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<http://apps.azsos.gov/election/2016/General/home.htm>





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UNITED STATES SENATE

Name	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ann Kirkpatrick	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
Gary Swing	G	S	S	-	O	S	S	O	S	-	O
John McCain *	R	S	O	S	*	O	O	O	O	S	S

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dist.	Name	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Tom O'Halleran	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
1	Ray Parrish	G	O	S	S	O	S	S	O	S	S	S
1	Paul Babeu	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
2	Matt Heinz	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
2	Martha McSally	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
3	Raúl Grijalva	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
4	Mikel Weisser *	D	O	S	O	O	S	S	O	S	S	O*
4	Paul Gosar	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
5	Talia Fuentes	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
5	Andy Biggs *	R	S	O	O*	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
6	W. John Williamson	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
6	David Schweikert	R	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
7	Ruben Gallego	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
7	Eve Nunez	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	S
8	Mark Salazar	G	Candidate did not answer survey.									
8	Trent Franks *	R	S	O	*	S	O	O	*	O	S	S
9	Kyrsten Sinema	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
9	Dave Giles	R	S	O	-	S	O	O	S	O	S	S

CORPORATION COMMISSION

Name	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tom Chabin	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
William "Bill" Mundell	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
Robert "Bob" Burns	R	S	O	S	-	O	O	S	O	S	S
Boyd Dunn	R	S	O	S	S	O	S	O	O	S	S
Andy Tobin	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

Dist.	Name	Party	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Karen Fann	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
2	Andrea Dalessandro	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
2	Shelley Kais *	R	S	O	S	*	O	S	*	O	*	S
3	Olivia Cajero Bedford	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
4	Lisa Otondo	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
5	Sonny Borrelli	R	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
6	Nikki Check Bagley	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
6	Sylvia Tenney Allen	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
7	Jamescita Peshlakai	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
8	Barbara McGuire	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
8	Frank Pratt	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
9	Steve Farley	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
10	David Bradley *	D	*	S	S	O	S	S	O	S	O	S*
10	Randall Phelps	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
11	Ralph Atchue	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
11	Steve Smith *	R	S	O	O*	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
12	Elizabeth Brown	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
12	Warren Petersen	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
13	Steve Montenegro *	R	S	O	*	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
14	Jaime Alvarez	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
14	Gail Griffin *	R	S	O	S	O	O	O	S*	O	S	S
15	Tonya K. Macbeth	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
15	Nancy Barto	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
16	Scott Prior	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
16	David Christian Farnsworth	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
17	Steve Weichert	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
17	Steve Yarbrough	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
18	Sean Bowie	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
18	Frank Schmuck *	R	S	O	S	*	O	O*	O*	O	S	S
19	Lupe Chavira Contreras	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
20	Larry Herrera	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
20	Doug "Q" Quelland	I	Candidate did not answer survey.									
20	Kimberley Yee	R	S	O	-	S	O	O	-	O	S	S
21	Debbie Lesko *	R	S	O	S	S	O	*	-	O	S	S
22	Michael Muscato	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
22	Judy Burges *	R	S	O	S*	S	O	O	*	O	S	S
23	John Kavanagh *	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S*	O	S	S
24	Katie Hobbs	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
25	Bob Worsley	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	S	S
26	Juan Jose Mendez	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
27	Catherine Miranda	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
27	Angel Torres	G	Candidate did not answer survey.									
28	Eric Meyer	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
28	Kate Brophy McGee *	R	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
29	Martin Quezada	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
29	Crystal Nuttle	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
30	Robert Meza	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
30	John Lyon	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									

To view detailed answers to some of these statements visit:

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1	Peter Pierson	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
1	Haryaksha Gregor Knauer	G	Candidate did not answer survey.									
1	Noel Campbell	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
1	David Stringer	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
2	Rosanna Gabaldón	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
2	Daniel Hernandez	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
2	John Christopher Ackerley *	R	*	O	*	*	O	S	O	O	S	S
3	Sally Ann Gonzales	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
3	Macario Saldate	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
3	Edward J. "Trey" Cizek III *	G	O*	S*	O*	O	S	S*	O	S	S*	O
4	Charlene R. Fernandez	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
4	Jesus Rubalcava	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
5	Beth Weisser	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
5	Leo Biasiucci	G	Candidate did not answer survey.									
5	Regina Cobb	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
5	Paul Mosley	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	O	O	S	S
6	Alex Martinez	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
6	Brenda Barton	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
6	Bob Thorpe	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
7	Wenona Benally	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
7	Eric Descheenie	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
8	Carmen Casillas	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
8	David Cook	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
8	Thomas "T.J." Shope	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
9	Randall "Randy" Friese	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
9	Pamela Powers Hannley	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
9	Ana Henderson	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
10	Kirsten Engel	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
10	Stefanie Mach	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
10	Todd Clodfelter	R	S*	S	S	O	O	O	S	O	S	S
11	Corin Hammond	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
11	Mark Finchem *	R	S	O	S	S	O	O*	S	O	S	S
11	Vendon "Vince" Leach	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	O	S
12	Eddie Farnsworth	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
12	Travis Grantham	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
13	Iisha Graves	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
13	Darin Mitchell	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
13	Don Shooter	R	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
14	Mike Holmes	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
14	Jason Lindstrom	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
14	Drew John	R	S	O	S	S	O	-	O	O	S	S
14	Becky Nutt	R	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
15	Brandon Dwyer	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
15	John Allen	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
15	Heather Carter	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
16	Cara Prior	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
16	Sharon Stinard	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
16	Doug Coleman	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
16	Kelly Townsend	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
17	Jennifer Pawlik	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
17	J.D. Mesnard	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
17	Jeff Weninger	R	S	O	S	O	O	O	-	O	S	S
18	Denise "Mitzi" Epstein	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
18	Linda Macias	G	Candidate did not answer survey.									
18	Jill Norgaard	R	S	O	S	S	O	S	O	O	S	S
18	Bob Robson	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
19	Mark Cardenas	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
19	Diego Espinoza	D	O	S	S	O	S	S	O	S	S	O
20	Christopher "Chris" Gilfillan	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
20	Paul Boyer	R	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
20	Anthony Kern *	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S*	O	S	S
21	Deanna Rasmussen-Lacotta *	D	S*	S	S	O	S	S	O	S	S	O
21	Kevin Payne	R	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
21	Tony Rivero	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
22	Manuel Hernandez	D	S	O	S	S	O	S	O	O	S	O
22	David Livingston	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
22	Phil Lovas	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
23	Tammy Caputi	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
23	Jay Lawrence	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
23	Michelle Ugenti-Rita	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
24	Lela Alston	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
24	Ken Clark	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
25	Kathleen Rahn	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
25	Russell W. "Rusty" Bowers	R	S	O	S	S	O	O	S	O	S	S
25	Michelle Udall	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
26	Isela Blanc	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
26	Athena Salman	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
26	Cara Nicole Trujillo	G	Candidate did not answer survey.									
26	Steven Adkins	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
27	Reginald Bolding	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
27	Rebecca Rios	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
28	Kelli Butler	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
28	Mary Hamway	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
28	Maria Syms	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
29	Richard C. Andrade	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
29	Cesar Chavez	D	S	O	S	O	O	S	O	O	S	O
29	John Wilson	R	Candidate did not answer survey.									
30	Ray Martinez	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
30	Otoniel "Tony" Navarrete	D	Candidate did not answer survey.									
30	Gary Leon Cox *	R	S	O	S	S	O	*	S	O	S	S



