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## What We're Up Against

If you regularly read AzCDL's newsletters and e-mail alerts, you've no doubt noticed that I have written often about the major political developments within Arizona over the last two years (*Awakening the Sleeping Giant*, November, 2023; *Winds of Change*, August, 2023; *An Uphill Slog*, May, 2023; *Fighting an Uphill Battle*, February, 2023). We've told you about the governor's plans to take control of the state legislature, giving her the ability to pass all manner of anti-rights legislation. We've explained the financial windfall she and her cohorts will use to get anti-rights candidates elected in November. And we've reported on the governor's outrageous new record number of vetoes last year.

On the positive side, we've also covered how AzCDL is responding to all of this and the alliances we've made with other powerful organizations that will help us deal with these challenges.

In election years, everyone's attention turns to the candidates and this issue focuses on our biennial report of legislative voting records. If you aren't sure who your friends are in the legislature, the tables on pages 2 and 3 should make it clear. Unfortunately, it is also clear to those that would decimate your right to keep and bear arms.

*Everytown for Gun Safety*, the anti-gun group founded by former New York mayor Mike Bloomberg, will spend \$45 million over the coming months to elect favored candidates in eight states, including Arizona. The candidates they favor will *not* be ones that work to preserve your rights. Included in this effort will be hiring 30 organizers for a new student-recruitment program that will hold drives at 32 college and university campuses across Arizona, California, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. The majority of the funding will be spent on TV and on-line advertising.

Bloomberg himself has donated \$19 million this year alone to *Future Forward*, a super PAC supporting Kamala Harris, while *Everytown* is spending \$60 million to defeat Donald Trump and to elect more democrats at all levels that support gun regulation.

*Everytown's* political networks, including *Moms Demand Action* and *Students Demand Action* have already endorsed Harris, an ex-prosecutor with a penchant for using law enforcement as a tool to get her way. *Everytown's* "Demand a Seat" program has been recruiting activists and survivors of violence to run for public office.

Everything about these organizations is fraudulent. If they really wanted to promote "gun safety," they'd be encouraging the safe and responsible ownership and operation of firearms but they are actually looking to severely limit their use. Harris, and the down-ballot candidates she supports, do not represent "gun sense champions," but gun-ban champions.

If you want to do something to stop these gun-grabbers from coming after your firearms, the time to act is now. Support candidates that support your right to keep and bear arms. Send them a few dollars. Talk to your friends and neighbors about them. And, as Mike Infanzon argues in his article on page 4, get out there and vote for them.

And, of course, AzCDL needs your support, too. We will always fight for your freedom in the Arizona legislature and in the courts, but to do that we need everyone onboard. While you are talking to your friends and neighbors, get them to join AzCDL, too.

—Michael Gibbs  
AzCDL President

# How Did They Vote?

Name	D	P	2023									2024							
			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SCR	HB	HB	SB	SB	SB	SCR
			2332	2394	2544	2667	2705	1096	1109	1331	1428	1713	1015	2243	2843	1167	1189	1198	1007
<b>HOUSE</b>																			
Cesar Aguilar	26	D											*			*		*	*
Lorena Austin	9	D											*			*		*	*
Leo Biasucci -- Majority Leader	30	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Seth Blattman	9	D											*			*		*	*
Selina Bliss	1	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Flavio Bravo	26	D											*			*		*	*
Andrés Cano	20	D											*			*		*	*
Michael Carbone	25	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Neal Carter	15	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Joseph Chaplik	3	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Lupe Contreras -- Minority Leader	22	D											*			*		*	*
Patricia Contreras	12	D											*			*		*	*
David L. Cook	7	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Quantá Crews	26	D											*			*		*	*
Oscar De Los Santos -- Asst Minority Leader	11	D											*			*		*	*
Lupe Diaz	19	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Timothy M Dunn	25	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
John Gillette	30	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Travis Grantham -- Speaker Pro	14	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Matt Gress	4	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Gail Griffin	19	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Nancy Gutierrez -- Minority Whip	18	D											*			*		*	*
Liz Harris	13	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*						
Justin Heap	10	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	NV		*		*	*
Laurin Hendrix	14	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	NV		*		*	*
Alma Hernandez	20	D											*			*		*	*
Consuelo Hernandez	21	D											*			*		*	*
Lydia Hernandez	24	D											*			*		*	*
Melody Hernandez -- Minority Whip	8	D											*			*		*	*
Jevin Hodge	8	D											*			*		*	*
Rachel Jones	17	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Alexander Kolodin	3	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
David Livingston	28	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Jennifer L Longdon	5	D											*			*		*	*
Charles Lucking	5	D											*			*		*	*
Elda Luna-Najera	22	D											*			*		*	*
David Marshall, Sr.	7	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Teresa Martinez -- Majority Whip	16	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*	•	•	*	•	*	*
Christopher Mathis	18	D											*			*		*	*
Corv McGarr	17	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Steve Montenegro	29	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Deborah Nardozzi	8	D											*			*		*	*
Quang H Nguyen	1	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Analise Ortiz	24	D											*			*		*	*
Barbara Parker	10	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Jacqueline Parker	15	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Jennifer Pawlik	13	D											*			*		*	*
Kevin Pavne	27	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Michele Peña	23	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Mae Peshlakai	6	D											*			*		*	*
Beverly Pingerelli	28	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	*			*		*	*
Marcelino Quiñonez	11	D											*			*		*	*
Athena Salman	8	D											*			*		*	*
Mariana Sandoval	23	D											*			*		*	*
Judy Schwiebert	2	D											*			*		*	*
Keith Seaman	16	D											*			*		*	*

