

# 2020 Voter's Guide



TEMPE CHAMBER  
— of COMMERCE —

## Congressional District 9

Greg Stanton, *Incumbent - D*  
[stantonforarizona.com](http://stantonforarizona.com)



## Legislative District 18

Senate



Sean Bowie, *Incumbent - D*  
[seanbowieforaz.com](http://seanbowieforaz.com)

House



Jennifer Jermaine, *Incumbent - D*  
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Bob Robson, *R*  
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## Tempe City Bond Proposition



**VOTE YES for questions 1 – 5** of the City of Tempe Resolution [R2020.48 Bond Proposition](#). The \$349 million bond would pay for dozens of capital projects in the next five years including improvements for streets, water, sewer, park services as well as funding for public safety and municipal infrastructure.

The five separate ballot questions will include:

- Water and sewer improvements: \$134 million.
- Street and storm drain improvements: \$74 million.
- Public safety: \$34 million.
- Park and Community Services improvements: \$45 million.
- Municipal infrastructure preservation: \$62 million.

The endorsement process: Candidates were evaluated on key issues including taxation, economic development, education as well as their willingness to work with the Tempe Chamber on policies impacting Tempe's business environment. The process included in-person interviews and a review of past voting records. The incumbents were ranked on whether they supported bills for the East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance and/or the Tempe Chamber. All of which was weighed by the Chamber Board when making the final endorsements.

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*In 1998, Arizona passed Proposition 105, which states that any measure passed at the ballot can never be changed unless  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the House and Senate vote to “further the purpose” of an initiative. The reality of Proposition 105 is that ballot measures cannot be adjusted even in the case of unintended consequences or unforeseen circumstances. The East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance (EVCCA) strongly cautions voters to consider the challenge Proposition 105 presents to any corrective action when deciding ballot measures.*

## **PROPOSITION 207- RECREATIONAL CANNABIS** **VOTE NO**

Despite being a Schedule 1 narcotic at the Federal level, cannabis use and possession would be legal under Proposition 207 for adults (ages 21 years or older) in Arizona. Provisions include:

- Imposition of a 16% tax that can be reduced to 0% under certain circumstances.
- Risk of weakened rights of employers to maintain a drug-free workplace.
- Creation a monopoly for existing cannabis dispensaries – the drafters and funders of the initiative.
- Exclusion of state or local governments from taxing cannabis.

A copy of the Proposition 207 text can be found here:

<https://apps.arizona.vote/electioninfo/assets/18/0/BallotMeasures/I-23-2020%20Certification%20&%20Text.pdf>

## **PROPOSITION 208- EDUCATION INCOME TAX INCREASE** **VOTE NO**

Proposition 208 imposes an additional 3.5% income tax on income above \$250,000 (single filing) or \$500,000 (joint filing). The revenue collected would be used for K-12 education. The provisions of the initiative include:

- **Income Tax Increase of 77%**
  - Arizona's highest income tax bracket currently pays a rate of 4.5%. The additional 3.5% income tax included in the initiative would increase taxes by a staggering 77%.
- **Disproportionate Impact on Small Business**
  - Many small businesses are structured as LLC's. This structure allows the income from the business to flow through to personal tax filings. Small businesses will be hit hard.
- **An Uncompetitive Arizona**
  - Passage of this income tax increase would move Arizona into the top ten highest taxed states in the nation. Job creation and retention would be at risk.

*The EVCCA is not opposed to additional money for education. However, the EVCCA is opposed to this particular initiative because it is poorly constructed and bad public policy.*

A copy of the Proposition 208 text can be found here:

<https://apps.arizona.vote/electioninfo/assets/18/0/BallotMeasures/I-31-2020%20Certification%20&%20Text.pdf>