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Arizona Catholic Conference Bishops' Statement Opposing the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana Vote **NO** on Proposition 205

The Bishops of the Arizona Catholic Conference oppose the campaign to legalize the recreational use of marijuana in Arizona because it is harmful to both children and families in Arizona.

Legalizing the recreational use of marijuana sends a message to children and young people that drug use is socially and morally acceptable. As people of faith, we must speak out against this effort and the damaging effects its passage would have on the children and families of Arizona.

Studies have shown that adolescents who use marijuana have significant differences in brain structure and cognitive functioning compared to those who do not use marijuana and experience up to an eight-point drop in IQ. Furthermore, based on what happened in just two years after Colorado legalized marijuana, it is estimated that if Arizona passes this measure, tens of thousands of additional 8th graders here will smoke marijuana for the first time.

Marijuana-related traffic accidents and other problems are also likely to dramatically increase if recreational marijuana use is legalized. In Colorado for example, marijuana-related traffic deaths dramatically increased after recreational marijuana was legalized. Additionally, Colorado witnessed similar dramatic increases in hospitalizations and emergency room visits related to marijuana usage after recreational use was legalized.

In states that have legalized marijuana, there has also been an increase in the use of harder drugs like cocaine and heroin since marijuana was legalized, which only further increased societal costs.

For the reasons mentioned above, and others, it is anticipated that legalizing the recreational use of marijuana in Arizona will lead to more abuse by teens, more emergency room visits, more traffic deaths, and more societal costs. Accordingly, due to the detrimental effect it would have on children, families, and all of society, we strongly oppose this dangerous proposal. *

Declaración de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Arizona en Oposición a la Legalización de la Marihuana para uso Recreativo Votar **NO** a la Proposición 205

Los obispos de la Conferencia Católica de Arizona se oponen a la campaña para legalizar el uso recreativo de la marihuana en Arizona por considerarla dañina tanto para los niños como para las familias de Arizona.

Legalizar el uso recreativo de la marihuana enviaría a los niños y jóvenes el mensaje de que el uso de drogas es social y moralmente aceptable. Como gente de fe debemos hablar en contra de este esfuerzo y los efectos dañinos que su aprobación tendría en los niños y las familias de Arizona.

Los estudios han demostrado que los adolescentes que usan marihuana tienen grandes diferencias en su estructura cerebral y funcionamiento cognitivo comparados a aquellos que no usan marihuana, y experimentan una caída de hasta ocho puntos en su cociente intelectual (CI). Además, basados en lo que ha pasado en solo dos años después de la legalización de la marihuana en Colorado, se estima que, si Arizona aprueba esta medida, miles de niños del grado ocho fumarán marihuana por primera vez.

Los accidentes de tráfico relacionados con la marihuana y otros problemas también podrían aumentar drásticamente si se legaliza el uso recreativo de la marihuana. En Colorado, por ejemplo, las muertes por accidente de tráfico ligadas a la marihuana aumentaron drásticamente luego que la marihuana fuese legalizada. Además, Colorado ha visto también aumentos drásticos en hospitalizaciones y visitas a las salas de emergencia relacionadas con el uso de la marihuana desde que fue legalizada.

En los estados que han legalizado la marihuana también ha habido un aumento en el uso de drogas más peligrosas como la cocaína y la heroína, lo cual ha tenido altos costos para la sociedad.

Por las razones ya mencionadas y otras, anticipamos que la legalización del uso recreativo de la marihuana en Arizona provocará su uso excesivo en adolescentes, más visitas a las salas de emergencia, más muertes por accidentes de tráfico, y más costos para la sociedad. Por eso debido al efecto perjudicial que tendría en los niños, las familias, y toda la sociedad, nos oponemos enérgicamente a esta peligrosa propuesta. *

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