• voted "Yes" (blank) voted "No" NV did not vote NA not applicable

### 2023 Bills

**HB2332 FIREARMS SAFETY; TRAINING; SCHOOLS** (Rep. S. Bliss) bill would require school districts and charter schools to provide age-appropriate firearms safety training to students in grades 6-12. However, the Governor vetoed this proposal. In her veto statement, she asserted that enforcing compulsory firearm safety training in schools is not the answer to preventing gun violence.

**HB2394 FIREARMS; SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY** (Rep. A. Smith) The Arizona state and its subdivisions would have been barred from allocating personnel or financial resources to enforce or cooperate with any unique taxes or fees on firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition that could deter law-abiding citizens from buying or owning them. The Governor vetoed this, noting in her message that the bill gives the firearm industry an exemption from standard regulations that other industries follow.

**HB2544 - ARIZONA MANUFACTURED; MODIFIED FIREARMS** (Rep. L. Diaz) A firearm, accessory, or ammunition modified in Arizona and staying within its borders wouldn't fall under federal law or regulations related to the U.S. Congress's power over interstate commerce. The Governor vetoed this, citing concerns that it could restrict federal authorities and cause confusion due to diverging state and federal laws.

**HB2667 - DISRUPTION; EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; CONCEALED WEAPON** (Rep. R. Jones) The proposed bill would have forbidden university, college, or community college boards from enacting or enforcing policies against concealed weapon possession by valid permit holders or against firearm transportation and storage. The Governor vetoed this bill, citing potential heightened risks on campuses and unintended outcomes.

**HB2705 - SCHOOLS; SAFETY TRAINING; PILOT PROGRAM** (Rep. L. Biasucci) The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) introduces the School Active Threat Response Pilot Program to offer safety training and aid to school districts and charter schools. For FY2023-24, the legislature allots \$10 million from the general fund for this initiative. This legislation is backed by AZCDL and aligns with the "FASTER Saves Lives" campaign. STALLED IN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS.

**SB1096 - FIREARMS; CONTRACTS; PROHIBITED PRACTICES** (Sen. F. Carroll) A proposed bill would have mandated public entities, when contracting for services, supplies, IT, or construction worth \$100,000 or more, to include a written assurance from the company against discrimination towards firearm entities or associations. However, the Governor vetoed this, deeming it unnecessary and fearing it might drive banks away from Arizona, escalating costs for local governments.

**SB1109 - PROHIBITED WEAPONS; MUFFLING DEVICE; REPEAL** (Sen. W. Rogers) Under a proposed amendment to the criminal code, a device intended to suppress the sound of a firearm would no longer be classified as a "prohibited weapon." However, the Governor vetoed the change, asserting that allowing gun silencers or other currently prohibited weapons could compromise the safety of Arizonans.

