

Arguments “For” Proposition 133

Prop 133 preserves our existing democratic institution for selecting candidates for the General Election that has existed in Arizona for over a century.

Currently voters have a right to associate with a political party and select their nominee in a primary, and independents currently enjoy a constitutional guarantee to participate in whichever party primary election they choose. Everyone gets an opportunity to vote and choose a candidate they support.

This is how the process should work. Candidates compete in a primary election, trying to convince voters that he or she best represents their party and platform. Then the general election allows for the best representatives of those ideas to compete against one another, and the voters get to choose which candidate best represents their district.

Unfortunately, there are efforts by wealthy special interests to scrap our century-old democratic process and replace it with a new system imported from California that results in candidates from only one political party appearing on the general election ballot. These schemes are confusing, unfair and undemocratic.

Prop 133 ensures more choice by ensuring that every qualified party has a right to place candidates on the general election ballot, so that every voter, in every district, has a voice and may vote for a candidate that best aligns with their beliefs.

Vote YES on Prop 133!

Scot Mussi, President, Arizona Free Enterprise Club, Gilbert
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Vote yes on Proposition 133 to require partisan primaries. The proposed constitutional amendment affirms our right to join together based on shared beliefs that certain policies provide the best solutions for various economic and civil issues. Most of us believe that political parties are the best means to persuade local, state, and federal elected officials as well as fellow citizens of the benefits of a particular course of action. That truth is reflected in the fact that over 65% of us are members of a political party in Arizona. Jungle primaries will only dilute the voice of the electorate and result in an indistinct background noise that entrenched politicians will safely ignore. Also, this ballot measure will prohibit county, city, and other political entities from imposing jungle primaries locally. Jungle primaries act to suppress informed voting because localized non-majority party voices can be eliminated prior to the general election when most people are paying attention and might be open to persuasion. Finally, the ballot measure will prevent candidates from running under a partisan party banner they didn't earn by first winning in a partisan primary. Jungle primaries will free candidates from the responsibility to first gain support from party members and like-minded independents before they face off in the general election. Please support Proposition 133 by voting yes.

Brook Doty, Chairman, LD17 Republicans, Tucson

Protect Voter Choice. Vote Yes on Proposition 133

Please vote yes on this proposition to protect our present Arizona Primary System. This doesn't limit voter choice; it protects voter choice.

If you prefer a candidate from a different registered party, i.e. the green party, they will be on the primary ballot.

The purpose of a primary is to allow the voters of their party to choose and ensure their candidate/s will be represented on the ballot in the general election. Without this protection not all registered parties, smaller parties, or independent candidates have to be included in the general election.

Presently the Independents don't have their own slate of candidates nor have they formed an official political party. However, in Arizona primaries they are allowed to vote if they choose a party ballot that is an official party. This helps protect against long complex ballots, fraud, and duplicate voting.

Only the winners of an OPEN(non-partisan) primary will be on the general ballot and they might represent just one party. Even independent candidates who don't get enough votes in the primary will NOT be on the general election ballot. This goes against our democracy.

So vote yes on this proposition that allows Independents to vote and protects democracy in our voting system. So candidates from your party, independents, and all parties will be represented in the general election.

Respectfully,
Gail Derscheid
Scottsdale, AZ

Dr. Gail Bass Derscheid, self, Scottsdale

Vote YES on the Proposition 133 to Protect Arizona's Partisan Primary Elections. Most Americans just want elections where it is easy to vote, hard to cheat, and easy to trust the election results. This Arizona Legislature referral updates the Arizona Constitution, Article 10, to protect Arizona's semi-open Partisan Primary Elections. However, a few liberal multi-millionaires are funding special interest groups are using alternative ballot initiative to radically change Arizona's current Partisan Primary Elections with radical California-style Jungle Primary elections. In a California-style Jungle Primary, all candidates compete in the same primary election. Candidates are not required to declare party affiliation. Only the top 2 to 5 candidates, with the most votes, will advance to the general election. However, In politically biased California Jungle Primary elections, in approximately 17% of the elections, only candidates from the same political party advance to the general election. This disenfranchises candidates and voters from minority and 3rd party political parties. Arizona voters need to vote YES to protect

Arizona Elections from radical Californication. Therefore, I recommend you vote YES on Proposition 133. Joel Strabala, Concerned Arizona Citizen.

