



PROPOSITION 119



OFFICIAL TITLE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1001
A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE X, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 12; RELATING TO STATE TRUST LANDS.

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring:

1. Article X, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended by adding section 12 as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

12. Land exchanges: purposes: notice: hearings: submission to the voters

SECTION 12. A. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE A PROCESS BY LAW FOR EXCHANGING LANDS GRANTED OR CONFIRMED BY THE ENABLING ACT FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN THIS STATE UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

B. THE PURPOSE OF THE EXCHANGE MUST BE EITHER:

1. TO ASSIST IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING MILITARY FACILITIES IN THIS STATE FROM ENCROACHING DEVELOPMENT.

2. TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE LANDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE OR LEASE OR CONVERSION TO PUBLIC USE OF STATE LANDS.

C. BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE HELD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION D, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION:

1. AT LEAST TWO INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SHOWING THAT THE TRUE VALUE OF ANY LANDS THE STATE RECEIVES IN THE EXCHANGE EQUALS OR EXCEEDS THE TRUE VALUE OF THE LANDS THE STATE CONVEYS.

2. AT LEAST TWO INDEPENDENT ANALYSES OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC SHOWING:

(a) THE INCOME TO THE TRUST BEFORE THE EXCHANGE FROM ALL LANDS THE STATE CONVEYS AND THE PROJECTED INCOME TO THE TRUST AFTER THE EXCHANGE FROM ALL LANDS THE STATE RECEIVES.

(b) THE FISCAL IMPACT OF THE EXCHANGE ON EACH COUNTY, CITY, TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH ALL THE LANDS INVOLVED IN THE EXCHANGE ARE LOCATED.

(c) THE PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC AND NATURAL RESOURCE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE ON THE SURROUNDING OR DIRECTLY ADJACENT LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE IMPACTS ON LOCAL LAND USES AND LAND USE PLANS.

D. LAND MAY NOT BE EXCHANGED UNLESS:

1. THE EXCHANGE IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE STATE LAND TRUST.

2. PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE INCLUDES FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION, THE OWNERSHIP OF ALL PARCELS OF THE LANDS INVOLVED IN THE EXCHANGE, INCLUDING INDEPENDENT AND ANCILLARY PARTIES, A LEGAL AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LOCATION OF ALL PARCELS OF THE LANDS AND THE APPRAISED VALUE OF ALL PARCELS OF THE LANDS.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE HELD AT THE STATE CAPITAL AND IN A LOCATION OF GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY IN THE VICINITY OF THE STATE LANDS BEING EXCHANGED. NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARINGS MUST BE GIVEN BEGINNING AT LEAST SIX WEEKS BEFORE EACH HEARING IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY LAW. DURING THIS PERIOD, A PROCESS SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE.

4. THE EXCHANGE IS APPROVED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS STATE IN THE MANNER OF A REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, PART 1, SECTION 1 AT THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION. TO BE APPROVED, THE PROPOSITION MUST RECEIVE AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS VOTING ON THE MEASURE.

E. LAND EXCHANGES ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE SALES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of Arizona.

ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

In 1910, the United States Congress passed the Arizona-New Mexico Enabling Act, allowing Arizona to become a state. The Enabling Act granted Arizona approximately 10.9 million acres of land, referred to as "state trust land". The state land trust is intended to produce revenue for various public institutions (schools, colleges, prisons, etc.). The state can lease or sell trust land, and the natural products (timber, minerals, etc.) of the land, only to the "highest and best bidder" at public auction.

In 1936, Congress amended the Enabling Act to give Arizona more flexibility in managing and disposing of trust land by allowing the state to exchange trust land for other public or private lands. Arizona did not amend its state Constitution to incorporate that authority for land exchanges. The Arizona Supreme Court has determined that without amending the Arizona Constitution, the state cannot conduct land exchanges.

Proposition 119 would amend the Arizona Constitution to allow the state to exchange state trust land for other public land in this state if the following requirements are met:

1. The exchange must be in the best interest of the state land trust.

2. The purpose of the exchange must be to either assist in preserving and protecting military facilities in this state from encroaching development or to improve the management of state lands for the purpose of sale or lease, or conversion of state land to public use.

3. There must be two independent appraisals that show that the true value of the land the state receives in the exchange is equal to or greater than the true value of the trust land the state conveys. There also must be two independent analyses that detail the income to the state land trust before and the projected income to the trust after the exchange, the financial impact of the

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exchange on each county, city, town and school district in which the lands are located, the physical, economic and natural resource impacts of the exchange on the local community and the impacts on local land uses and land use plans.

4. A detailed public notice of a proposed exchange must be given, public hearings must be held and an opportunity for public comment must be given.

