



## Request to Speak System

**Do you want your voice to be heard in decisions that matter to you?**

You have an opportunity now to support or oppose rules and policies that impact you before they become a law, using the Request to Speak system. You can register for an account today and start letting “lawmakers” know what matters to you. You can even sign up to speak in front of lawmakers to let them know why you support or oppose a bill. You can support or oppose a bill from home or in person.

The RTS system allows lawmakers to get an idea of how many people support or oppose a bill. Don't keep your opinions to yourself - share them! The Women's Foundation for the State of Arizona can help you set up an account. For more information visit [womensgiving.org/takeaction](https://womensgiving.org/takeaction).

- Civic engagement is defined as working to make a difference in the life of one's community. Having an RTS account is a way to show civic engagement, especially for youth who aren't yet able to vote!
- You can start sharing your opinions now. The RTS system is a good way to do this without having to speak in front of lawmakers. (you don't have to speak but you can!)
- With RTS, you can make an impact now instead of waiting for the next elections or until you're eligible to vote.
- Legislators (these are our lawmakers!) will be able to read comments and see how many people support or oppose a bill being considered.
- Remember, using the RTS system does not require you to speak. It does however show the Committee the support behind a bill. People who want to speak can give a brief speech when the lawmakers are discussing a bill.



# Register to Vote

**Your vote counts - don't let anyone tell you otherwise!**

If you are 18 years of age or older before Tuesday November 8, 2022, are a resident of Arizona, and a citizen of the United States you can vote for changes in this state and country. When you register to vote you are making your choice on important issues that matter to you and impact your community. Fewer than 15% of 18-year-old residents in Maricopa and Pima County alone have registered to vote. What are you waiting for?

When you register to vote you can vote in the presidential election, governor election, and state and congressional elections. You are voting for people that will impact our future. Don't you feel like your vote deserves to be counted?

Voting gives you the opportunity to vote for people who represent you. Registering to vote is easy and worth it. Click here to register to vote today: <https://servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration/selectLanguage>

- Even though more youth vote every year, there are still tons of people who could vote but don't register
- During the 2020 election, only 51% of eligible youth in Arizona voted. Let's increase this!
- Approximately 90,000 Arizona citizens turn 18 every year in the state- if all of them registered to vote, that could make a huge difference in our elections.
- Approximately 180,000 Arizonans celebrated their 18th birthday between the presidential election in 2020 and the 2022 midterm elections. They have a chance to vote this year.
- Your ballot represents you #yourvoicemyvote
- The deadline to register to vote in the 2022 Arizona General Elections is October 11, 2022



# Voting with Women in Mind

## Who are the women that matter most in your life?

Is it your mother, sister, nana, aunt, cousin, friend, or someone else? Would it upset you to find out that these women in your life are STILL not being treated equally? Women struggle with having equality in their career, healthcare, wages, and the list goes on.

Women shouldn't need to worry about not having enough money to pay for childcare, their basic necessities, and their children. Their health shouldn't be at risk due to lack of insurance or access to healthcare. Women shouldn't have to decide whether to buy hygiene products for herself or diapers for her babies. Wouldn't you want these important women to not have to stress about having enough income for their families? Wouldn't you want to change these things for your future daughters, wives, or nieces?

Keeping women in mind when you vote is a step towards achieving a vision of equality and works to fix problems that women have to face. Every bill being heard at the state Capitol in the legislative session impacts women in some sort of way. Even if it's the smallest thing, it can affect women in a positive or negative manner. Support bills that positively impact women because when women thrive, the state thrives. Women in the past fought for the right to speak up about their rights, and you can be the voice for women now and in the future. Let's make a change for the women you care about!

- There is a 17% pay gap between women and men in Arizona – this means men make 17% more money than women
- 36.9% of single mothers in Arizona live in poverty
- 5.3 % of women in Arizona reported not receiving healthcare at some point in the last 12 months due to cost (Women shouldn't have to risk their health!)
- In Arizona, for every dollar paid to a man, Black women make about 68 cents and Latina women only make 55 cents
- Only 8.7% of Arizona families can afford child care
- Keeping women in mind when you vote is a step towards achieving equality

Resources: <https://patch.com/arizona/across-az/here-s-how-much-less-women-make-arizona-gender-pay-gap>