Joel Strabala, Concerned Arizona Citizen, Tucson

A YES vote will protect Arizona's primary elections for all political parties, at both state and local levels, by giving the practice constitutional protection. In a primary election, winners are their party's nominees in the general election. In the general election, the candidate with the most votes for each office wins. The procedure of selecting party nominees by primary elections is simple, and voters are used to it and understand it. The push for California-style Jungle Primaries will lead to candidates from only one party appearing on the general election ballot, depriving many voters of any choice at all. Prop 133 ensures all voters have a choice in the general election, protecting Arizona from one of California's bad ideas. Vote YES!

Brenda Warneka, Voter, Scottsdale

This proposition protects our current election system in Arizona. The voters select nominees from their parties to run against each other in the general election, thereby guaranteeing a choice for all voters. Even Independent voters can choose a primary in which to vote. Our current system ensures all parties are able to have candidates represented in the general election.
VOTE YES ON PROP 133

Nikki Colletti, Glendale

"Please vote "YES" on Prop 133. This proposition would strengthen our current constitutional requirement to hold direct, partisan primaries, and thereby protect the people against the menace of California style jungle primaries.

2/3 of Arizonans identify with a political party and Prop 133 will preserve the majority's preference to have a candidate from their party represented in the general election. Prop 133 maintains choices for Arizona voters and the People's power. Please vote "YES" on Prop 133. Thank you.

Gisela Aaron, Tucson, AZ, LD17, Pct 176"

Gisela Aaron, Tucson
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"Vote YES on Proposition 133!

Prop 133 preserves our existing election system that has been used and worked since statehood. More than two thirds of voters choose to associate with a political party, and the remaining Independents currently enjoy a constitutional guarantee to participate in whichever party primary election they choose.

Prop 133 encourages voter participation as it maximizes the choices and variety on the general election ballot. Prop 133 ensures that every qualified party has a right to place candidates on the general election ballot, so that every voter, in every district, has a voice and may vote for a candidate that best aligns with their beliefs.

Proposition 133 affords voters the following benefits:

- Continues to allow Independents to vote in the party primary of their choice
- Prevents election schemes that result in candidates from only one political party appearing on the general election ballot
- Ensures all political parties have candidates represented on the general election ballot for every election.

Vote YES on Prop 133!"

Ken Berger, Mesa

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Vote YES on Prop 133

Prop 133 is essential for preserving the election system that has served our state since its inception. This measure maintains our current process, where candidates from all parties compete in primary elections, allowing voters to nominate the candidate that best represents their views. The winners then move on to the general election, where they compete against candidates from other parties, ensuring voters can choose the nominee that best represents their district.

Why Vote YES on Prop 133?

- Preserves the Current Primary System: Prop 133 upholds the existing system where candidates compete in primary elections.
- Protects Voter Choice: More than two-thirds of voters associate with a political party, and independents currently enjoy the constitutional right to participate in any party's primary. Prop 133 continues to allow this.
- Prevents One-Party Dominance: Prop 133 ensures that every qualified party can place candidates on the general election ballot, preventing only one party on the ballot.
- Ensures Representation: This measure guarantees that voters in every district can vote for a candidate that aligns with their beliefs.

Our current system allows for a robust and competitive process where the best ideas and candidates can emerge. Other election schemes could lead to general elections with candidates from only one political party, reducing voter choice and representation. Prop 133 prevents this by ensuring all qualified parties have the right to be represented.

Vote YES on Prop 133 to protect our election system

Bullet Points:

- Preserves the current primary system.
- Continues to allow independents to vote in the party primary.
- Prohibits election schemes resulting in candidates from only one political party on the ballot.
- Ensures all political parties can have candidates represented on the general ballot for every election.

Suzanne Murray, Chandler

Vote yes to protect our primary election system. Each party has a choice of whom they wish to vote for to represent their beliefs. Independents are given the option of selecting either a Republican or a Democrat ballot. It also ensures that all political parties have eligible candidates on the ballot. Our system of primary elections has worked since statehood. There's no need to change it now. Vote Yes on Prop 133.

Michal Ann Joyner, Scottsdale

First, voting 'YES' on Prop 133 would proactively protect Arizona from the horrors of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), which are known to confuse and ultimately disenfranchise voters. Proponents of RCV want to manipulate election outcomes to gain political power and do not care about what is best for Arizonans. A 'YES' on Prop 133 ensures Arizona doesn't import bad election systems from California and New York!