5. A proposed exchange is not effective unless it is approved by the voters at a statewide November general election.

ARGUMENTS "FOR" PROPOSITION 119

Support State Trust Land Accountability and Transparency

Vote "Yes" on Proposition 119

Proposition 119 provides for accountable and transparent state trust land exchanges by requiring that each exchange be approved by the Arizona voters.

This proposed constitutional amendment, if passed by the voters, authorizes land exchanges between the State Land Department and the Federal Government. The land exchanges can be for two purposes: improving the management of the state lands for the purpose of sale or lease or conversion to public use or for the protecting military facilities

Any exchange will have to be referred to the ballot by the legislature and approved by the voters in order to be consummated. All exchanges must have two appraisals, an analysis, and be vetted at two public meetings. Full and up-front disclosure of the parcels involved is also required, so there will be no surprises regarding which lands are involved.

The voters have been skeptical of past land exchange measures that gave broad open-ended exchange authority to the State Land Department. This measure reigns in that authority and says there must be public involvement and review as well as public support via a vote prior to any exchange. This will help address checkerboard land ownership that hinders protection of wildlife habitat and will help protect state trust lands that are adjacent to some military facilities.

We encourage you to vote "yes" on this important measure.

John Nelson, State Senator, Arizona State Senate, Legislative District 12, Litchfield Park

Paid for by Yes on Prop 119 Committee

Sandy Bahr, Director, Sierra Club-Grand Canyon Chapter, Phoenix

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Statement: The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce supports Prop 119 and believes it is the best interest of the community to allow the state to exchange land to protect the corridors surrounding our military installations. The military provides a huge economic impact on Tucson, Phoenix and Sierra Vista and we encourage the further development of each military base. The exchange of land allows the military to be sensitive to neighborhood concerns regarding noise and traffic and provides a win-win for the citizens of our state.

Lea Marquez Peterson, President & CEO, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Tucson

Paid for by Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Tannya Gaxiola, Chairwoman, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Tucson

YES ON PROPOSITION 119

Proposition 119 is Arizona's opportunity to communicate to the United States Department of Defense that we are serious about protecting and preserving our military bases and facilities. Please vote YES on Proposition 119.

Preserving our system of military bases in Arizona not only guarantees that many of America's greatest heroes reside in our own communities and become part of the fabric of our future, but also that the military industry continues to be viable here - and that means keeping thousands of jobs and an economic contribution in excess of \$9 billion per year.

Proposition 119 allows the Arizona State Land Department to help in preserving military bases and facilities by providing land for those uses, while, at the same time, earning money for public schools and other institutions, which own those lands in Trust.

I participated in drafting Proposition 119, and am pleased to say it honors private property rights, including our precious water rights, through independent appraisals and public hearings. Another significant benefit of Proposition 119 is that it requires all parties involved to engage in thorough and transparent public processes and hearings before any land exchange is undertaken. It is also important to note that EACH proposed land exchange would go to a statewide VOTE. These kinds of exchanges could lead to more thoughtful land use decisions in many Arizona communities.

Please vote "yes" on Proposition 119. It will lead to great things for Arizona.

Maria Baier, Arizona State Land Commissioner, Phoenix

Valley Partnership strongly supports a "Yes" vote on Proposition 119, the Arizona State Trust Land Exchange Measure.

Valley Partnership is an organization committed to advocating for responsible growth and economic development. The Partnership consists of over 400 companies and government agencies that work in the commercial real estate development industry. For our 25 year history, Valley Partnership has been active on issues related to Arizona State Trust Land.

There are over 9 million acres of Arizona State Trust Land in every county in the State. Many of the most scenic and environmentally important places in Arizona are State Trust Land. In addition, a significant amount of that acreage is in a "checkerboard" pattern, creating very difficult issues related to land management and hindering the ability of the State Land Commissioner properly administer State Trust Lands.

Proposition 119 would amend the Arizona Constitution to allow for the exchange of Arizona State Trust Lands for other public lands with the intention of either preserving and protecting military facilities in Arizona or converting the exchanged land to public use. These two goals would benefit the citizens of Arizona greatly.

The presence of military bases in Arizona is a fundamental part of our State's economy and contributes to our national security. Proposition 119 would ensure we have the tools to maintain those bases long into our future.

Arizonans recognize and respect the natural beauty of our State. Proposition 119 would preserve and protect many portions of Arizona by converting those special places from restricted State Trust Land to public lands managed by another government agency. This would allow for the conservation and public access to many natural wonders in Arizona. Finally, the public notice and vote requirements assure full disclosure and approval before any State Trust Land is exchanged.

Vote Yes on Proposition 119.

