



# Arizona Voters' Agenda



## Water & Environment Priorities

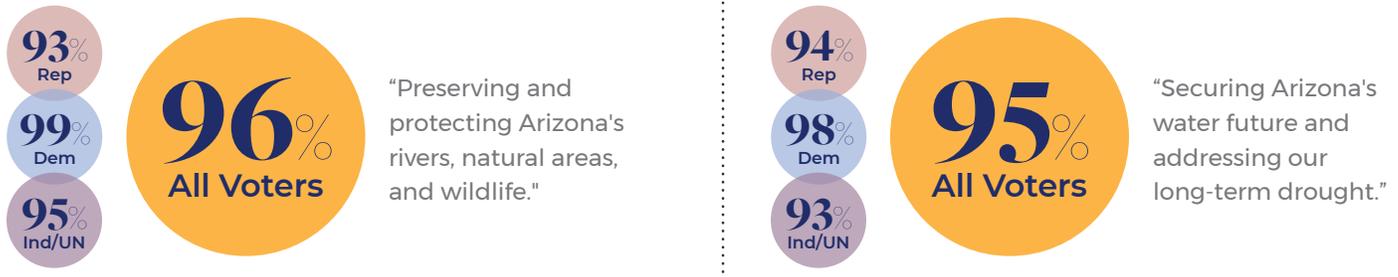
What the majority of Arizona's likely voters want candidates to address as they compete for their votes in the 2022 election

Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) developed the Arizona Voters' Agenda from new survey research of Republican, Democratic, and independent/unaffiliated voters of all ages. The survey was conducted April 12-19, 2022 by HighGround Public Affairs on behalf of CFA. The Agenda focuses on what a majority of likely voters across the political spectrum say are the priorities in the 2022 midterm election. This includes water and the environment in addition to education, economy & inflation, election reform, and immigration.

### Key Finding: Voters See Sustainable Practices as Critical to Quality of Life

The findings on water and the environment emphasize Arizonans' strong desire to preserve and protect Arizona's natural environment and resources. Voters continue to affirm that they want environmental concerns addressed, and they see implementing sustainable practices and securing our water supplies as essential to the quality of life in Arizona.

Arizona voters want candidates to share their plans for securing the state's water future.



Environmental issues earned some of the highest amounts of support from independent and unaffiliated voters.



### What Voters Want to Know: Questions for Candidates

Use these questions to foster productive dialogue and seek out real answers:

- What should Arizona do to protect our water future and secure our long-term water supplies?
- Is Arizona prepared to handle a water crisis? What more can we do to conserve, regulate, and secure additional water supplies?
- What sustainable practices should continue and be implemented to protect Arizona's air, land, and water and foster a high quality of life for all?
- How will you ensure Arizona makes sustainable gains on environmental concerns affecting everyday lives and economic vitality, such as forest fires and air quality?

# Arizona Voters' Agenda: Water & Environment

Issues on the Arizona Voters' Agenda meet **all of** the following criteria:

- "Strongly Agree/Support" is 50% and above among All Likely Voters
- Total Support (i.e., the sum of "Somewhat Agree/Support" and "Strongly Agree/Support") is 50% and above among every political affiliation and age group

## Policy Items

Securing Arizona's water future and addressing our long-term drought.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
<b>83%</b>	<b>95%</b>	94%	93%	98%

Preserving and protecting Arizona's rivers, natural areas, and wildlife.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
<b>80%</b>	<b>96%</b>	93%	95%	99%

Increasing investments and measures to prevent forest fires on state land.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
<b>71%</b>	<b>93%</b>	90%	93%	95%

Improving air quality.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
<b>62%</b>	<b>88%</b>	80%	98%	99%

## Value Statements

The drought only continues to worsen. It has increased the intensity of our fire season and forced a declaration of water shortage on Lake Mead. We need to do something to protect our water future and secure our long-term water supplies.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
<b>74%</b>	<b>94%</b>	89%	98%	99%

We must support sustainable practices that protect our air, land, and water, and foster a high quality of life for all.

All Respondents		Republican	Ind/Unaffiliated	Democrat
Strongly Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support	Total Support
<b>65%</b>	<b>90%</b>	80%	93%	100%