# Advancing the Arizona We Want **Resilient Infrastructure &** Sustainable Water Future

## **Resource Guide**

Arizonans in cities, towns, and rural communities overwhelmingly agree on priorities and actions to drive the state forward and ultimately create The Arizona We Want. This includes remarkable consensus about building vibrant communities with resilient infrastructure and sustainable practices to support Arizona's continued growth and ensure a high quality of life for all.

## **RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### Arizonans broadly support sustainable practices that support a clean and healthy environment\*:

- 92% overall support efforts to preserve and protect Arizona's rivers, natural areas, and wildlife
- 86% overall support regulations to protect rural water supplies
- 85% overall support increased spending and measures to prevent forest fireson state land
- 84% overall support reducing heat islands in urban areas and across the state
- 82% overall support efforts to protect and expand open spaces for parks and outdoor recreation
- 80% overall support efforts to improve air quality
- 74% overall support efforts to transition to clean energy

#### Arizonans recognize that more investment in our infrastructure is needed\*:

- 68% see their state highways and interstates as good or excellent
- 56% see their community's walkability as good or excellent
- 40% of residents believe their public transportation is good or excellent
- About half of residents see their bike lanes as good or excellent

support increasing funding for education, public safety, roads. and other critical infrastructure instead of continuing to cut taxes\*\* Ind/UN

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### SUSTAINABLE WATER FUTURE

# Arizonans broadly support ensuring an adequate and sustainable water supply for residents, businesses, and the environment:

- 92% agree that it is important to preserve and protect Arizona's rivers, natural areas, and wildlife\*
- 86% support putting regulations in place to protect rural water supplies\*
- Across Arizona, when asked what three most important issues to Arizona's future are, a secure water supply ranked fourth, along with affordable healthcare, quality K-12 education, and better paying jobs\*
- 95% support securing Arizona's water future and addressing our long-term drought\*
- Only 18% of Arizona voters believe the state has enough water for residents, agriculture, industry, and other businesses for the next 100 years\*\*
- Likely voters were evenly divided between using water to support natural waterways, allocating it to rural agriculture, or to serve continued population growth, indicating that these decisions are complex and require thoughtful solutions\*\*



support sustainable practices to protect air, land, and water, and foster a high quality of life for all\*\*



support taking advantage of available federal funding to support investments in drought resiliency, clean air, energy improvement in rural areas, electric grid resiliency, and forest fire management activities\*\*



**Scan the QR code** to access survey methodology, additional trusted data, water resources, and information about available funding. **www.arizonafuture.org/LACT2023** 

\*\*The Arizona Voters' Agenda is based upon two surveys of likely voters performed by HighGround Public Affairs in April and August of 2022. Each survey had 500 respondents representing the modeled voter turnout across age, party, region, and gender. \*The recent Gallup Arizona Survey included almost 3,600 respondents to ensure representation of Arizonans across demographics and regions and was fielded between August and October of 2020.

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