



SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST A SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT MEASURE

Requirements for Submitting Arguments:

- The argument must contain an **original signature** for each signer whose name will be published in the argument.
 - Arguments filed by one or more individual(s) must contain an original signature for each individual.
 - Arguments filed by an organization or corporation (not a political committee) must contain the signature of an authorized signer (i.e. board chairman, CEO, President, etc), indicate the title of the signer, and name of the organization.
 - Arguments filed by a Political Committee must contain the original signature of the Committee Chairperson or Treasurer, indicate the title of the signer, and the name of the organization.
- Each person/organization shall provide their name, mailing address, phone number, and email address (where available).
- Arguments must be submitted by the deadline date published by the Pima County School Superintendents. Arguments received after the deadline date, even if postmarked by the deadline, will not be accepted.
- The argument cannot contain more than 200 words.
- Each argument filed should clearly reference the specific ballot measure.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. HOW MANY ARGUMENTS ARE PUBLISHED?

State law requires that the information pamphlet contain at least two, but not more than ten, arguments for and at least two, but not more than ten, argument against the question. In an override election, the argument submitted by the governing board shall count as one of the "pro" statements.

2. IF THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT BELIEVES AN ARGUMENT CONTAINS AN INACCURATE FACTUAL STATEMENT, WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR CORRECTING IT?

The individual(s) or organization will be contacted for clarification, documentation and review of any factual statement. The County School Superintendent will either make the correction or delete the inaccurate statement of fact. Any changes made to the argument will be communicated to the individual(s) or organization. Any arguments identified as the author's opinions are not subject to review or correction by the County School Superintendent.

3. WILL THE ARGUMENTS BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC?

Yes. The County School Superintendent will make arguments available for public inspection as provided by State law and are subject to the public records laws and procedures under State law and Pima County Administrative Procedure.

4. ARE THE ARGUMENTS ACCEPTABLE IF THE POSTMARK ON THE ENVELOPE WAS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE, BUT HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT?

No. Arguments must be received by the County School Superintendent no later than 5:00PM on the deadline date outlined in the public notice. Postmarks are invalid.

5. MUST MY NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION BE INCLUDED WITH MY ARGUMENTS IF I DO NOT WANT MY NAME PRINTED IN THE INFORMATION PAMPHLET?

Yes. The person(s) signing the argument shall identify themselves and provide contact information (e.g. mailing address, phone number, and email address – where available). However, the contact information is never published in the pamphlet.

6. MAY AN ORGANIZATION SUBMIT AN ARGUMENT?

Yes. Organizations may submit an argument. The name of the organization is used if the argument is signed by an authorized signer on behalf of the organization.

7. WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE?

The definition of a Political Committee is as defined in Section 16-901, Paragraph 19 of Arizona Revised Statutes.

8. IS THERE A FEE FOR SUBMITTING AN ARGUMENT?

There is no fee for submit an arguments for or against a school district ballot measure.

9. CAN SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER SUBMIT ARGUMENTS?

School district employees or *individual* governing board members may submit arguments for or against a ballot measure. However, this must be done so in the capacity as an individual and not in your official capacity as a school district representative. However, a governing board is allowed to submit an argument for an override question pursuant to Section 15-481, Paragraph B, Section 9 of Arizona Revised Statutes. Please refer to the Arizona Attorney General's School Use Guidelines for additional information by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/schooluseguidelines>.