

# POSITION STATEMENT ON PROPOSITION 315

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# Proposition 315– rulemaking; legislative ratification; regulatory costs (SCR 1012)

Subject to voter approval, statutorily prohibits a proposed rule from becoming effective, if the proposed rule is estimated to increase regulatory costs by more than \$500,000 within five years after implementation, until the Legislature enacts legislation ratifying the proposed rule.

### **AZ Impact for Good Position Statement**

AZ Impact for Good values the partnership among government, nonprofits and philanthropy to promote innovation and collective models of impact. Arizona's current rulemaking process—with its built-in checks and balances including opportunities for public comment—is key to those partnerships. Rather than strengthening public-private partnerships through efficient processes that serve the long-term interests of taxpayers and communities, Proposition 315 would weaken state government's effectiveness by adding a new layer of bureaucracy to the rulemaking process. For these reasons, AZIFG must oppose Proposition 315.

## 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?"

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"I. 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;

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- 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

Our Partnership with Government

AZIFG recognizes the partnership among government, nonprofits and philanthropy can be strengthened to promote innovation, collective models of impact, and streamlined processes, all of which serve the long-term interests of taxpayers and communities. AZIFG advocates to transform the way in which



#### uniting nonprofits + philanthropy

state agencies, philanthropy and nonprofits interact, with the long-term goal of maximizing collective impact for Arizona residents. AZIFG serves as a representative of the nonprofit and philanthropic sector to government and a connection between the two sectors. In particular, AZIFG advocates for implementation of policies, rules, regulations and laws that ensure federal, state, and local governments pay the full cost of providing services contracted to nonprofits.

AZIFG aims to create inclusive and open dialogue among government regulators and the nonprofit sector when new, or changes to existing regulations are being considered and serves as a representative of the nonprofit community. AZIFG will also advocate for adequate time for nonprofits to adapt to regulatory and fiscal changes. AZIFG advocates for the existence of appointed boards and commissions as a means of including the public's voice in public policy matters and supports inclusion of nonprofit and philanthropic leaders on these boards and commissions. AZIFG opposes efforts to limit such civic engagement.

AZIFG actively educates the government sector on nonprofit and philanthropic operations and issues to strengthen collaboration and understanding between both sectors."

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"State and Federal Fiscal Policy 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 nation and 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"