Secondly, Prop 133 preserves what works in Arizona's elections. Our political parties have distinct values which define and differentiate them. Registered voters choose to identify with these parties and their values and should continue to be afforded the opportunity to elect like-minded candidates to represent them. That is why Arizona's primary system has worked for so long. Domestic tranquility is only fostered with the consent of the governed.

Vote 'YES' on Prop 133 and protect against California-style elections while preserving Arizona's elections!

Linda Busam, Peoria

Support Prop 133! We must preserve our existing election system that has been used and worked successfully since statehood. More than two thirds of voters choose to associate with a political party, and Independents currently enjoy a constitutional guarantee to participate in whichever party primary election they choose.

Prop 133 ensures that all qualified political parties have a right to place candidates on the general election ballot, so that every voter, in every district, has a voice and may vote for a candidate that best aligns with their beliefs.

As a transplant from a state that has changed its elections laws to virtually eliminate individual political parties, I have seen the disastrous results. Dissenting voices have been all but silenced and a one-party system dominates.

This must not be allowed in Arizona. Our state was founded on freedom of choice for all citizens. Our laws were established to protect all of us.

Who would choose to change that unless they wanted to control elections?

Vote Yes on Prop 133!

Patricia Moore

Patricia Moore, Goodyear
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VOTE YES ON PROP 133

Prop 133 preserves our existing election system that has been used and worked since statehood in 1912. More than two thirds of voters choose to associate with a political party, and the remaining Independents currently enjoy a constitutional guarantee to participate in whichever party primary election they choose. Independents are not blocked from participating in primary elections in any way.

This is how it works and how it should continue. Candidates compete in a primary election, trying to convince voters that he or she best represents their party and platform. Voters then select the best candidate to continue onto the general election representing their party. All recognized parties have the opportunity to conduct a primary election. In the general election the candidates from different parties compete against one another, and the voters get to choose which candidate best represents their views. All parties have a chance to be on the general election ballot. As it should be!

Other election systems result in general elections with candidates from only one political party on the general election ballot. This is not a fair representation of the voters in Arizona. Prop 133 ensures that every qualified party has a right to place candidates on the general election ballot, so that every voter, in every district, has a voice and may vote for a candidate that best aligns with their beliefs.

Kristin Baumgartner, Prescott

Your YES vote on Proposition 133 will sustain the current primary election system that has worked for Arizonans since statehood more than 114 years ago.

The majority of Arizona voters associate themselves with a political party. Our current primary election structure allows voters to nominate the candidate that best represents them and those winners advance to the general election to compete against other candidates. Prop 133 ensures all political parties, even the smaller ones like 'No Labels' and 'Green', have the ability to place candidates on the general election ballot, so that every voter has a choice and a voice.

The current process GUARANTEES INDEPENDENTS (who make up a 1/3 minority of the state) a vote in the political party primary election by allowing them to request a ballot for their party of choice, and Prop 133 will continue to protect that.

Vote YES on Prop 133

Patricia Phillips, Coconino County, Precinct 79, Committeeman, Parks

"Vote 'Yes' on Prop 133 to preserve Arizona's Constitutional amendment that protects our existing primary system. Prop 133 ensures that registered voters will continue to be able to vote for candidates of their registered political party. Under this measure, voters who do not identify with a party (independent voters,) are still able to select their preferred party ballot for the primary election. It will, however, ensure that the party affiliation of candidates will be clearly listed on the primary ballot as is currently the case - that's more information for voters - which is always good.

Prop 133 is also necessary to protect against measures being pushed by out-of-state special interests that want to hijack Arizona's primary system for their own political gain. Other states that have adopted these election schemes are stuck with a broken one-party system that deprives voters of choice and transparency.

Please vote YES for Prop 133 to protect Arizona's existing primary system."

Conrad Tolson, Eloy
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Arizona's primary election system plays a crucial role in ensuring democracy works effectively in our state. Currently, it gives voters like you the power to choose candidates who best represent your beliefs and the values of their political party. This means your voice is protected from being drowned out by big money or special interests.

I believe sticking with our current system of partisan primaries helps keep our elections fair and transparent. It prevents outside groups from manipulating the process and ensures that voters can trust the results.

Also, partisan primaries make sure that political parties are strong and united. Candidates must stay true to their party's values and work together to solve our state's problems. If we change to a different system, like Jungle Primaries, it could make things more chaotic. It might lead to confusion and weaken our ability to govern effectively. Our current system respects our rights as voters under the Constitution. It guarantees that every voice counts and that our democracy stays strong and fair.

