

NOVEMBER 2026 BALLOT POLICY BRIEFS

Decisions That Shape Our Region

What changes. Why it matters.
Where SALC stands.



A voter guide from Southern Arizona's business leaders.

LEADERSHIP BEFORE THE BALLOT

Our positions are backed by our members' work.

Our 150+ members span the political spectrum and share a mission to create thriving Southern Arizona communities.

These positions reflect months of education, advocacy and outreach. Nothing is rubber-stamped. There are no shortcuts or slates. Our Public Policy Committee debates each measure and forwards recommendations to our Board of Directors for a decision.

The briefs explain what would change and why SALC took each position. This guide covers selected measures, not the entire ballot.

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SALC'S POSITIONS AT A GLANCE



Statewide measures

For Arizona voters.

141

OPPOSE / NO

Vehicle mileage tax prohibition

Would prohibit mileage-based taxes or fees and require voluntary consent for rules that monitor or limit vehicle miles, with specified exceptions.

Why we oppose it: Keep transportation funding options available for evaluation as vehicles, travel patterns and infrastructure needs change.

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144

OPPOSE / NO

Election identification and administration

Would add identification and election-administration requirements beginning January 1, 2028, including an Election Day tabulation option at voting locations.

Why we oppose it: New election requirements need clear compliance instructions, workable procedures and a realistic understanding of the cost.

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320

OPPOSE / NO

School instructional spending requirement

Would require covered districts to devote at least 60% of operational spending to direct instruction, with a phased path and funding penalties for noncompliance.

Why we oppose it: Accountability should help students succeed while allowing districts to respond to local needs and maintain essential services.

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Every position reflects a separate SALC review. [Explore the sourcebook.](#)

SALC'S POSITIONS AT A GLANCE



Local measures

Your address determines which local measures appear on your ballot.

421

SUPPORT / YES

City of Tucson voters

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Tucson-TEP franchise agreement

Would approve a 25-year framework for TEP's use of Tucson rights-of-way and activate the related Energy Collaboration Agreement.

Why we support it: Long-term infrastructure investment needs clear expectations and dependable coordination between the city and TEP.

427

SUPPORT / YES

Voters within Pima JTED boundaries

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Pima JTED capital bond

Would authorize up to \$250 million in bonds for career and technical education facilities, equipment and technology, repaid through property taxes.

Why we support it: More access to hands-on, career-focused education can strengthen students' futures and Southern Arizona's workforce.

430

SUPPORT / YES

Pima County voters

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Pima Community College capital bond

Would authorize \$250 million in debt for college capital projects and refinancing, with repayment through property taxes.

Why we support it: Up-to-date facilities and technology help Pima prepare students for high-demand work and serve employers who need their skills.

Every position reflects a separate SALC review. [Explore the sourcebook.](#)

PROPOSITION 141

Vehicle mileage tax prohibition

SALC recommends a NO vote

Arizona voters / Constitutional amendment

OUR PERSPECTIVE

Keep options open for the roads ahead.

Southern Arizona needs roads that can keep pace with our economy and workable ways to pay for them. We oppose closing off a potential funding option before its costs, benefits and safeguards can be evaluated. As vehicles and travel patterns change, Arizona needs room to consider solutions.

Major Facts

- 01 A constitutional restriction.** State and local governments could not impose mileage-based taxes or fees. Placing the rule in the constitution makes it a durable limit on future funding choices.
- 02 Consent for monitoring.** Rules that monitor or limit the miles a person travels would require voluntary consent.
- 03 Specified exceptions.** The restrictions exclude certain interstate commercial-vehicle agreements and government-owned and operated vehicles.

Major Talking Points

Keep our region moving.

Reliable roads support employers, workers and the movement of goods.

Evaluate before ruling out.

Any funding proposal should be judged on its costs, benefits and safeguards.

Leave room for future solutions.

A changing transportation system calls for options policymakers can assess.

Does a NO vote create a mileage tax? No. It rejects this prohibition. The measure itself also offers no replacement transportation funding plan.

YES

Adds the prohibition and consent requirements to the state constitution.

NO / SALC recommends

Rejects the amendment. Does not enact a mileage tax.

