

Proposition 319 – SCR 1004 (2026) – AGAINST ARGUMENTS

Vote No on Proposition XXX Because Red-Light Cameras Save Lives

Nobody likes getting a ticket in the mail. And we totally get why lots of people are frustrated with cities that pepper their roads with speed cameras on streets with unreasonably low speed limits, like Paradise Valley does.

But this proposition goes too far.

Why? Because it stops cities and towns from installing lifesaving red-light cameras, not just the photo radar speed traps.

Red-light cameras aren't the same as speed cameras. They're placed at dangerous intersections to stop people from running red lights. That matters because red-light runners cause violent T-bone crashes that kill people and cause serious injuries and lifelong disabilities.

Well-placed red-light cameras save lives. Phoenix Police found that the city's cameras reduced red-light-running crashes by 31% at the intersections where they were used. In the directions the cameras faced, crashes dropped by 57%.

Research from another city found a nearly 30% drop in injury crashes and an even bigger decline in dangerous T-bone crashes.

There's a fair debate about whether some cities use too many speed cameras. Some do. Cities shouldn't use speed cameras mainly to raise money. But this proposition doesn't make that distinction.

It takes an important safety tool, red-light cameras, away from every city and town in Arizona that doesn't already have them.

Had the proposition focused only on speed cameras, we probably wouldn't have written this. But Proposition XXX also attacks the red-light cameras that prevent serious injuries and save lives.

Please vote no on Prop xxx. The life saved by a red-light camera might be yours, someone in your family or a friend... and there's solid evidence that they work.

Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association, Phoenix
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Vote NO on the Arizona Prohibit New Photo Traffic Enforcement Systems Measure for the following reasons:

1) Traffic fatalities in Arizona have increased 70% since 2010 per Arizona's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. On average, every day 3 people are killed and 10 people seriously injured on roads in Arizona. Many of these crashes can be traced back to drivers speeding and/or disregarding traffic signals. This public health crisis can be addressed using effective tools/strategies statistically proven to reduce crash risk. Photo traffic enforcement systems are one such tool,

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resulting in crash reductions of 20%-54% per FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasures. While photo enforcement may not be the right safety solution everywhere, there are places and circumstances where it can be a very effective tool at improving safety. Let's not prohibit access to a potentially effective tool for improving safety.

2) The ballot measure text is misleading in that it suggests photo enforcement is not done by trained law enforcement officers. This is not accurate. A trained law enforcement officer reviews and confirms photo evidence before issuing a citation.

3) Our communities should be able to address localized traffic safety issues using the tools they consider appropriate for the circumstance. This ballot measure is an overreach by the state legislature to try to assert state control over localized safety issues.

If you want more tools for improving safety to increase the chances of you or your loved ones arriving home safely when you travel, vote NO on this ballot measure.

Michael Grandy, Traffic Engineer and Road Safety Professional, Gilbert

THE NEXT LIFE A RED LIGHT CAMERA SAVES COULD BE YOURS

This legislative referral is an attack on public safety, plain and simple. One of the most important functions of state government is to ensure the health and safety of Arizonans. While we're never happy to get a ticket, photo radar cameras are proven, time-tested ways to calm traffic and prevent serious injury and death.

If you know anyone who has suffered serious injuries because of a speeding car (we do), or been killed by a careless driver (we do), you will vote NO. If you haven't had the tragic experience of losing someone to a preventable traffic accident, we hope you'll vote NO to protect your loved ones from that fate.

Arguably, intersections are the most dangerous parts of a roadway — and red-light cameras at intersections reduce fatal crashes by 21% (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety), mostly by improving driver attentiveness. Other studies show reductions of up to 29%. The jury is in: speeding up to get through a red light causes serious crashes and fatalities that are preventable.

With regard to traffic cameras, one recent study in Philadelphia estimated that monitoring a particularly dangerous roadway prevented up to 20 crashes per month and 1.4 monthly deaths. In Arlington County, Virginia, speed cameras near elementary schools resulted in significant declines in accidents.

The intent of traffic cameras is to prevent serious accidents, not to generate expensive tickets. When we see an upcoming camera on the roadway, we slow down. When we know a red light camera is ahead, we actually stop instead of trying to beat it. People we know and love would likely still be alive if Arizona adhered to proven safety standards. Please vote NO.

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The ITE Arizona Section urges voters to vote NO on SCR 1004.

Automated traffic enforcement is a proven safety tool that helps reduce speeding, red-light running, serious injuries, and fatalities. This measure would take that tool away from local communities, even when they determine it is appropriate for their own streets, school zones, and high-crash intersections.

Citizens of Arizona are killed or seriously injured on our roadways every day. In 2024, more than 1,100 people were killed in crashes statewide, including 37 children under the age of 14. Red-light running and speeding are not minor violations. They are dangerous behaviors that put drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and children at risk.

Arizona communities have already seen positive safety results from photo enforcement. Phoenix experienced a 36% reduction in red-light running crashes after installing cameras at selected intersections. Paradise Valley, Scottsdale, and Mesa have also reported similar safety benefits, including fewer crashes and reduced speeds in school zones.

National research supports these local findings. Cities with active camera programs have experienced reductions in fatal red-light running crashes and fatal crashes at signalized intersections. Conversely, cities that ended camera programs saw increases in these types of crashes.

Technology helps make our lives safer and more efficient. Automated enforcement is not the only solution to traffic safety, but it is one important tool that can help reduce dangerous driving behavior and prevent serious crashes.

Photo enforcement programs should be implemented thoughtfully, fairly, and transparently, with clear oversight and accountability. Banning new systems outright would remove an effective safety option from local communities. Arizona should allow local jurisdictions to decide which tools are appropriate for their own streets and residents.

Please vote NO on SCR 1004.

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Vote NO on Proposition ____ to protect Arizona road users.

At AAA Arizona, we believe photo enforcement should never be used as a “speed trap” to fill local budget gaps. AAA actively fights to ensure these programs remain transparent, data-driven, and revenue-neutral.

As Arizona grows and our roads become more crowded, we cannot afford a sweeping ban on a tool that, when implemented responsibly, is proven to save lives.

This technology delivers results. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found red-light

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cameras cut fatal red-light crashes by 21%. They also stop violent, high-speed side impacts—the crashes most likely to end in tragedy.

Proposition ____ goes too far. It permanently bans photo enforcement for any city without a program running by the end of the year. This strips local communities of their basic ability to respond to future traffic safety crises and protect road users.

The stakes couldn't be higher. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety recently warned that our roads are becoming more dangerous. Pedestrians in Arizona are nearly twice as likely to be killed in a road collision as the rest of the country.

Voting to ban this life-saving technology will lead to more preventable tragedies on Arizona roads.

For safer Arizona roads, vote NO on Proposition ____.

Michelle Donati, Director, Government Affairs, AAA Arizona, Phoenix
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SCR 1004 – Is a proposed ballot measure to limit the use of automated traffic enforcement cameras (such as speed and red-light cameras) statewide. Both red light and speed cameras have proven themselves time and time again as both effective and necessary. The number of police officers available to enforce these types of offenses require the officer to observe the infraction. We don't have the number of officers required, but we have the technology to accomplish the same level of control for a significantly less amount of money. Representative Rodgers is the sponsor of this legislation, someone censored by her own colleagues for her false election claims. She has also railed against red-light cameras for years. Do not support Fake Elector Rodgers. Vote No on Proposition SCR 1004.

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