public. In the end, the movie theatres did offer the movie to the public.



The AZ Faith Alliance sponsored a Catholic and Jewish "Get Out The Vote" effort in Maricopa County which sent out thousands of postcards and text messages to faith-based registered voters letting them know their vote makes a difference. With a focus on a Biblical worldview the AZ Faith Alliance partners will be working together to strategically show how the principles of freedom are undergirded in the Bible. This is a safe platform for people and organizations of faith to exercise their 1st Amendment rights.





GRAND CANYON

LEGAL CENTER



In partnership with the Arizona Free Enterprise Club, the Grand Canyon Legal Center is currently involved in several at the state and federal level and have secured key litigation victories in 2024:

AZ Free Enterprise Club vs Fontes (EPM Lawsuit)

In February we filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State Adrian Fontes challenging the promulgation of several proposed rules in the Election Procedures Manual (EPM) as unconstitutional. The EPM is designed to be a rulebook for election officials to ensure uniform and correct implementation of state election law. SOS Fontes, however, used the latest version of the EPM to impose onerous speech restrictions on political activity 75 feet from the polling location. Anyone found in violation of these vague and overly broad restrictions could be criminally prosecuted.

In August the court in favor of our request for a preliminary injunction, rejecting all of the defense's arguments and agreed that our case had a high probability of succeeding on the merits. The result is that the contested provisions in our lawsuit remain unenforceable pending the outcome of our trial.

AZ Free Enterprise Club vs Fontes (Early Voting Signature Verification Lawsuit)

In 2023 we filed a lawsuit challenging the signature verification process for early ballots. Current law stipulates that the only signature that can be used to verify an early ballot is the signature from the voter's registration form. Counties, however, have been using any signature on file to verify early ballots, and justified this approach based on guidance from Arizona's Election Procedure Manual prepared by the Secretary of State.

After winning a preliminary ruling in trial court, the same judge in March reversed himself, holding that since the legislature had not addressed this issue in an omnibus election bill, it meant the legislature intended the law to allow different signatures to be used for verification. Both the flip-flop and subsequent ruling by Judge Napper provided very little legal reasoning or explanation as to why his original decision in our favor was incorrect.

We still believe our case is strong, so we have filed an appeal and are awaiting a hearing that we expect to occur in early 2025.

Mussi vs Fontes (NVRA Voter Roll Cleanup Lawsuit)

In June we filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against Secretary of State Adrian Fontes, challenging the fact that Arizona's election officials are failing to properly update and maintain our voter rolls in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

The complaint follows up on the pre-litigation letter sent by the Arizona Free Enterprise Club in August 2023 to SOS Fontes, which highlighted the fact that several counties in Arizona had artificially high registration rates when compared to nationally recognized census data. Since our letter was sent, four counties continue to report having more registered voters than residents over the age of 18 and that the other eleven counties have implausibly high registration rates. The case is currently pending in District Court.

LUCHA vs Fontes (Proof of Citizenship to Vote Lawsuit)

This case involves a challenge to HB 2492, legislation authored by the Arizona Free Enterprise Club and passed by the legislature in 2022 to stop non-U.S. citizens from registering to vote and casting ballots in Arizona.

During litigation, an injunction was issued against the law preventing proof of citizenship checks from being conducted by state election officials. However, in a 5-4 decision by the US Supreme Court in August, the court overturned the 9th Circuit and will allow those provisions to go into effect. We have been actively involved in this lawsuit, filing an amicus brief in support of the law. The Case is currently in front of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, where a ruling is expected in early next year.



This year the Hispanic Liberty Alliance’s greatest success was building a membership with over 2,750 Hispanic leaders all committed to Pro-Business, Pro-Family and Pro-Libertad principles. We achieved this by attending, speaking and hosting more than 70 events in 2024. The Hispanic Liberty Alliance will dedicate resources to funding organizations focused on effective Hispanic outreach. By doing so, we can meaningfully change voter registration and election outcomes in Arizona.