Rick Hearn, Chair of the Board of Directors, Valley Partnership, Phoenix

Paid for by Valley Partnership

Richard R. Hubbard, President & CEO, Valley Partnership, Phoenix

Why you should vote YES:

1. It will HELP OUR MILITARY BASES in Arizona. This year I sponsored legislation that reinforced the legislature's support of Luke Air Force Base and its efforts to obtain the F-35 fighter mission. It had unanimous legislative support and was recorded as part of the official public record submitted to the military. At many of the meetings I heard the same message...we need to protect the base from encroachment so that the military can do its job. This initiative will provide the necessary tools needed to protect our military bases and facilities throughout the state.
2. The military not only safeguards our state and Country, but it provides a HUGE ECONOMIC BENEFIT to our state. The military facilities in our state provide a positive economic impact of \$9.1 Billion and more than 96,000 jobs.
3. Vote YES. You can help Arizona and you can help America. All it takes is your vote.

Debbie Lesko, State Representative, House Majority Whip, Arizona House of Representatives, Glendale

Paid for by Re-Elect Debbie Lesko

The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection urges you to **VOTE YES on Proposition 119.**

This proposition seeks to provide a means to conserve Arizona State Trust lands and create open space buffers around military bases. It includes an amendment to the state constitution to allow land exchanges of State Trust land in order to protect military facilities and properly manage, protect, and use State Trust lands.

Proposition 119 provides an avenue for accountability and transparency to the exchange process, a critical condition to ensure that the **citizens of Arizona have a voice in the process.** These measures include two independent analyses of lands for exchange, public hearings regarding the exchange, and a statewide vote during general election concerning any proposed exchanges.

When Arizona became a state 100 years ago, the federal government gave Arizona over 10 million acres of land for the benefit of public schools and 13 other state institutions. According to the current Arizona constitution, State Trust land must be leased or sold to the highest bidder, leaving few other opportunities for State Trust lands. Most State Trust land is currently under lease (commercial, grazing, agriculture, or mineral), although to date over one million acres have been sold and developed.

Proposition 119 is good first step to modernize the methods for planning and disposition of State Trust lands. For years, conservationists across the state have been searching for meaningful State Trust Land reform, with the goal of protecting a small sub-set of lands that contain important wildlife habitat, creeks and streams, open space, and recreational and scenic values. This proposition makes a welcomed change to the current method of State Trust land disposal and allows for a continuing discussion regarding how Arizona can best address its land ownership.

We encourage you to VOTE YES on Proposition 119.

Carolyn Campbell, Executive Director, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, Tucson

Paid for by Sky Island Alliance Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

Trevor Hare, Conservation Science Chair, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, Tucson

The Wilderness Society supports Proposition 119, relating to State Trust Lands.

Since statehood, Arizona has managed land held in trust by the State for the benefit of various public institutions, including public schools and colleges. The State generates revenue for the Trust beneficiaries from lease or sale of State Trust lands at public auction. Consequences of the historical allocation of State Trust land have been a checkerboard of land tenure, and some parcels being more or less attractive for both the financing of the State Trust as well as for other useful and valuable public purposes. Exchanging parcels of State Trust land for other private or public lands may offer many public benefits but is prohibited by Arizona's Constitution.

Proposition 119 amends Arizona's Constitution to provide for exchange of State Trust land for three purposes: to protect military facilities from encroaching development; to improve the management of State lands for the purpose of sale or lease; or to convert State land to public use.

United States military bases in Arizona provide for our national security, provide for economic security to nearby communities and the State, and often provide for our ecological security through open space and habitat conservation measures. Proposition 119 is a useful tool for assuring the continued viability of military bases in Arizona and the benefits they provide. At the same time, safeguards are established through transparent public processes and the required approval of Arizona voters to assure such land exchanges are both useful and in the best interest of Arizonans.

The Wilderness Society recommends a "YES" vote on Proposition 119.

Mike Quigley, Arizona Representative, The Wilderness Society, Tucson

Paid for by The Wilderness Society

Jeremy Garncarz, Senior Director, The Wilderness Society, Durango, CO

Vote "Yes" on Proposition 119

Proposition 119 provides a means to exchange certain state trust lands for public lands in specific instances that benefit the state land trust and public interest. All exchanges are required to serve one of only two important purposes: 1) to protect military facilities or 2) to improve the management of the state lands for the purpose of sale or lease or conversion to public use.

The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy supports a "Yes" vote on Proposition 119. We believe Proposition 119 includes appropriate checks and balances that assure accountability and transparency. The exchange process must be open and public, with all lands to be exchanged fully identified up front. A minimum of two independent appraisals of the exchange lands, along with a minimum of two independent analyses of the impact of the exchange, and two public meetings are required. All of these steps must take place prior to any proposed exchange moving forward.

Each proposed land exchange must then go to the voters, so the voters have the final say and validate that the proposed exchange is truly in the public's interest.

Proposition 119 is a sensible approach to the exchange of state trust lands when it serves the best interest of the public. We encourage you to vote "Yes" on Proposition 119.

