

Fall is my favorite time of year football returns, temperatures cool a bit, pumpkins take on personas in Carefree, zombies take over Cave Creek for a night and we are lucky to be able to sample great food from our local restaurants at Taste of Cave Creek. Be sure to check out the event calendar on the Chamber website, www.carefreecavecreek.org because these events are just a few that are happening. There are so many more events to take advantage of.

Fall also means that the General Election is coming up. Voters will be asked to decide several initiatives. The Carefree Cave Creek Chamber Board recently released its decision to support or oppose the following initiatives:

Prop 125 Public Retirement Systems Opposed

This Constitutional Amendment seeks to exclude adjustments to CORP and EORP from the prohibition of diminishment or impairment of benefits.

Prop 127 Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona Opposed

Requires electric utilities to provide at least 50% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources by 2030. The Amendment defines renewable energy sources to include solar, wind, small-scale hydropower, and other sources that are replaced rapidly by a natural, ongoing process (excluding nuclear or fossil fuel). Distributed renewable energy sources, like rooftop solar, must comprise at least 10% of utilities' annual retail sales of electricity by 2030.

Prop 305 Save our Schools Opposed

This petition seeks to expand the eligibility for Empowerment Scholarships Accounts (ESAs). It also seeks to remove the existing ESA enrollment cap and increase it annually by 0.5% of total public enrollment through 2022, and cap ESA enrollment in 2023. This was referred to the ballot in 2017 (SB 1431).

Prop 306 Clean Election Support

This referendum seeks to designate it an unlawful contribution to directly or indirectly make a payment from a clean elections account: (1) a political party; and (2) a tax exempt 501(a) organization that is eligible to engage in activities to influence the outcome of a candidate election. This was referred to the ballot in 2018 (HCR2007)

There were two other initiatives, Prop 207 Invest in Ed and Prop 126 Prohibit New or Increased Taxes on Services. Prop 207 was defeated in court and will not appear on your ballot. Prop 126 we chose to take no position.

Exercise your right! GET OUT AND VOTE!