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04

Selected resources for ballot measures on which SALC took positions. This is not an exhaustive source list or a guide to the entire ballot.

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PROPOSITION 144

Election identification and administration

SALC recommends a NO vote



Arizona voters / Constitutional amendment

OUR PERSPECTIVE

Secure elections need a workable plan.

Voters deserve secure, accessible elections and confidence that they will be run well. New requirements should come with clear instructions for implementation and a realistic understanding of the cost. We oppose this measure because it adds administrative complexity without adequately explaining how election officials are expected to comply.

Major Facts

- 01 ID for every election.** Government-issued proof of identity would be required before casting a ballot, including by mail. The method of compliance would be prescribed by law.
- 02 More than an ID rule.** The measure includes Election Day tabulation at the voting location and citizenship, foreign-contribution and election-law provisions.
- 03 Implementation comes later.** Requirements apply from January 1, 2028. The Legislature must fund implementation, but the text gives no dollar amount.

Major Talking Points

Make the rules workable.

Election officials need clear instructions they can carry out consistently.

Know the cost and the plan.

Equipment, staffing and procedures matter as much as the requirement itself.

Get the details right first.

Security, access and effective administration should work together.

Would this change how I vote in 2026? No. The requirements start in 2028. The text does not expressly abolish voting by mail.

YES

Adopts the new constitutional requirements for elections from 2028.

NO / SALC recommends

Rejects these changes and leaves current requirements in place.

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PROPOSITION 320

School instructional spending requirement

SALC recommends a NO vote

Arizona voters / Statutory measure

OUR PERSPECTIVE

A spending formula cannot tell the whole story.

We want education dollars to help students succeed. But a single spending formula cannot account for the different needs of Arizona's students and school districts. We support financial transparency and accountability; we oppose a mandate that could limit local decisions and squeeze services students depend on.

Major Facts

- 01 A 60% spending target.** Covered districts must devote at least 60% of operational spending to direct instruction. The Auditor General defines the spending categories.
- 02 Not every district is covered.** The measure covers districts with at least 7,500 students or a school in a county with at least 500,000 residents.
- 03 A phased path, then penalties.** Below-target districts must increase their instructional share by at least one-half of one percent annually from FY2027-28, subject to credit rules.

Major Talking Points

Measure what students gain.

A spending percentage alone does not show whether students are learning.

Leave room for local needs.

Transportation and support services help students get to class and succeed.

Consider who feels the penalty.

Cutting school funding can affect the students the policy intends to help.

How much funding could be at risk? Classroom Site Fund allocations can fall by 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% as years of noncompliance accumulate. Waivers are possible.

YES

Creates the spending mandate, phased compliance rules and penalties.

NO / SALC recommends

Rejects the new mandate and its funding penalties.

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PROPOSITION 421

Tucson-TEP franchise agreement



SALC recommends a YES vote

City of Tucson voters / 25-year nonexclusive franchise

OUR PERSPECTIVE

Reliable power takes planning and partnership.

Reliable electricity is essential to daily life and to every business that operates here. We support this agreement because long-term investment requires clear expectations and dependable coordination between the city and TEP. It provides a framework for maintaining and improving the infrastructure our community and economy depend on.

Major Facts

- 01 A 25-year framework.** The nonexclusive agreement governs TEP's use of city rights-of-way. Specified terms may be reviewed at years 10 and 20; required permits still apply.
- 02 The existing fee continues.** The franchise fee remains 2.25%. TEP says the utility-tax offset keeps total city-related charges unchanged by this vote.
- 03 A companion investment.** The Energy Collaboration Agreement starts at \$2 million annually, increasing 2% a year while in effect. Corporate funds cannot be recovered through electric rates.

Major Talking Points

Businesses need dependable infrastructure.

Reliable electricity is part of a region where employers can operate and grow.

Plan beyond the next repair.

A lasting framework supports maintenance and long-term investment.

Put the partnership to work.

Clear coordination helps the city and TEP improve infrastructure.

Does approval freeze electric rates or guarantee service? No. Rates remain under Arizona Corporation Commission oversight. TEP says it will continue service regardless of the vote; no outage-restoration time is guaranteed.