Tom Headley, Chairman, Board of Directors, McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Scottsdale

Paid for by McDowell Sonoran Conservancy

Mike Nolan, Executive Director, McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Scottsdale

**Protect State Trust Lands!
Vote YES on Proposition 119**

There are over 9 million acres of state trust land in Arizona and many of them are among the most scenic and environmentally important places in the state. Many of those acres are in a "checkerboard" pattern of alternating ownership, creating very difficult land management issues. Proposition 119 amends the Arizona Constitution to allow the exchange of state trust lands for other public

lands with the intention of either protecting military facilities in Arizona by buffering them from development or converting the exchanged lands to public use. This last purpose would help **achieve conservation goals such as removing state lands from within national monuments.**

With Proposition 119, voters finally have an opportunity to implement a process whereby state trust lands can be exchanged for federal lands **in a manner that ensures accountability and transparency.** The exchange process will have an open and public process that: identifies all lands that will be exchanged; requires two land appraisals; includes an analysis of the impacts; and requires two public meetings.

Each land exchange must also go to the voters, so the **voters have the final say to ensure that an exchange is truly in the public's interests.** This will also help limit the number of exchange proposals.

The Grand Canyon Trust supports this proposal because it is good for conservation and in the best interest of the schools and other beneficiaries of the state land trust.

The Grand Canyon Trust urges you to vote YES on Proposition 119!

Nikolai Lash, Program Director, Grand Canyon Trust, Flagstaff

Rick Moore, Senior Director of Programs, Grand Canyon Trust, Flagstaff

Paid for by Grand Canyon Trust

Support Open and Accountable State Trust Land Exchanges

Vote "Yes" on Proposition 119

Proposition 119 provides an opportunity for exchanging certain state trust lands for federal lands that is both transparent and accountable to the public. Exchanges will have an open and public process that identifies all lands that will be exchanged. Exchanges require two land appraisals, an analysis of the impacts, and two public meetings. This all must happen prior to any exchange moving forward. This helps limit backroom deals that have been a problem with some past exchanges and also helps to ensure that the exchange is in the public interest **and** in the best interest of the trust.

Each land exchange must also go to the voters. Voters provide a final screen for limiting exchanges to those that are truly in the public's interest. This will also help to limit the number of exchange proposals overall.

Exchanges could only be for two purposes - to improve the management of the state lands for the purpose of sale or lease or conversion to public use or for the protection of military facilities. This can help conserve lands in areas such as those near the San Pedro River and Ft. Huachuca, as well as lands that are near or in national monuments and other priority conservation areas.

The Sierra Club has opposed most of the past land exchange measures, but we are supporting this proposal, because it includes the transparency and accountability that is necessary for land exchanges that are in the best interest of the public and the trust.

We urge your support of Proposition 119.

Ken Langton, Chairperson, Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter, Tucson

Don Steuter, Conservation Chair, Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter, Phoenix

Paid for by Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter

SUPPORT Proposition 119 - Conserve State Trust Lands Responsibly

The Tucson Audubon Society is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting the protection and stewardship of southern Arizona's biological diversity through the study and enjoyment of birds and the places they live. For years our state has struggled to find a way to conserve the most culturally and biologically significant state lands for future generations. Proposition 119 is nearly identical to the 2010 Proposition 110 which lost by less than one percent of the vote.

Now, in 2012, we have chance to get it right and reform the way we do business so that we, the taxpayers, can participate in an open and transparent public process.

Under Proposition 119, lands subject to exchange must either improve the management of state lands for the purposes of sale or lease or conversion to public use OR protect military facilities, such as National Guard installations, Davis Monthan or Luke Air Force Bases, or Fort Huachuca.

All lands to be exchanged will be identified up front; will require two land appraisals; will include an analysis of the impacts; and will require two public meetings. And ALL of this must happen prior to any exchange moving forward. Finally, any exchange must go before the voters for approval.

The Tucson Audubon Society supports transparency and accountability in government and the conservation of State Trust Lands in order to best benefit the 13 trust beneficiaries, including public schools, supported by the State Lands Trust and for the benefit of the public, both now and in the future.

By supporting Proposition 119 you will support education, jobs and a vibrant economy, and create a better future for all the citizens of Arizona. We encourage you to VOTE YES on PROP 119!

Dr. Paul Green, Executive Director, Tucson Audubon Society, Tucson

Ruth Russell, Secretary to the Board, Tucson Audubon Society, Tucson

Paid for by Tucson Audubon Society

Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports Proposition 119

Few industries have as strong of a positive impact on Arizona's economy as defense and aerospace. A 2010 Arizona Chamber Foundation policy brief found that private sector defense and aerospace manufacturers account for 37,000 direct jobs that pay average annual salaries of \$85,000 (see www.azchamber.com/policy/foundation). These industries depend on the continued operations of military installations throughout the state. Arizona's five major Army, Air Force and Marine installations and four principal National Guard operations are responsible for over 96,000 direct and indirect jobs. These facilities contribute \$9.1 billion in economic output and \$401 million in state and local tax revenue according to a 2008 report by the Arizona Department of Commerce.