Arizona's way of holding primary elections is fundamental to our democracy. It protects your right to choose candidates who share your values, keeps elections honest, supports strong political parties, and ensures our government works for all of us. It's about keeping our democracy strong and true to what makes our country great. Please vote YES on HCR2033.

Andrew Adams, Gilbert Citizen, Gilbert
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"Voting YES on Prop 133 preserves a fair and inclusive election process, where candidates from all parties compete openly in primaries. This measure upholds voter choice and ensures that independent voters can participate in any party's primary, allowing them to support candidates who best reflect their beliefs.

Prop 133 is designed to prevent the dominance of any single party in our elections. By guaranteeing that every qualified party can field candidates in general elections, it promotes a balanced and competitive political landscape. This is essential for fair representation and robust electoral competition in every district.

Supporting Prop 133 means maintaining the integrity of our current electoral system, which is crucial for a healthy democracy. This proposition safeguards against political monopolies, ensuring that no party can monopolize the ballot. It promotes diversity in political representation, reflecting the varied interests and values of our electorate.

Voting YES on Prop 133 is a proactive step to protect the foundational principles of our election process. It ensures that all voices are heard, and all parties have a fair chance to participate in general elections.

Key Points:

- **Preserves What Works:** Ensures open competition among candidates from all parties in primary elections.
- **Includes Independent Voters:** Allows independents to vote in any party's primary, broadening voter participation.
- **Prevents One-Party Dominance:** Prevents any election schemes that could lead to only one party's candidates on the ballot.
- **Ensures Representation for All Parties:** Guarantees that every qualified party can field candidates in general elections.

Vote YES on Prop 133 to protect voter choice, prevent political monopolies, and uphold a fair and balanced electoral process. Your support is vital for maintaining the democratic principles that ensure fair representation for all."

Cynthia McKnight, Mesa

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"Prop 133 safeguards our longstanding election process where candidates from all parties compete in primaries, ensuring voters can nominate those who best reflect their beliefs. This measure defends voter choice by allowing independents to participate in any party's primary. It prevents one-party dominance, ensuring every qualified party can field candidates in general elections. By preserving our current system, Prop 133 guarantees fair representation and robust electoral competition in every district. Support Prop 133 to uphold voter choice, prevent political monopoly, and maintain a fair electoral process for all parties.

Vote YES on Prop 133!"

Carol Stines, Phoenix
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If you care about equal access to the ballot for all candidates, but especially grassroots candidates, then vote YES on Prop 133.

Arizona has already seen the detrimental effects of the California-style jungle primaries in our big cities like Phoenix. Phoenix already suffers from one-party rule and that's led to massive tax and water increases, a collapse of public safety, uncontrollable homelessness, and crumbling roads and infrastructure.

Jungle primary schemes like what exists in the City of Phoenix causes elections to cost candidates millions of dollars just to be viable. It boxes out grassroots candidates locally supported and encourages corruption with pay-to-play schemes to get elected.

Instead, Prop 133 solves this problem by guaranteeing every party is represented on the ballot with their grassroots-elected candidate.

Independent voters are guaranteed access to vote in the Primary with Prop 133.

- Vote YES on Prop 133 to ban California-style ballot schemes that prevent all Parties from having a candidate on the ballot.
- Vote YES on Prop 133 to ensure Independent voters can vote in the Primary.
- Vote YES on Prop 133 to ensure running for office doesn't cost millions of dollars, corruption is rooted out with pay-for-play schemes not needed to win, and grassroots candidates have a fair shot at winning an election.

Don't just take our word for it. Read the legislative summary yourself:
<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/summary/S.HCR2033ELEC.DOCX.htm>

Merissa Hamilton, The ROAR PAC, Phoenix
Sponsored by The ROAR PAC

Vote Yes on Prop 133

We need to vote 'yes' on Prop 133 to preserve and protect our election system and preserve and protect our right to nominate and vote for candidates that best represent our values and views. Our existing election system has been tested and has worked since Arizona became a state.

The current long-standing election system allows both voters who associate with a political party and independents to participate in whatever primary election they choose. In the primary, candidates within a party compete against one another and the voters get to choose the candidate that best represents their district. Then in the general election, a candidate from every qualified

political party competes against one another so that the voters may choose among the candidates who best represent their values and views.

This system has historically proven itself and ensures that all qualified political parties are represented on the ballot in the general election. Other experimental election schemes can and often result in general elections in which only one political party is on the ballot. As a result, these experimental election systems disenfranchise a large segment of the voting public.