2024 Highlights:

- Started a Arizona coalition of Hispanic leaders organized to work with one another strategically in the hopes to build awareness of the importance of Hispanic voters in Arizona.
- Grew the Hispanic Liberty Alliance brand website in both English and Spanish languages consisting of a voter guide with key dates, how to register to vote and track your ballot.
- Produced multiple educational videos in both languages and a YouTube channel.
- Invested in a “Get Out The Vote” digital campaign that included texts, survey calls, social media/radio ads and targeting Hispanic voters in key areas resulting in over 600,000 impressions online.
- Registered more than 160 voters and produced flyers in both languages with key election dates.
- Educated 100 plus attendees on various subjects identified as important to the Hispanic community.
- Recognized by various organizations for being a key leader in the Hispanic community in Arizona.



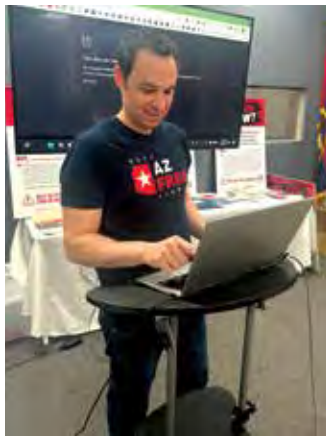


The AZ Liberty Network is committed to providing civic education classes to all Arizonans enhancing their knowledge of our laws, specific issues Arizonans are facing, and general grassroots knowledge relating to civic activism. Leadership training and civic education is critical for our success. AZ Liberty Network held many educational civic and leadership classes in 2024.

Our Liberty Leadership program gives leaders the skills to fight and win in today's competitive public policy arena.

AZ Liberty Network hosted many in person and virtual training sessions in 2024. Here is a list of some of the classes:

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| ■ Ballot Argument Training | ■ What is "Get Out the Vote" |
| ■ School Choice and Equal Opportunity in Education | ■ The Making of America and Principles of Freedom |
| ■ U.S. Constitution: What is the Role of Government? | ■ Freedom to Move – Revealing the Left's Woke Transportation Agenda |
| ■ Declaration of Independence: History | ■ How a Bill Becomes a Law: Part 1 and 2 |
| ■ How to Get Your Voice Heard by Elected Representatives | ■ How to Use Social Media for Activism |
| ■ Wokeism in Education | ■ How to be an Effective Leader |
| ■ Rank Choice Voting/Jungle Primaries | ■ Arizona Constitution – 1 full day |
| | ■ ESG and Why it's Bad for Arizonans |



In addition, we held another Liberty Leadership Series in April where we trained candidates and Arizona leaders on a variety of subjects! In 2025, we are looking forward to facilitating more Liberty Leadership trainings to start preparing Arizona leaders and candidates for the upcoming elections.

- Public Speaking
- Analyzing Data
- Social Media
- Handling Media
- Building a Team
- Issues Arizona Faces
- Arizona's State Budget
- How to Fundraise
- Arizona Constitution
- Advancing Your Cause
- Campaign Materials Do's and Don'ts





The people of Arizona deserve access to information that matters to them. They deserve to hear from journalists who will hold Arizona's leaders accountable. And they deserve a news outlet they can trust.

That's why the Arizona Freedom Foundation exists. Our mission is to foster independent journalism and provide the people of Arizona with access to news, research, and information not covered by traditional corporate media.

All of this is made possible by Arizona Freedom Foundation donors, who play a critical role in this mission. Below are some key highlights from 2024 that our donors helped make possible.

What Arizona Freedom Foundation Donors Helped Accomplish in 2024:

- Over 750,000 Page-views
- 884 News Stories
- 175 Opinion Articles
- Over 18,000 Email Subscribers
- Over 3,200 new Subscribers
- Email Open Rate: 44%
- Over 112,000 Content Views on Instagram while growing to over 7,900 followers
- Over 90,000 Content Views on Facebook while growing to over 3,200 followers
- Added over 600 new followers on Twitter for a total of over 1,800 followers



Key Stories for 2024:



One Arizona Town Is The Progressive Pioneer Of Controlling Online Speech

In partnership with the Goldwater Institute, *AZ Free News* published an investigative story about the Office of Digital Government (ODG) in the Town of Gilbert. The story exposed that the ODG worked to ensure that Gilbert's 30 official digital accounts—along with the personal online posts of all Town of Gilbert employees—align with a political agenda. The story received local and national coverage, and afterwards, dozens of Gilbert residents showed up to demand justice for free speech violations at the next Gilbert Town Council meeting. Within hours of the story, the Gilbert Town Manager (Patrick Banger) and Chief Digital Officer (Dana Berchman) made their X (Twitter) profiles private. And Dana Berchman eventually resigned from her position.