**SB1331 - SCHOOLS; PARENTS; FIREARM POSSESSION** (Sen. J. Shamp) A proposed bill would have barred educational institution governing boards from preventing a parent or guardian with a valid concealed weapons permit from carrying a firearm on school property. The Governor vetoed this legislation, expressing concerns that concealed weapons on school grounds could pose risks, including potential confusion for law enforcement during active shooter incidents.

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<b>HOUSE</b>																			
Amish Shah	5	D											*	Resigned on 2/1/24 to run for Congress.					
Austin Smith	29	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stephanie Stahl Hamilton	21	D											*	•	•	•	•	•	•
Leezah Elsa Sun	22	D											*	Resigned on 1/31/24. No reason given.					
Laura Terech	4	D											*	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ben Toma -- Speaker	27	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Stacey Travers	12	D											*	•	•	•	•	•	•
Myron Tsosie	6	D											*	NV	•	•	•	•	•
Betty J Villegas	20	D											*	•	•	•	•	•	•
Julie Willoughby	13	R											*	•	•	•	•	•	•
Justin Wilmeth	2	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>SENATE</b>																			
Lela Alston -- Minority Caucus Chair	5	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ken Bennett	1	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Shawna Bolick	2	R	N/A Appointed to replace Sen. Kaiser																
Sonny Borrelli -- Majority Leader	30	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Flavio Bravo	26	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Eva Burch -- Minority Whip	9	D											NV	•	•	•	•	•	•
Frank Carroll	28	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Eva Diaz	22	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Denise "Mitzi" Epstein -- Minority Leader	12	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
David C. Farnsworth	10	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Brian Fernandez	23	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rosanna Gabaldón	21	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sally Ann Gonzales	20	D											NV	•	•	•	•	•	•
David Gowan	19	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Theresa Hatathlie	6	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anna Hernandez	24	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Jake Hoffman	15	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Steve Kaiser	2	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
John Kavanagh	3	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anthony Kern	27	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sine Kerr -- Majority Whip	25	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Christine Marsh	4	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Juan Mendez -- Asst Minority Leader	8	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
J.D. Mesnard	13	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Catherine Miranda	11	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Warren Petersen -- President	14	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wendy Rogers	7	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Janae Shamp	29	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thomas "T.J." Shope -- President Pro Tem	16	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Priya Sundareshan	18	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Raquel Terán	26	D											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Justine Wadsack	17	R	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

**SB1428 - POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; GUN SHOWS; PREEMPTION (Sen. J. Wadsack)**

A proposed legislation aimed to prevent political subdivisions from barring gun shows or enforcing any directive primarily impacting gun shows to an extent that it effectively bans them within the jurisdiction. However, this proposal was vetoed by the Governor. In her justification, the Governor opined that such a bill unduly limits the discretion of local governments to determine and enforce measures ensuring the safety of their respective communities.

**SB1713 - NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUND (Sen. D. Gowan)**  
 The Arizona State Nonprofit Security Grant Program is created to fund safety measures for nonprofits vulnerable to terrorism or hate crimes due to their principles or mission. Administered by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, grant distribution commences on January 1, 2024. Applicants must meet specific criteria. For FY2023-24, \$5 million is allocated from the general fund to this program. STALLED IN HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

**SCR1015 - INITIATIVE; REFERENDUM; SIGNATURES; LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS (Sen. J.D. Mesnard)**  
 The 2024 general election ballot will pose a question regarding amending the state Constitution. The proposed amendment seeks to change the signature requirement for statewide initiative measures. Instead of collecting signatures from the state's entire voting populace, the amendment suggests obtaining signatures from 10 percent of voters in each legislative district for a statewide measure and 15 percent for amending the state Constitution. AS SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

**2024 Bills**

**HB2243 FINGERPRINTING; CRIMINAL HISTORY; RECORDS CHECKS (Rep. Q. Nguyen)**  
 HB2243 proposes that the Arizona Board of Fingerprinting reviews an individual's background only when they apply for a good cause exception, while also removing the obligation to report discovered crimes during background checks to state agencies and the affected individual. Additionally, it allows the submission and retention of biometric data by criminal justice agencies and mandates the release of an individual's criminal history upon request to the Board of Fingerprinting when a fingerprint clearance card is suspended and a good cause exception is requested. SIGNED HB2843 DEFENSE OF PREMISES; DEFINITION (Rep. J. Heap)  
 This legislation adds outbuildings to the "castle doctrine," altering the definition

of "premises" for justification defense to include any real property or structure adapted for human residence or lodging. The Governor vetoed it, stating it values property over human life, incentivizes vigilantism, and would allow unnecessary use of deadly force and violence with impunity. VETOED