Simply put, our state has lost almost 250,000 jobs since the beginning of the Great Recession. Although improving, the economy is still fragile. Proposition 119 will help prevent incompatible land use that could put at risk the jobs associated with military bases. For these installations to remain vibrant, they must allow for the full spectrum of military testing and training operations on the ground and in the air. Proposition 119 will ensure they are able to complete their critical missions and remain an integral part of Arizona's economy for decades to come.

We urge voters to support Proposition 119.

Glenn Hamer, President & CEO, Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Phoenix

Doug Yonko, Chairman, Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Phoenix

Paid for by Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Tucson Metro Chamber SUPPORTS Proposition 119

The Tucson Metro Chamber is a membership-based business advocacy organization that represents more than 1350 businesses in Tucson and Pima County. Small business makes up approximately 85 percent of Chamber membership, reflecting the overall business community.

The Chamber works to develop a climate in which businesses can create jobs in a robust economy. The Chamber supports ballot measures such as Prop 119 that will promote economic development and environmental protection. As Arizona grows, it is imperative that our State has the authority to exchange state trust lands to preserve open space, avoid encroachment on military installations and continue to benefit public education.

The diverse military facilities in Arizona operate within a physical environment uniquely suited to their mission objectives. Combined, they represent a critical component of our nation's defense. Likewise, Arizona's military and defense industry generates tens of thousands of jobs, more than \$9 billion dollars in economic activity; and hundreds of millions of dollars in state and local tax revenue. The stability of this employment and tax base is indispensable to the fiscal health of the State of Arizona.

Prop 119 provides for a fair and open process to evaluate which state trust lands are going to be put before the voters for exchange and prescribes a narrow provision of state trust lands subject to this authority. The proposition ensures that the result of any recommended exchange shall continue to benefit public education without any diminution of value.

This measure has broad support from environmental organizations, economic development groups and other business advocacy groups.

Please join us in voting YES on Proposition 119.

Bruce L. Dusenberry, Chair of the Board, Tucson Metro Chamber, Tucson

Paid for by Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Michael Varney, Chief Executive Officer, Tucson Metro Chamber, Tucson

WESTMARC, the Western Maricopa Coalition, encourages voters to vote YES in support of Proposition 119 to support and protect Arizona's military bases.

Proposition 119 would make vital changes to the Arizona Constitution that would allow for value equal, publically approved land exchanges designed to maintain needed airspace and appropriate military clearance levels. This is important to all Arizonans as our military bases are major sources of pride for our communities and are one of the largest economic drivers for our state, providing hundreds of thousands of jobs and tens of billions of dollars in economic impact. Any exchange authorized under the new law, would require public hearings and a vote by the citizens of the state before being authorized. The West Valley stands united in its support of our military as the home of Luke Air Force Base. As the West Valley's public-private sector organization supporting economic development and quality of life in our region, WESTMARC encourages voters to vote YES on Proposition 119.

Michelle Rider, President & CEO, WESTMARC, Peoria

Paid for by WESTMARC

Bill Sheldon, Chairman of the Board, WESTMARC, Phoenix

Proposition 119 creates a constitutional framework to provide future generations of Arizonans to protect the value of state trust lands and to protect Arizona's valuable military bases from encroaching development.

Voting "Yes" will amend the Arizona Constitution to create a narrow process for state trust land exchanges **only** if the result of doing so would 1) provide a buffer for military installations from encroaching development; and/or 2) convert the land to public use or if the swap would improve land management, to help sell or lease trust lands.

Proposition 119 protects local communities and state land by ensuring that these land exchanges take place in an open, public and participative environment and one that requires the vote of the people.

Nicole W. Stickler, Phoenix

Statement in Support - Proposition 119

This statement in strong support of Proposition 119 is submitted on behalf of Arizona's cities and towns, proud partners of the U.S. military and advocates of its presence in our strategically critical state.

Arizona's cities and towns recognize the vital contributions that our major military installations make to the state and local economies. Collectively, these installations create and support over 100,000 jobs in Arizona and are responsible for nearly \$10 billion in total economic output every year. Additionally, Arizona's military industry generates some \$400 million in tax revenues annually.

Even more critical than their economic impact is the role these installations play in maintaining our national security. Our unique facilities provide for unparalleled training, testing and readiness opportunities. Ensuring the mission viability of the state's military installations remains a top priority for Arizona's Mayors and City/Town Council members.