Burglaries From South American Theft Group Are Plaguing The Valley

In February, *AZ Free News* published a story about the rise in transnational organized crime in the Valley. The story focused on South American Theft Groups (SATG) that are the suspected culprits behind a string of burglaries in Scottsdale, Phoenix, Paradise Valley, Chandler, Gilbert, Peoria, and unincorporated areas of Maricopa County. After it was published, over 40 Paradise Valley residents attended "Coffee with a Cop" to inquire about plans to protect citizens. Unprepared for the group of questions, the police department planned a Community Forum to discuss the burglaries. The Town of Gilbert Police Department also increased its communication to residents about the SATGs and the rising crime wave.



Katie Hobbs' Approval Rating Lowest Ever

In May, *AZ Free News* reported on a survey of swing states in the 2024 election conducted by Emerson College. The poll found that Arizona's Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs garnered 38% approval compared with 42% disapproval from respondents. Hobbs' results were some of the worst in the swing states among her fellow governors. Her

approval rating was the lowest of the seven polled, and her disapproval numbers were one percentage point lower than the highest, which was Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.



Leftist Billionaire Bankrolling Maricopa County Recorder's Reelection Campaign

With election campaigning in full swing, *AZ Free News* discovered campaign mailers paid for by Women for Justice. The mailers disclosed that venture capitalist and LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman was one of the three top donors in their effort to support Stephen Richer's re-election

campaign for Maricopa County Recorder. Women for Justice is a leftist nonprofit advocacy group formerly known as Women for Bernie Sanders 2016. And Hoffman is one of the most influential Democratic donors against former President Donald Trump. The story was picked up nationally by publications like *The Federalist*, and Richer would go on to lose in the Republican primary to Justin Heap.



Prop 140 Seeks To Enact California-Style Election System In Arizona

Ahead of the November election, *AZ Free News* ran a series of stories exposing the truth behind Prop 140. The ballot initiative was looking to transform Arizona's election system into what has been referred to as "a California-style election scheme built around ranked-choice voting and jungle primaries." Prop 140 was soundly defeated with over 58% of the electorate voting "No."



Leftist Parent Sends Rope, Sexually Explicit Book To Threaten School Board Member

In November, *AZ Free News* learned that the vice president of the Higley Unified School Board, Anna Van Hoek, received a package with an apparent threat of violence from a leftist parent. The package, sent from Amazon, contained a rope and a book with sexually explicit content called "Homegoing." Following a report from Van Hoek, Gilbert Police submitted a warrant to Amazon and identified the sender as Queen Creek mother Lindzie Head. The story received large exposure on X (Twitter) when it was posted and linked to by the popular account Libs of TikTok with over 3.8 million followers.



Hobbs' Director Of Tourism Implicated In Corruption Scheme

Late in the year, *AZ Free News* discovered that Katie Hobbs' Director of Tourism was implicated in a corruption scheme. Arizona Republicans raised serious allegations surrounding Democrat Gov. Katie Hobbs' approval of a \$700,000 upgrade of the state logo by Urias

Communications, owned by the brother of Office of Tourism Director Lisa Urias. Within 24 hours, the Governor's office announced that Urias would resign.



Series on 2024 State Legislature Candidates in Swing Districts

Leading up to the 2024 election, *AZ Free News* ran a series of stories on Democrat and Republican candidates for state legislature in swing districts. The stories focused on the truth behind the various candidates' voting records in the legislature, endorsements, stances on political issues, and more. Before the election, Republicans held a one seat majority in both the Arizona House and Senate. After the election, Republicans secured 33 of the 60 House seats and 17 of the 30 Senate seats.