**SB1167 SOCIAL CREDIT; DISCRIMINATION; FINANCIAL SERVICES (Sen. J. Kavanagh)**  
 AzCDL supports this bill because promotes fair business practices and transparency in the financial services sector. By prohibiting financial institutions from engaging in discriminatory practices, it ensures equal access to financial services for all customers. Furthermore, it establishes mechanisms for customers to seek redress in case of service denial, including an investigation by the Attorney General and potential civil action, which strengthens accountability in the financial industry. STALLED IN THE HOUSE

**SB1189 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; GUN SHOWS; PREEMPTION (Sen. J. Wadsack)**  
 SB1189 centralizes firearm regulations at the state level, preventing confusion from local ordinances and ensuring consistent understanding and access to Second Amendment rights. It also prohibits local restrictions on gun shows, protecting lawful commerce and the cultural tradition of gun ownership. VETOED

**SB1198 DISRUPTION; EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; CONCEALED WEAPON (Sen. W. Rogers)**  
 SB1198 ensures consistent application of state firearm laws across educational institutions by prohibiting policies that restrict the rights of responsible and permitted individuals to carry concealed weapons for personal safety and security. It reinforces the concept of personal responsibility and trust in individuals who have been deemed competent and safe to carry concealed weapons through a rigorous permitting process. STALLED IN THE HOUSE

**SCR1007 FIREARMS; CONTRACTS; PROHIBITED PRACTICES (Sen. F. Carroll)**  
 Amending Title 35, Chapter 2, Article 4 to prevent discrimination against firearm entities in public contracts ensures fairness and neutrality in government procurement by requiring companies to certify non-discrimination against firearm entities or trade associations. The provision to repeal this amendment by 2033 allows for future reassessment, ensuring ongoing relevance and effectiveness in the commercial and legal landscape. STALLED IN THE HOUSE

## Why Your Vote Matters

Hey there, AzCDL members and all firearm owners! Let's have a little chat about something that might make your eyes roll but is crucial nonetheless—voting. Yes, I know, it's not as thrilling as a day at the range or the anticipation of dropping an elk, but trust me, it's just as important. Let's break down why being a registered voter, staying informed, and actually showing up at the polls should be at the top of your to-do list.

### Voter Turnout: Arizona, We Have a Problem

In my legislative district, the voter turnout in a recent election was a dismal 26.64%. Let that sink in for a moment. That means roughly a quarter of eligible voters decided the fate of our laws, leaders, and policies. Imagine if only a quarter of your hunting buddies showed up for a hunt—would you even bother? Probably not, because it's the combined effort that makes the hunt successful. Voting is no different. Your participation is crucial, and when you don't show up, you leave your fate in the hands of others.

### The Impact of Gun Owners on Elections

Here's a statistic that might make you cringe: 133,094 gun owners in Arizona are not registered to vote (thank you, *Women for Gun Rights* for the data). Considering we are a state where an estimated 46.3% of adults have guns at home, this is mind-boggling. If all these gun owners were registered and voted, they could swing elections, influence policies, and ensure that our rights are protected. But instead, they sit on the sidelines, letting a small percentage of the population make decisions that affect everyone.

### The Margins Are Slim—Your Vote Can Make a Difference

Don't believe your vote matters? Think again. Look at the 2022 election results for some of Arizona's tightest races:

- In the U.S. Senate race, Mark Kelly defeated Blake Masters by just 125,719 votes, a margin of 4.89%.
- In the 1st Congressional District, David Schweikert won by a mere 0.88 percentage points.
- The 6th Congressional District saw Juan Ciscomani win by only 1.5 percentage points.

These razor-thin margins show that every vote counts. Imagine if the 133,094 unregistered gun owners had cast their ballots—these races could have had very different outcomes.

### Why Should You Care?

As gun owners, hunters, and advocates for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, the policies and leaders we vote for directly impact our rights and freedoms. Arizona is a firearm-friendly state, but that didn't happen by accident. It took active participation from AzCDL members at the polls to vote to elect legislators who in turn pass laws like the 2010 statute allowing concealed carry without a permit. However, the landscape can change quickly if we become complacent.

