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LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES & TOWNS ENDORSES PROP. 123

Stellar K-12 Education System Key to Jobs, Quality of Life

PHOENIX (Feb. 12, 2016) – A strong K-12 education system is essential to Arizona’s economic success and quality of life. For this reason, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns commends Gov. Ducey and the Legislature for placing Prop. 123 on the May 17 ballot.

This constitutional amendment would inject \$3.5 billion in additional educational funding into the K-12 system over the next decade – without raising taxes. The League’s executive committee, representing 25 of Arizona’s cities and towns, today unanimously passed a resolution endorsing Prop. 123.

“As elected mayors and council members in cities and towns across the state, we know that a well- funded K-12 system is key to a community’s long-term vibrancy,” said Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell, the League president. “It’s paramount in the decision-making of company CEOs, who seek to bring jobs and investment to our communities in exchange for a qualified workforce.”

Added Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny: “In addition to bringing closure to the K-12 inflation- funding lawsuit, the passage of Prop. 123 would be a step in the right direction in providing certainty and stability for schools, teachers, families and students.” Tibshraeny is League vice president.

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns encourages all residents to vote “yes” on Prop. 123 on Tuesday, May 17.

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