2024

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARDS

23 bills were scored as a part of the methodology and weighted based upon their significance to the Club's agenda.

Similar to the 2023 session scorecards, the Senate's scores skewed better than the House as fewer bad bills were voted on the floor and many House members took a hit from having multiple bad versions of the ACA reauthorization moving through the body, racking up many bad votes on the one issue.

Two "Republican" members, one in the House (David Cook) and one in the Senate (Ken Bennett) were the lowest scoring Republican members, particularly distinguishing their poor record on key Club issues such as ADOT reform, union issues, and opposing eliminating taxes on vehicle miles traveled.

Both members lost their primaries.

ARIZONA SENATE

Senate	District	Score	
		2024	LIFETIME
Jake Hoffman	15	100%	100%
Anthony Kern	27	100%	100%
Justine Wadsack	17	100%	100%
Shawna Bolick	2	100%	97%
Warren Petersen	14	89%	94%
David Farnsworth	10	100%	94%
J.D. Mesnard	13	89%	93%
Janae Shamp	29	85%	93%
Wendy Rogers	7	89%	92%
John Kavanagh	3	89%	87%
Frank Carroll	28	96%	83%
Sonny Borrelli	30	89%	78%
Sine Kerr	25	89%	77%
David Gowan	19	80%	73%
T.J. Shope	16	89%	72%
Ken Bennett	1	52%	61%
Sally Ann Gonzales	20	0%	10%
Juan Mendez	8	0%	9%
Christine Marsh	4	0%	4%
Mitzi Epstein	12	0%	4%
Anna Hernandez	24	0%	4%
Flavio Bravo	26	0%	3%
Theresa Hatathlie	6	4%	3%
Catherine Miranda	11	5%	2%
Eva Diaz	22	0%	2%
Priya Sundareshan	18	0%	2%
Rosanna Gabaldon	21	0%	2%
Lela Alston	5	0%	2%
Eva Burch	9	0%	1%
Brian Fernandez	23	0%	0%

ARIZONA HOUSE

House	District	Score	
		2024	LIFETIME
Neal Carter	15	100%	100%
Joseph Chaplik	3	100%	100%
Justin Heap	10	100%	100%
Laurin Hendrix	14	100%	100%
Rachel Jones	17	100%	100%
Alex Kolodin	3	100%	100%
David Marshall	7	100%	100%
Cory McGarr	17	100%	100%
Barbara Parker	10	100%	100%
Jacqueline Parker	15	100%	100%
Austin Smith	29	100%	100%
Beverly Pingerelli	28	100%	99%
Travis Grantham	14	94%	94%
Gail Griffin	19	94%	91%
Steve Montenegro	29	81%	91%
Michele Pena	23	74%	87%
Leo Biasiucci	30	78%	84%
John Gillette	30	81%	82%
Kevin Payne	27	76%	82%
Ben Toma	27	74%	81%
Quang Nguyen	1	72%	78%
Lupe Diaz	19	72%	75%
Julie Willoughby	13	72%	75%
Justin Wilmeth	2	68%	74%
Selina Bliss	1	76%	74%
Michael Carbone	25	76%	74%
Matt Gress	4	74%	73%
Tim Dunn	25	74%	72%
Teresa Martinez	16	80%	71%
David Livingston	28	67%	66%

