

# Arizona Secretary of State

## THE ISSUES

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<p><b>BALLOTS—VERIFICATION</b> Support hand-counting paper ballots?</p>	<p>Yes. <a href="#">Cosponsored a bill to require hand-counting of ballots instead of using electronic equipment to verify results.</a> Prior to his primary election, said, <a href="#">“There ain’t gonna be no concession speech coming from this guy. I’m going to demand a 100% hand count if there’s the slightest hint of any impropriety.”</a></p>	<p>No. <a href="#">“We have all-paper ballots in Arizona... Human hand-counting is less accurate than using the technology that we already have. Nobody who is serious about election administration believes that hand-counting is better.”</a></p>
<p><b>EASE OF VOTING</b> Support expanding or limiting voting opportunities, such as mail voting, early voting, and more voting locations?</p>	<p>Limit. <a href="#">Would eliminate early and mail-in voting with exceptions for overseas and traveling voters.</a> Says <a href="#">ballots should only be cast in person at the polls on election day.</a> Despite having <a href="#">a personal record of mostly voting by mail</a>, stated <a href="#">“I don’t care for mail-in voting. That’s why I go to the polls.”</a></p>	<p>Expand. In 2017, as Maricopa County recorder, <a href="#">sent every registered voter a mail-in ballot</a> for local elections and <a href="#">opened voting centers that catered to every registered voter, regardless of precinct.</a> <a href="#">“When you restrict access by reducing opportunities for voters, you are suppressing the vote for all voters.”</a></p>
<p><b>2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION</b> Did President Biden legitimately win the 2020 election?</p>	<p>No. <a href="#">“The 2020 General Election is irredeemably compromised, and it is impossible to name a clear winner of the contest.”</a> Attended the <a href="#">January 6 protest at the U.S. Capitol.</a> Said <a href="#">Vice President Pence orchestrated a “coup” against Trump when he certified the election results.</a></p>	<p>Yes. <a href="#">“It was a successful election, and nobody will ever take that away from the tens of thousands of Americans who did that work.”</a> <a href="#">“We’ve never had a sitting president of the United States of America say, ‘If I lose it’s because there was fraud.’”</a></p>
<p><b>VOTER FRAUD/VOTER SUPPRESSION</b> Is voter fraud or voter suppression the prime problem in elections?</p>	<p>Voter fraud. Filed a joint lawsuit <a href="#">calling for a ban on electronic voting machines claiming they are “inherently vulnerable” to voter fraud</a> and argues there was rampant fraud during the 2020 election. <a href="#">“I want to count all ‘legal’ votes - votes that are outside the law should be quarantined.”</a></p>	<p>Voter suppression. <a href="#">“Fight against voter suppression. The cure: voting. They are afraid you’ll do it. So do it.”</a> <a href="#">“I’d like to see the reasoned and researched business case for the existence of widespread voter fraud... where’s the ACTUAL EVIDENCE?”</a></p>

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<b>VOTER ID</b> Support requiring voters to show state-approved ID as an answer to potential voter fraud?	Yes. <a href="#">“I support and voted for Voter ID. It passed the Arizona House and Senate now pending approval of the voters!”</a>	Mostly no. Opposes <a href="#">“overly restrictive voter ID laws.”</a> As a county recorder, <a href="#">had his staff run previously rejected voter registration applications through the MVD database to confirm citizenship for people to register to vote.</a>
<b>VOTER REGISTRATION</b> Should voter registrations be canceled for not voting?	Yes. Voter rolls <a href="#">“are polluted,” “gotta clean ‘em up.” “AZ voter rolls have over 55k people who have moved out of state &amp; are no longer eligible to vote. They should have already been removed before the 90-day window.”</a>	No. Regarding removal of 55,000 people from the voter rolls, said, <a href="#">“This is illegal. Federal law prohibits this kind of voter purge.”</a>
<b>VOTING MACHINES— SECURITY</b> Sees foreign or other hacking and data security as threats to voting in Arizona?	Yes. Filed a lawsuit <a href="#">challenging the use of electronic voting machines.</a> The suit said that they are <a href="#">“inherently vulnerable” to cyberattacks</a> and that <a href="#">manufacturers “source and assemble their components in hostile nations,” specifically naming China, Taiwan, and the Philippines.</a>	Yes. Has attended and sent staff to <a href="#">the DEFCON hacking conference to improve voting machine security,</a> saying <a href="#">“You gotta know the ways of your adversaries.” “I’m the only election administration in the country who has a designated security officer who oversees our IT and data systems.”</a>
<b>WRONG PRECINCT</b> Should voters who end up in the wrong precinct be allowed to vote?	No position found.	Yes. In 2017, as county recorder, <a href="#">opened voting centers for every registered voter, regardless of precinct.</a> Supported <a href="#">eliminating voting at specific precincts and opening ballot centers for people to vote near their job, church, and school.</a> Calls this move from a precinct-based polling model to a voter-center model <a href="#">“a pretty positive shift.”</a>

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