YES / SALC recommends

Approves the franchise and activates the companion agreement.

NO

Rejects this franchise. TEP says electric service would continue.

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PROPOSITION 427

Pima JTED capital bond

SALC recommends a YES vote



Voters within Pima JTED boundaries / General obligation bond

OUR PERSPECTIVE

Build skills here. Build careers here.

Young people need more opportunities to build rewarding careers here, and local employers need people with the skills to do the work. We support this investment in JTED's classrooms, equipment and training facilities because access to hands-on, career-focused education strengthens both students' futures and our regional workforce.

Major Facts

- 01 Up to \$250 million in bonds.** Funds would support land, buildings, equipment and technology. Issuance remains subject to debt capacity and the resolution's terms.
- 02 Central and satellite campuses.** The current plan allocates about \$186.3 million to central campuses and \$63.7 million to satellite campuses.
- 03 Demand exceeds available space.** JTED reports annual waiting lists of 600 to 800 students because space is insufficient. Added facilities still need staffing and program delivery.

Major Talking Points

Connect education to opportunity.

Hands-on learning can help students see a path from school to a rewarding career.

Give interested students room to learn.

Facilities and equipment can expand access to career training.

Invest in our future workforce.

Students gain opportunities, and employers gain a stronger local talent pool.

What is the taxpayer commitment? Property taxes would repay principal and interest. Costs depend on taxable value and financing terms. Use the final voter pamphlet for tax estimates.

YES / SALC recommends

Authorizes up to \$250 million in bonds repaid through property taxes.

NO

Rejects this bond authorization; JTED would need other capital approaches.

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PROPOSITION 430

Pima Community College capital bond

SALC recommends a YES vote

Pima County voters / General obligation bond

OUR PERSPECTIVE

Preparing people for the work our region needs.

Pima Community College helps people enter the workforce, advance their careers and prepare for changing industry needs. We support this bond because preparing students for high-demand work requires up-to-date facilities and technology. This is an investment in the college's capacity to serve students and the employers who need their skills.

Major Facts

- 01 The full \$250 million package.** Capital projects and refinancing are included. Property taxes would repay the debt.

Existing infrastructure	\$58.9M
Academic spaces	\$57.0M
Public safety training	\$39.8M
Debt refinancing	\$38.0M
Police headquarters	\$29.0M
Student support spaces	\$27.3M

- 02 Refinancing savings are projected.** PCC says \$38 million in refinancing could free nearly \$4 million annually for program support. Results depend on financing terms.

Major Talking Points

Our workforce starts with people.

Pima helps students get started and working adults build new skills.

Training needs to keep up.

Learning spaces and technology should prepare students for a changing workplace.

Investment brings responsibility.

Taxpayers deserve clear reporting, oversight and follow-through.

What would it cost a homeowner? PCC illustrates \$31.11 a year for a \$250,000 residence, averaged over bonds with a 20-year maturity. This is an estimate, not a parcel quote or a fixed annual bill.

YES / SALC recommends

Authorizes \$250 million in debt for capital projects and refinancing.

NO

Rejects this authorization; PCC would need other capital approaches.

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KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Read. Discuss. Share.

Put the information to work in your own conversations.



START WITH THE EVIDENCE

A useful starting point, not an exhaustive list.

Our [sourcebook](#) brings together selected documents behind the measures and SALC’s positions. Use it to examine the proposal, check an estimate or go deeper on an implementation question.

MORE INFO / CAMPAIGN PERSPECTIVES

These advocacy sites align with SALC’s positions. They are campaign resources, separate from the official documents in the sourcebook.

141	OPPOSE	No organized campaign identified to date.
144	OPPOSE	protectthevoteaz.com
320	OPPOSE	willofthepeopleaz.com
421	SUPPORT	tepfortucson.com
427	SUPPORT	yesforjobtraining.com
430	SUPPORT	yesforpimacollege.com

SHARE THE BRIEF. START A CONVERSATION.

Send the full guide or the individual brief most relevant to your audience. Each brief includes the proposal, SALC’s reasoning and the practical questions worth discussing.

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Selected measures only. Local voting eligibility depends on jurisdiction. Published estimates are not guarantees.