ARIZONA HOUSE

House	District	Score	
		2024	LIFETIME
David Cook	7	69%	64%
Melody Hernandez	8	3%	7%
Stephanie Stahl Hamilton	21	3%	7%
Jennifer Pawlik	13	3%	6%
Consuelo Hernandez	21	3%	4%
Lydia Hernandez	24	3%	4%
Judy Schweibert	2	3%	4%
Lupe Contreras	22	3%	3%
Quanta Crews	26	N/A	3%
Alma Hernandez	20	3%	3%
Sarah Liguori	5	3%	3%
Charles Lucking	5	3%	3%
Betty Villegas	20	3%	3%
Stacey Travers	12	3%	2%
Laura Terech	4	3%	2%
Seth Blattman	9	3%	2%
Lorena Austin	9	3%	2%
Mae Peshlakai	6	3%	2%
Myron Tsosie	6	3%	1%
Oscar De Los Santos	11	3%	1%
Mariana Sandoval	23	3%	1%
Keith Seaman	16	3%	1%
Patricia Contreras	12	3%	1%
Nancy Gutierrez	18	3%	1%
Cesar Aguilar	26	3%	1%
Analise Ortiz	24	3%	1%
Christopher Mathis	18	3%	1%
Junelle Cavero	11	0%	0%
Elda Luna-Najera	22	0%	0%
Deborah Nardoizzi	8	0%	0%

2024 BILL TRACKING

SUPPORTED

OPPOSED

*SCORECARD BILL

+ CLUB BILL

The bills The Club were tracking in the 2024 legislative tracking were also scored for the Legislative Scorecard.

TAXES

* SCR1006 / HCR2023 Petersen / Toma (Property Tax; Refund; Nuisance Enforcement)

Allows for a business owner to claim a refund from their property taxes if the city in which their business is located fails to deal with homeless encampments in an amount equal to the loss in property value or costs the business has to incur on their own to protect their property. **PASSED.**

* SB1056 Petersen (municipalities; counties; fee increases; vote)

Requires any fee increase at the city and county level be passed by a two-thirds vote. **FAILED.**

Transportation

* + SCR1002 / HCR2018 Hoffman / Grantham (Prohibit Tax; Monitoring; Vehicle Mileage)

Prohibits the government from tracking, taxing, or limiting the amount of miles driven by an individual. **FAILED.**

SB1010 Hoffman (Vehicle Mileage; Tracking; Tax; Prohibitions)

Prohibits the government from tracking, taxing, or limiting the amount of miles driven by an individual. **FAILED.**

SB1011 Hoffman (General Plan; Transportation; Independent Study)

Protects against Vision Zero by prohibiting transportation and land-use policies that reduce overall system capacity, requiring a third-party study on the impact to emergency response times if a project reduces the level of service, and removes bicycle elements from general plan requirements. **FAILED.**

SB1012 Hoffman (Transportation System Performance; ADOT)

Defines important transportation terms in statute, to ensure transportation planning and not transportation ideology directs projects, creates weighting for projects, and prohibits VMT limitations. **FAILED.**

HB2389 Kolodin (Vehicle Sales; Emergency Stop; Prohibition)

Prohibits a vehicle manufacturer in the state from including a “kill switch” that allows a third party to shut off a vehicle. **FAILED.**

* SB1184 Farnsworth (Continuation; Department of Transportation)

Continues the Department of Transportation for four years. ADOT should not be continued without reforms to prohibit VMT reductions, road diets, Carbon Reduction Plans, and DEI trainings. **FAILED.**

* HB2037 Cook (Department of Transportation; Continuation)

Continues the Department of Transportation for eight years. ADOT should not be continued without reforms to prohibit VMT reductions, road diets, Carbon Reduction Plans, and DEI trainings. **FAILED.**

SB1637 Carroll (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations)

Prohibits monopoly utilities from building and maintaining EV chargers or expending ratepayer dollars for EV chargers. **FAILED.**

SB1282 Hoffman (Highways; Bicycle Paths; Walkways; Prohibition)

Prohibits the state from accepting federal monies if it requires building bike paths or sidewalks as part of a highway project. **FAILED.**

*** HB2884 Wilmeth (Zero-Emission Vehicle Program; Rebate)**

Takes 9% from the waste tire fund and directs it to an EV rebate fund to subsidize electric vehicles. Does not exempt governmental entities, meaning local governments that purchase electric fleets can obtain rebates too. **FAILED.**

Elections

SB1008 Hoffman (Voter Registration Events; Posting)

Requires the Secretary of State and county recorders to post on their websites a list of events their offices attended and engaged in voter registration, including all of the organizations associated with the event. **FAILED.**