### The Financial Angle: Conservation and Hunting

Let's not forget the financial impact. The drop-off in revenue from hunting licenses poses a problem for conservation groups. The 1937 Pittman-Robertson Act, which placed an 11% excise tax on firearms sales for conservation efforts, relies heavily on active participation from hunters and gun owners. With fewer people buying licenses, funding for conservation dwindles, affecting our wildlife and natural resources. And this includes our public ranges.

Arizona is one of the top states for big game hunting, with species like pronghorn, black bear, and elk at-

tracting hunters from all over. In 2021, Arizona issued 349,554 paid hunting licenses, generating significant revenue for conservation. But if voter turnout remains low, the policies that support these activities could be threatened, indirectly affecting our beloved outdoor activities.

### How to Register and Vote

Ready to make a change? Here's how you can register to vote in Arizona:

1. Visit [vote.gov/register/arizona](http://vote.gov/register/arizona).
2. Follow the simple steps to complete your registration.
3. Mark your calendar for upcoming elections and make a plan to vote.

### Stay Informed and Get Involved

Being a registered voter is the first step. The next is staying informed. Follow the candidates, understand their policies, and think critically about how their platforms align with your values and interests as a gun owner and outdoor enthusiast. Join local forums, attend town hall meetings, and engage with your community. Each legislative session AzCDL reports on the voting records of your legislators to make it a little easier to identify our political friends (see pages 2 and 3).

### The Power of Community

Voting is not just a solitary act; it's a communal one. Imagine the power we could wield if every eligible gun owner in Arizona voted. We could ensure that our rights are protected, our voices heard, and our interests represented.

So, to all my fellow AzCDL members, let's not be the silent majority. Let's be the roaring force that turns the tide. Register to vote, stay informed, and most importantly, vote! Because if we don't, someone else will, and we won't like the results. And remember that "The world is run by those who show up."

Voting is not just a civic duty; it's a powerful tool to protect our rights, influence policies, and ensure a future where our interests are safeguarded. So, let's get out there and make our voices heard. Your vote matters, and together, we can make a difference.

Shoot straight!



—Michael Infanzon, EPIC Policy Group  
AzCDL Chief Lobbyist

## The Good Fight

Last year, AzCDL President Mike Gibbs let the membership know we now have another weapon in our arsenal by adding litigation. Here are updates on three issues we are currently working.

### CITY OF PHOENIX

Phoenix Ordinance S-50010 aimed to transfer 500-600 unclaimed firearms to the National Police of Ukraine but has faced significant legal challenges. Attorney General Kris Mayes determined the transfer conflicted with statutes requiring unclaimed firearms to be sold to authorized businesses rather than donated or destroyed. Following this determination, lawmakers, including Representatives Quang Nguyen and Selina Bliss, filed a complaint under SB1487, which allows legislators to request investigations into the legality of local government actions.

In response, the Phoenix City Council repealed the ordinance, acknowledging the findings and the need to comply with laws governing firearm disposal. The council had to backtrack to avoid potential legal and financial repercussions. As of now, the firearms have not been sent to auction and we are still working to get an answer as to their actual location.

### PIMA COUNTY

A Pima County ordinance requiring gun owners to report lost or stolen firearms within 48 hours or face fines up to \$1,000 is being challenged by AzCDL and AzCDL member, USAF veteran, and NRA-certified instructor Chris King. The county claimed the ordinance was to aid law enforcement in tracking stolen firearms and preventing their use in crimes.

Our lawsuit, filed by the Goldwater Institute, argues that the ordinance violates state law, which generally prohibits local governments from enacting their own firearm regulations and seeks to have the ordinance invalidated. For the most current updates on the lawsuit and ordinance status, follow legal announcements from both AzCDL and the Goldwater Institute <https://www.goldwaterinstitute.org/case/fighting-an-illegal-firearms-mandate/>

### JOE FOSS SHOOTING COMPLEX

Oh boy, is this a cluster mess. We are still actively working on fighting to ensure that the Joe Foss Shooting Complex remains available to the public as it was put into the Buckeye Hills Recreation Area Master Plan back in February of 1971.

We will offer a more in-depth update on all these matters at the annual meeting in October. Until then, keep an eye on the updates on the website at <https://azcdl.org/>.

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