Protecting and preserving the partisan primary election system guarantees that every qualifying political party and voter has a voice and there are options for voters. The more choices we have as voters and the more views represented on the ballot from which to choose is better for all of us. A vote for Prop 133 will guarantee a continuation of more choices and diverse views on the ballot.

Preserve and protect our right to choose and vote Yes for Prop 133 and save our partisan primary election system.

James Roth, Arizona citizen, Rio Verde

If it's not broken, don't fix it!

Election primaries are established for the members of political parties to select their respective candidates to represent their party in the general election.

Prop 133 will retain the current political competition between parties and avoids confusion which is being proposed by other kinds of voting.

This ensures all voters have diverse candidates choices from different political parties represented on the general election ballot. Other systems lead to candidates from only one political party on the general election ballot (one-party rule). Prop 133 would protect us from those schemes.

Prop 133 is also inclusive because it retains the right of voters who are independent or don't identify with a party to participate in the primary.

Vote YES on Prop 133!

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When Arizona became a state, we carefully established a voting system that allows representation for all its citizens. It has proven effective in allowing the power to remain with its citizens. The current system allows people with similar viewpoints to compete in a primary election so voters can select the candidate that best represents their platform.

Independent voters are currently able to request a partisan ballot to vote in primaries. Independent candidates are also able to get on the general ballot by collecting enough signatures. Thus, all parties are represented in the general election with the best representatives of differing ideas for the people to choose between.

As Arizonans, we want our freedom of choice. Primary elections are partisan for a reason. Let's keep it that way.

Vote YES on Prop 133!

John Hassett, Phoenix

We encourage you to vote YES on Proposition 133. The proposition amends the Constitution of Arizona to enshrine the format of our primary elections for partisan races. It stipulates that voters legally registered with a party preference will only be eligible to vote a ballot for the candidate(s) of that same party in the primary election. As is the law today, legally registered voters who have not declared a party preference will be eligible to choose only one partisan primary ballot to vote for the candidate(s) of their choice. As is the case under current law, each party will be able to nominate for the general election their candidates who prevail in the primary election up to the number of vacancies for each office. Because this law will be a provision of the Constitution of Arizona, future changes to the format of partisan primary elections will not be permitted unless a subsequent amendment to the Constitution is first passed into law. Arizona's active registered voters are comprised roughly of equal numbers of Democrats, Republicans, and Undeclared as to party preference. Registered voters declaring a preference for Green, Libertarian, or No Labels

together comprise about 2%. Typically, voters declare a party preference consistent with their values for how they choose to be represented/advocated in their government. As such, primary elections based on party preference serve as a useful guide for voters in choosing their representatives from among all the candidates. Since this new provision of the Constitution of Arizona will enshrine partisan primary elections, it will make it inconvenient for members of one party to make mischief for the other party by voting for “weak horses”. It will also guard against such election schemes as “Jungle Primaries” and “Ranked Choice Voting” where voters registered with a party preference often find themselves disenfranchised.

Gregory Sober, Scottsdale and Colleen Sober, Scottsdale

With Arizona boasting five political parties with ballot access, a YES vote on Prop 133 means voters and candidates of all affiliations have equal access to participate in free and fair elections in both the Primary and General Elections.

The opponents of Prop 133 want you to believe that California-stye jungle primaries and ranked voting schemes will provide a better direction for Arizona, but we only have to look to our biggest city, Phoenix, to see not only is that a myth, but it’s a bald-faced lie. These voting schemes have led to one-party rule where voters quickly become burdened with crumbling infrastructure, unbearably high taxes, uncontrollable inflation, and priorities completely out of touch with the needs of the residents, like clean parks, safe neighborhoods, and less traffic.

Just look at what’s become of Alaska. At great expense, their voters are working overtime to bring partisan primaries back to the ballot to fight the big-money corruption that’s overtaken their elections.

Your YES vote on Prop 133 is not just a mark on a ballot; it's a powerful decision. You influence elections directly, meaning candidates with bold ideas who actually believe in and fight for their ideology can win both a Primary and General Election without spending millions in local races.

- Your YES vote on Prop 133 means Independent voters have equal access to the Primary, in which voters belonging to a Party can choose who will best represent them in the General Election.

- With a YES vote on Prop 133, your values will be respected and won’t be canceled out on the ballot with convoluted counting schemes. This vote ensures that your voice is heard and your values are protected.

Read the summary for yourself, and you decide:

<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/summary/S.HCR2033ELEC.DOCX.htm>

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