*** SB1097 Wadsack (School Districts; Partisan Elections)**

Makes elections for school boards partisan, meaning candidate party affiliation would appear on the ballot like most other elections. **VETOED.**

HB2404 Gillette (Voter Registration Cards; Mailing Limitation)

Prohibits county recorders from mailing an initial or updated voter registration card to an address that is outside of Arizona. **VETOED.**

SB1240 Shamp (Cast Vote Record; Public Records)

Specifies that the cast vote record of an election is a public record. **FAILED.**

SB1286 Hoffman (Elections; Voting Centers; Polling Places)

Specifies that voting centers can only be used in addition to, not in replacement of, precinct polling places. **FAILED.**

SB1288 Hoffman (Electronic Ballot Adjudication; Prohibition)

Prohibits the use of electronic ballot adjudication, requiring it to be done by hand. **FAILED.**

SB1374 Bolick (Foreign Donations; Election Administration; Certification)

Requires a person to sign an affidavit confirming they have not received foreign donations before providing equipment or services for an election. **FAILED.**

HB2703 Kolodin (Supervisors; Legislative Vacancy; Appointment)

Creates a deadline, within fourteen days, by which the board of supervisors must name a replacement for a legislative vacancy. **FAILED.**

Energy

* + HCR2050 Griffin (Energy Source; Restriction; Prohibition)

If passed by the voters in 2024, enshrines in the constitution a protection of gas-powered devices by prohibiting government from restricting the sale, use, or manufacture of devices based on the energy source. **FAILED.**

HB2646 Bliss (Power Plants; Public Service Corporations)

Protects the grid by preventing the federal government from closing coal plants and ensuring firm power supply from reliable sources of energy. **VETOED.**

Culture War

SB1005 Hoffman (Public Monies; Ideology Training; Prohibition)

Prohibits any governmental entity from mandating or spending any public monies on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) trainings, and provides a right of action for employees if an entity violates the prohibition. **FAILED.**

* + HCR2056 / SCR1019 Montenegro / Kern (Preferential Treatment; Discrimination; Prohibited)

Removes a loophole in our existing constitutional Affirmative Action prohibition, by prohibiting universities from discriminating, in hiring and admissions, based on race or requiring students or staff to sign any Diversity, Equity, Inclusion pledges (enshrines the Harvard ruling in the Arizona constitution). **FAILED.**

HB2483 Parker, B (Schools; Selective Admissions Requirements; Prohibition)

Requires schools with a selective admission process to publicly post all of the factors weighing into their selections process, prohibits the inclusion of religion, race, sex, color, ethnicity, ancestry or national origin, from being a selections factor, and requires that information to be removed from an application before going to the individual evaluating the prospective student. **FAILED.**

SB1287 Hoffman (Sexually Explicit Materials; Government; Prohibition)

Prohibits the production of sexually explicit materials on government property and makes it a class 5 felony. **FAILED.**

* SCR1013 (Schools; Biological Sex; Requirements)

Statutorily prohibits a school district or charter school employee from, without parental permission, referring to a student under 18 years old by a pronoun that differs from the pronoun that aligns with the person's biological sex or a first name that is not listed in school records. Requires a public school to provide access to a single-occupancy or employee restroom or changing facility to a person who is unwilling or unable to use a multi-occupancy restroom or changing facility designated for the person's sex or multi-occupancy sleeping quarters. Grants a private cause of action, against the public school, to a person who encounters a person of the opposite sex in specified areas. **FAILED.**

Government & Regulation

* HB2042 Grantham (Food Preparation; Sale; Cottage Food)

Deregulates the cottage food industry by allowing the sale of items home cooked items, such as tamales. **SIGNED.**

SB1044 Hoffman (Arizona Commerce Authority; Repeal)

Repeals the Arizona Commerce Authority, which is set to sunset this year without any continuation. **FAILED.**

*** HB2417 Livingston (Arizona Commerce Authority; Continuation)**

Authorizes the Arizona Commerce Authority for four years without any reforms. **FAILED.**

HB2210 Livingston (ACA) 5 year extension

Includes a five year continuation of the ACA without substantive reforms. **SIGNED.**