The long-term mission viability of a base is one of the most critical factors that the Department of Defense considers when deciding whether to preserve, expand or close a military installation. Proposition 119 helps protect the strength of military bases in Arizona by authorizing the State Land Department to participate in land exchanges to prevent encroachment on a base's operations without harming private property rights. Proposition 119 also establishes a process to ensure transparency for all land exchanges, including requirements for legislative and voter approval, to guarantee protection of state trust land and private property rights.

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns encourages all voters to support Proposition 119.

Doug Von Gausig, President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Clarkdale

Paid for by The League of Arizona Cities & Towns

Mark Mitchell, Vice President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Tempe

PROP 119 authorizes State Trust land exchanges for lands managed by other government agencies of equal value. Prop 119 requires that each individual exchange is approved by voters. Ultimately, these exchanges could increase the value of the inventory of State Trust lands, most of which help to generate funding for Arizona's public schools.

PROP 119 includes several measures of accountability, including requiring land appraisals and assessment and public meetings and review prior to any exchanging of state trust lands, with the added measure of voter approval for each exchange. This level of transparency and accountability will ensure that the citizens of Arizona get a fair exchange.

This ballot measure will address military facility concerns as well as conservation of wildlife habitat or other issues.

The Arizona Education Association requests that you vote **YES on PROP 119.**

Joseph H. Thomas, Vice President, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix

Paid for by AEA Education Improvement Fund

Nidia C. Lias, Treasurer, Arizona Education Association, Phoenix

State and federal land is checker boarded throughout our state in a manner that is not always ideal for land management. Proposition 119 provides an avenue to improve the management of state and federal lands in Arizona by allowing for exchanges to improve the management of these lands or to provide open space buffers around military bases in our state.

We have seen similar initiatives in the past that did not mandate the transparency and accountability to the people of Arizona that proposition 119 does. In this measure, land proposed for exchange will require at least two independent and public appraisals of the land, two independent analyses of the exchange, public hearings on the subject and finally a vote of the people of Arizona to approve the proposal.

We applaud the authors of this measure for proposing this methodical and thoughtful framework and for taking in to account the will of the people of Arizona in the land exchange process.

We hope all Arizonans **vote YES on proposition 119.**

Steve Arquist, Chairman, AZ League of Conservation Voters Committee For the Environment, Tucson

Paid for by AZ League of Conservation Voters Committee

Vote YES on Proposition 119

The network of military facilities in Arizona comprises an integrated array of bases, testing and training facilities, ranges, and air-space that operate within a physical environment uniquely suited to their individual and combined mission objectives and critical to our Nation's defense posture. The network is also an essential part of our State's economy.

The importance of military facilities and operations located in Arizona to the U.S. military cannot be understated: Arizona is distinctively positioned to satisfy the majority of the needs of the Department of Defense for many years to come with our unique network of capabilities, training resources, research, development, test, and evaluation activities.

Arizona's military industry generates thousands of jobs, more than \$9 billion dollars in economic activity, and hundreds of millions of dollars in State and local tax revenue. The stability of employment and tax revenues produced by the Arizona military industry are indispensable to the fiscal health of the State.

Arizona leads the nation in established standards to balance private property rights and compatible land use to protect and enhance the missions and long-term viability of military facilities and operating areas. Proposition 119 further demonstrates Arizona's commitment to that balance through a transparent exchange process that protects State Trust Land beneficiaries as well as military missions and installations.

Proposition 119 strengthens the partnership among agencies, organizations, and stakeholders at the local, State, and federal levels, with the common goal of preserving the unique and irreplaceable assets of Arizona's network of military facilities, and ensuring their long-term sustainability as keystones in the nation's defense and a cornerstone of the State's economy.

Please join us in voting YES on Proposition 119.

Lisa A. Atkins, Co-Chair, Military Affairs Commission, Litchfield Park

Paid for by Thomas M. Finnegan

Thomas M. Finnegan, Co-Chair, Military Affairs Commission, Sierra Vista

Support the Airmen, Soldiers and Marines Who Protect Our Freedom

We are collectively urging you to support Proposition 119 on the November ballot. This proposition includes provisions to facilitate State trust land exchanges for the purpose of preservation of the military missions of the State of Arizona. Our constituency, consisting of the citizens and businesses of Arizona, is supportive of these measures to preserve the primary economic engine in our State.

The importance of military facilities and operations located in Arizona to the U.S. military cannot be understated: Arizona is distinctively positioned to satisfy the majority of the needs of the Department of Defense for many years to come with our unique network of capabilities, training resources, research, development, test, and evaluation activities.

As the Presidents and Directors of the State's military installation support groups, we stand ready to address any questions you may have with regard to the benefit of this change to the State or to the specific benefit to individual installations.

Please join us in voting YES on Proposition 119.

