

## Proposition 100

The Marana Chamber Board of Directors has considered the issues and determined that a neutral position on Proposition 100 is appropriate. The Marana Chamber represents 500 businesses in Pima County.

In order to assist Marana residents in making an educated decision about how to cast their vote for Proposition 100, the Board is providing detailed information about the issues on its web site, [www.maranachamber.com](http://www.maranachamber.com).

Those against Proposition 100 are concerned about its impact on businesses:

- According to The National Federation of Small Businesses (NFIB), business owners are overwhelmingly against an increase in sales tax because of the detrimental effects it would have on small businesses.
- All consumers pay the same increase regardless of their ability to pay, so lower income consumers pay a higher proportion of their income on the tax increase.
- For Pima County, the tax increase would put our tax rate at over 9%, which is higher than Scottsdale (currently at 7.95%).

And those in favor of Proposition 100 are primarily concerned about education, healthcare, and safety.

- Arizona educators are overwhelmingly in favor of the increased sales tax because without the added income, state funding will be reduced. This necessitates additional budget cuts by the schools. The elimination of all-day kindergarten will occur if the proposition is not passed.
- Marana is a community with many young families, and education is an important factor in their decision to reside in Marana.
- Cuts to education, healthcare, and safety would also impact small businesses in terms of available (and educated) workforce and employee well being.

Regardless of the outcome, there will be consequences and sacrifices that will be required of all Arizonans as we work through this fiscal crisis.