*** HCR2040 / SCR1015 Smith / Kern (Public Monies; Prohibited Expenditures)**

Prohibits any governmental entity from expending funds to or joining an organization that advocates for anti-freedom initiatives like reducing meat consumption, travel by plane or car, number of articles of clothing owned by individuals, replacing meat with synthetic protein or bugs, and others. **FAILED.**

*** HCR2052 McGarr (Rulemaking; Legislative Approval)**

Allows by majority vote the legislature to pass a concurrent resolution to void any rule promulgated by an agency. **FAILED.**

SB1195 Kern (Public Monies; Prohibited Uses)

Prohibits any governmental entity from expending funds to or joining an organization that advocates for anti-freedom initiatives like reducing meat consumption, travel by plane or car, number of articles of clothing owned by individuals, replacing meat with synthetic protein or bugs, and others. **FAILED.**

SCR1020 Mesnard (General Appropriation Bill; Continuing Appropriation)

Continues the previously approved budget if the legislature does not pass a new one by the end of the fiscal year, with adjustments made for any decreased revenues. **FAILED.**

HB2593 Carbone (Public Records; Time Frame)

Currently governmental entities are required to respond to a public records request within five days acknowledging receipt. HB2593 adds that the entity must also provide a date by which they expect to provide the requested records. If they fail by that time, they must provide an updated estimate. If they violate these requirements, there are financial penalties. **FAILED.**

*** HB2190 Cook (Prohibited Agreements; Public Work Contracts.)**

Removes the prohibition on governmental entities requiring collective bargaining agreements from public works contractors. **FAILED.**

*** HB2375 Diaz (Guaranteed Income Program; Prohibition)**

Prohibits cities from implementing any form of guaranteed basic income. **VETOED.**

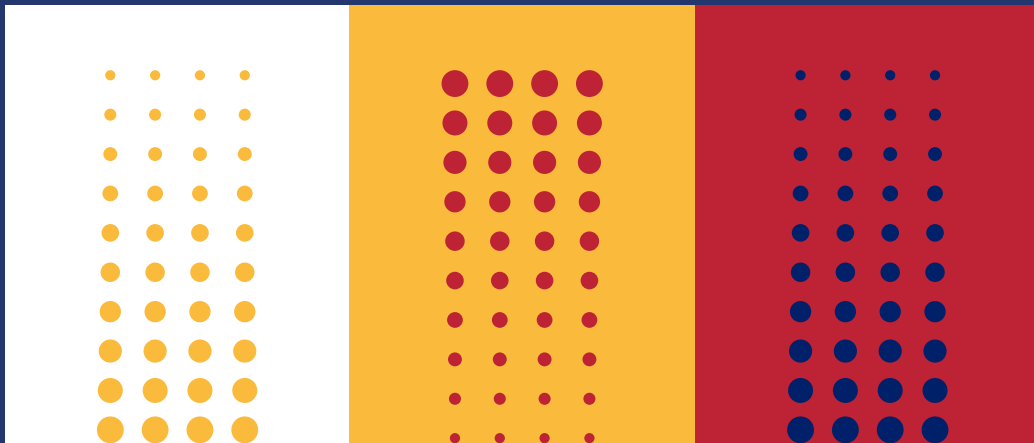
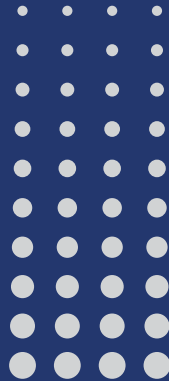
*** + HCR2058 Heap (Legislative Districts; Population; Census; Citizenship)**

If approved by the voters in 2024, would allow Arizona to conduct its own census every 10 years to inform redistricting, and requires that legislative districts be based on citizen population. **FAILED.**

Initiative Reform

*** + SCR1041 / HCR2049 Mesnard / Carter (Ballot Measures; Challenges)**

Allows for individuals or organizations to challenge the constitutionality of a provision of a citizen initiative before the election and requires the removal from the ballot if the court determines a provision of the measure is unconstitutional. **PASSED.**



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