Ron Sites, President, Fighter Country Partnership, Goodyear

Paid for by Yes on Prop 119 Committee

Mike Grassinger, President, DM-50, Tucson

Kevin Peterson, President, Huachuca 50, Sierra Vista

THE SONORAN INSTITUTE SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 119

Proposition 119 is needed to help secure Arizona's valuable role in America's defense. It also allows for the conversion of state trust lands to public use, which encourages conservation of public lands, promotes more efficient community development, and increases revenue from the sale of state trust lands for our schools.

The Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) manages our state trust lands and is required by the Arizona Constitution to earn maximum revenue from these lands for the beneficiaries, primarily public schools. The scattered distribution of trust lands throughout the state hampers ASLD's ability to manage the lands and otherwise enhance the security of the state's military bases, community and economic development, conservation efforts, and education funding.

Arizona's growth over the past decades creates challenges for the readiness of the state's military bases and ranges, fragments wildlife habitat and open space, contributes to inefficient "leap frog" development, and undermines funding for education.

Voters need to approve an amendment to the Arizona Constitution that will give the ASLD authority to exchange lands with the federal government to address these problems.

Prop 119 is the answer.

It is a widely-supported, common-sense step that will allow state trust land to be exchanged for local, state or federal land to protect military installations or for public use. We are pleased that Prop 119 also includes a full suite of protections to ensure that exchanges serve the public interest.

Please join us in supporting Prop 119.

Luther Propst, Executive Director, Sonoran Institute, Tucson

Paid for by Yes on Prop 119 Committee

Dave Richins, Policy Director, Sonoran Institute, Mesa

Cochise County, the City of Sierra Vista and the Town of Huachuca City Urge You to Vote "YES" on Proposition 119

We are the home of Fort Huachuca's family of more than 25,000 Soldiers, civilians, contractors and their families. We, and the entire state, benefit directly from the more than \$2B in economic activity generated by the Fort. Over the years, we have used all of the tools available to us to help protect the base from encroachment. Proposition 119 will provide us with yet another tool to protect Fort Huachuca's vital missions.

The long-term mission viability of a military installation is one of the most critical factors that the Department of Defense considers when deciding whether a base is preserved, receives new missions or closes. Proposition 119 helps protect the viability of military bases in Arizona by authorizing the State Land Department to participate in land exchanges to prevent encroachment on military operations without harming private property rights. Proposition 119 also sets up a process to ensure transparency for all land exchanges, including requirements for legislative and voter approval, to guarantee protection of state trust land and private property rights.

We urge you to vote "yes" on Proposition 119.

Rick Mueller, Mayor, City of Sierra Vista, Sierra Vista
Paid for by Yes on Prop 119 Committee

Pat Call, District 1 Supervisor, Cochise County, Bisbee

Byron Robertson, Mayor, Town of Huachuca City, Huachuca City

The Nature Conservancy in Arizona supports Prop 119 providing the authority for the exchange of state trust lands to avoid encroachment on military installations.

For more than a decade, the Conservancy has worked to assist Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista, Arizona, to protect valuable habitat and avoid land-use conflicts in the vicinity of this important military installation. This partnership has helped keep the Fort Huachuca open and the natural resources viable. During these difficult economic times, there need to be more tools for use across Arizona to keep the \$400 million military industry viable.

Prop 119 provides for a fair and open process to evaluate what state trust lands are going to be put before the voters for exchange and prescribes a narrow provision of state trust lands subject to this authority. As well, it has broad support from economic groups, chambers of commerce and environmental organizations.

Passage of Prop 119 on November 6th will provide an important tool to support our national security, maintain our military bases as important economic engines, and achieve important land and water conservation objectives by securing healthy buffers around our military bases. This is a winning situation for all Arizonans.

Please join us on voting Yes on Prop 119.

Patrick Graham, State Director, The Nature Conservancy, Phoenix
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Bruce Williams, Treasurer, The Nature Conservancy, Phoenix

Vote Yes on Proposition 119

It will provide an important tool to support our national security, preserve our military bases as important economic engines, and achieve important land and water conservation objectives by securing healthy buffers around our military bases and ranges. This is a winning situation for all Arizonans.

Critical military testing and training facilities have been in operation in Southern Arizona and Tucson for decades. They have helped make our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines the best trained, best equipped, best led and most respected military force in the World. Protecting our ability to conduct military training and testing in Southern Arizona is in our national interest and vital to our national security.

Military assets in Arizona provide an economic impact of over \$9 Billion annually and over 96,000 jobs within our State. Preserving the military installations and ranges in Arizona is an essential part of our State economy.

Environmental preservation is fostered through appropriate use of land as a buffer around our military bases and ranges. Additionally, this proposal includes the kind of transparency and accountability that is necessary to ensure that land exchanges are in the best interest of the State trust and the larger public.

