

PROPOSITION ARGUMENT FILING FACT SHEET FOR CITY OF PHOENIX BALLOT MEASURES

Phoenix City Code Section 12-403

What information is necessary when filing an argument?

1. The text of the argument may not exceed 300 words.
2. The argument header must indicate whether the argument is in Support of or in Opposition to the Proposition number (**Proposition ###**).
3. The argument must include the filer(s) printed name, title (if applicable), telephone number, and address (P.O. Box or Residence). The filer also may choose to include their email address.
4. Arguments must include the filer(s) original signature(s) and must be notarized.

How do I file an argument electronically?

1. First submit the argument electronically as an attachment in a PDF (searchable format), Word or Text file via email to Phoenixelections@phoenix.gov. In the email include the first name and last name of the filer, and the argument's Proposition number.
2. File a hard copy of the argument, with notarized signatures, with the City Clerk's Office no later than the deadline date.
3. Arguments will not be published without the hard copy with notarized signatures and filing fee.

How do I file a hard copy argument?

1. File a hard copy of the argument, with notarized signatures, with the City Clerk's Office by the deadline date.

Who can file an argument?

An Individual, Organization or Political Committee can file arguments.

How long can the argument be?

Arguments are limited to 300 words. Any title, other than the standard heading "Argument (Supporting or Opposing) Proposition Number", is included in the word count. The name, address and association of the person or organization submitting the argument, which is required for filing, is not included in the word count. Any additional information or slogan is included in the word count.

What will be the order of the arguments in the pamphlet?

Arguments are printed in the pamphlet in the order filed. After the text of the proposition is a summary, followed by the arguments supporting the proposition in the order filed, followed by arguments opposing the measure in the order filed.

What is the cost to file an argument?

The cost for each argument filed on paper only is \$250.

The cost for each argument filed electronically (PDF, Word or Text files only) is \$200.

What form of payment is acceptable?

Payments can be made using cash, check, or credit card.

Who must sign the argument?

Arguments must contain the original notarized signature of the person or persons who submit them. Arguments submitted by organizations shall contain the notarized signature of two executive officers of the organization, or if sponsored by a political committee, they shall contain the notarized signature of the committee's chairman or treasurer. All persons signing arguments shall indicate their residence or post office address, which will not be printed in the Publicity Pamphlet.

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What is the deadline for submission?

The deadline to file arguments is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29 (the 90th day prior to the election). Arguments must be filed with the City Clerk's Office on the 15th Floor of City Hall (200 W. Washington Street).

Can someone file more than one argument?

No person, persons, organization, or political committee shall submit, or pay the deposit for, more than one argument related to any one proposition.

When will proposition(s) appear on the Ballot?

The proposition(s) will be on the August 27, 2019 Special Election ballot.

When will I receive the pamphlet with more information about the proposition(s)?

The City of Phoenix will mail the publicity pamphlet with a sample of the ballot language to each registered voter household the week of July 22.