



POSITION STATEMENT ON PROPOSITION 312

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Proposition 312– property tax; refund; nuisance enforcement (HCR 2023, 2024)

Subject to voter approval, Proposition 312 would allow, from tax years 2025 through 2035, a property owner to annually apply for a refund of mitigation expenses if the city, town or county in which the property owner's property is located fails to abate a public nuisance or enforce outlined ordinances that affect the property owner's real property as specified.

AZ Impact for Good Position Statement

AZ Impact for Good opposes Proposition 312 because it fails to address homelessness in a comprehensive way and could undermine the collective ability of local governments and their nonprofit partners to pursue strategies to combat and prevent it. Rather than offer a holistic, sustainable solution to homelessness, the referendum could reduce property tax revenue cities and towns need for homelessness prevention and intervention. It could decrease funding for police and fire departments and other direct services that keep communities safe.

AZIFG advocates for a balanced approach to fiscal policy that:

- Provides adequate support for public programs
- Supports levels of resources for quality of life and public infrastructure necessary for the long-term economic growth and health of the state of Arizona
- Avoids undue hardships on the most vulnerable residents of our communities to achieve balanced government budgets
- Addresses the community's needs comprehensively and avoids pitting one policy or program against another in a competitive framework
- Permits the flexibility of policymakers to address changing and vital community needs, especially those that support nonprofits in their efforts to assist communities and contribute to Arizona's long-term economic development

AZIFG must oppose Proposition 312 because it fails to meet these criteria and could exacerbate the issue it aims to address.



Supporting Statements from AZ Impact for Good Public Policy Framework

“Criteria for Implementing Advocacy and Public Policy

AZ Impact for Good will be guided by its mission, vision and values in all public policy decision making. The AZIFG Policy Council will use the following criteria in developing AZIFG’s annual public policy agenda, and in considering whether the organization should engage in policy advocacy on a particular issue:

Impact

Does the issue positively or negatively affect the interests of the nonprofit and philanthropic sector and the people and communities it serves? Does the issue complement, enhance or discourage philanthropic giving?

Support

Does the position to be taken elicit broad support among AZIFG members?

Standing

Would AZIFG be perceived as a legitimately concerned and appropriate stakeholder for the position to be taken? Would AZIFG members’ collective experience, knowledge and voice inform the public policy discussion and foster constructive action?

Equity and Inclusion

Does the issue reflect the values and perspectives of a broad diversity of community members, particularly those who face historical underrepresentation or marginalization?”

and

“1. AZIFG may take positions on legislative or other public policy issues that:

1. Have statewide application or effect, or
2. Have local or limited application but are determined to have statewide policy significance, or are precedent-setting for the entire nonprofit and philanthropic sector and the people and communities it serves, or that disproportionately impact a marginalized or underrepresented segment of the community;

and

1. Have general relevance to the creation, management, operation, administration and well-being of Arizona nonprofit and philanthropic



organizations, or

2. Are of broad, community-wide importance, and are likely to have such a significant impact on the people and causes nonprofits serve that it is appropriate for the nonprofit and philanthropic sector's voice to be represented in the policy debate."

Supporting Statements from AZ Impact for Good 2024 Public Policy Agenda

"Guiding Principle: Nonprofits & Grantmakers Working with Government

State and Federal Fiscal Policy

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- Avoids undue hardships on the most vulnerable residents of our communities to achieve balanced government budgets
- Addresses the community's needs comprehensively and avoids pitting one policy or program against another in a competitive framework
- Permits the flexibility of policymakers to address changing and vital community needs, especially those that support nonprofits in their efforts to assist communities and contribute to Arizona's long-term economic development
- Standardizes the application and reporting procedures associated with funding processes to minimize the burden on nonprofits and encourage cooperation among government agencies"

and

"Strengthening Communities

AZIFG recognizes as service providers and employers, nonprofit organizations not only help build stronger communities, but they are also deeply impacted by the socioeconomic pressures that demand public policy solutions.

Consequently, AZIFG may support public policies and investments that promote:

- Affordable housing
- Safety-net programs that support low-income residents
- Quality housing and support services for people experiencing



homelessness

- Workforce development
- Quality early childhood, K-12 and post-secondary education
- Improved community health”