Prop 119 provides a fair and open process to evaluate what state trust lands can be exchanged. It requires public involvement and review as well as public support via a vote prior to any exchange.

We are individually and collectively urging you to support Proposition 119 on the November ballot.

Eugene D. Santarelli, Lieutenant General (Retired), USAF, President, S'relli Consulting, LLC, Tucson
Paid for by Yes on Prop 119 Committee

Robert Johnston, Lieutenant General (Retired) USMC, Tucson

Ronald E. Shoopman, President, Southern Arizona Leadership Council, Tucson

Vote Yes on Prop 119

Arizona is uniquely situated because of the network of military installations and ranges that provide necessary training assets for every branch of our military. Arizona has also recognized the stable economic value of the network of military installations in our State of more than \$9 billion annually. Arizona's communities and policy leaders have invested a significant amount of time and effort in adopting policies that protect and enhance military missions so vital to our national defense.

Continued viability of the installations is largely dependent on the ability of the installations to continue without encroachment. Equally important are the test and training ranges, and the access to those ranges.

It is in Arizona's best interests to keep the missions and installations in Arizona. The best way to protect the network of Arizona military installations and test and training ranges is by passing Proposition 119 to enable the State to use state and federal assets to protect the state and federal assets of the military installations.

R. Thomas Browning, Brigadier General, USAF (Ret'd), Scottsdale
Paid for by Yes on Prop 119 Committee

Sierra Vista Area Chamber Supports Proposition 119

The Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports Proposition 119 and the protection of Arizona's military installations.

The defense industry contributes more than \$9.1 billion to the State's economy and is responsible for more than 96,000 jobs. Fort Huachuca alone is responsible for \$2.4 billion in Cochise County's economy and 27,000 jobs.

If our economy is to prosper and grow, military facilities must be protected from developments that could be detrimental to their missions, national security and the livelihoods of thousands of people and their families.

Proposition 119, through an open and transparent system of land exchange, will help to secure the future of Arizona's major military installations.

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The importance of the defense industry to our local and State communities in terms of economic stability cannot be overstated and we urge you to vote YES on Proposition 119.

Amanda Baillie, Executive Director, Sierra Vista Area Chamber, Sierra Vista

Paid for by The Greater Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce

Frank Gonzalez, Past Chairman, Sierra Vista Area Chamber, Sierra Vista

East Valley Partnership encourages Arizonans to vote YES on Prop 119 to ensure that we have the ability to protect and preserve the military installations in our state from encroachment and potential closure. These bases and military installations provide nearly \$10 billion of economic impact to our state's economy and nearly 100,000 jobs.

Through our efforts as a pro-business partnership working to encourage economic development and entice new industry and businesses to our state, we know first-hand the important and critical nature of creating and maintaining our current employment centers. Arizona's history as a location for military training facilities is world recognized and must be maintained.

As more and more people move here to enjoy all we have to offer, Arizona's bases, testing and training facilities are impacted by urban encroachment which threatens their ability to function appropriately. This path will lead to closure by the federal government. Proposition 119 would make important changes to our state's Constitution that would allow for value equal, publicly approved land exchanges designed to maintain needed airspace and appropriate military clearance levels.

The public trust and interest of our state lands are fully protected in this process. Any exchange authorized under the new law, would require public hearings and a vote by the citizens of the state before being authorized.

Please join the East Valley Partnership and other statewide business leaders in supporting and protecting our military bases by voting YES on Prop 119.

F. Rockne "Roc" Arnett, President & CEO, East Valley Partnership, Mesa

Paid for by East Valley Partnership

Brian Campbell, Vice Chairman, East Valley Partnership, Mesa

ARGUMENTS "AGAINST" PROPOSITION 119

There were no arguments "against" Proposition 119.



PROPOSITION 119 ~ BALLOT FORMAT



PROPOSITION 119

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION BY THE LEGISLATURE RELATING TO STATE TRUST LANDS [SCR 1001]

<p>PROPOSITION 119 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE X, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 12; RELATING TO STATE TRUST LANDS.</p>
<p>DESCRIPTIVE TITLE AUTHORIZES THE EXCHANGE OF STATE TRUST LANDS IF THE EXCHANGE IS RELATED TO PROTECTING MILITARY FACILITIES OR IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE TRUST LANDS; OUTLINES THE PROCESS FOR EXCHANGES, INCLUDING INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS AND ANALYSES, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND APPROVAL BY PUBLIC VOTE.</p>

<p>A “yes” vote shall have the effect of authorizing the exchange of state trust lands if the exchange is related to either protecting military facilities or improving the management of state trust lands and prescribes the process for such exchanges. This process includes two independent appraisals and analyses, public hearings, and approval by public vote.</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>A “no” vote shall have the effect of keeping current constitutional law related to state trust lands.</p>	<p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

BALLOT FORMAT FOR PROPOSITION 119