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## Dear Friends and Members,

The 2010 legislative session was one marked by partisan politics and the lack of will to tackle the myriad of challenges that Arizona faces. For environmental protection and a sustainable Arizona, this was not a good year.

We saw the effects of years of systematically defunding our state parks system during good economic times and now we are witnessing our parks closing throughout the state (at this writing we have already closed 6 state parks). The refusal of the legislature to invest in one of our state's major economic drivers, tourism, resulted in "sweeps" of dedicated parks funds including Heritage Fund money and entrance fees to parks. The legislature even "swept" the private donations from the donation boxes at the parks and a private bequest of \$242,000 that a philanthropist left to our state park system (after overwhelming public pressure the legislature returned the \$242,000 but kept the donation box money).

This year's legislative session brought up some big questions for our state. Aside from the specific bills addressed (or left unaddressed) in the session and documented in this scorecard, this session and the last session raise some fundamental questions about the future of our state.

Do the legislative sessions of 2009 and 2010 represent a low point for conservation in Arizona before the beginning of a new era of environmental stewardship and responsibility? Or do they represent the beginning of an era of environmental irresponsibility, deregulation and slash-and-burn budget cutting?

The 2010 elections and the 2011 legislative session will resolve these questions, and I hope that we are up to the challenge. Arizona may not be directly affected by the oil spill in the gulf, but our state legislature has been inflicting damage of a similar kind to our air quality, water quality and our natural heritage. The effect of this damage, like the oil spill, will be felt for decades to come.

Arizona's broken priorities were nowhere more apparent than when a bi-partisan plan to save our state parks was held in committee while a vote on Arizona's official state beverage (I'm not making this up, it was going to be milk) was brought the floor of the House (it failed 26-31). Now we have neither a functioning state parks system nor an official state beverage.

While some progress was made on energy policy, our legislature once again shied away from the task to build an Arizona for the 21st century and beyond. Sadly, our legislature too often resembles a 19th century territorial government with access to 21st century media tools.

The AZLCV will be working hard this year and next to create a legislature that responds to constituent concerns about our land, air and water. Without action at the state level *right now* Arizona will be reversing decades of progress on the environmental front.

I urge all of you to prioritize the environment at the ballot box this year and to be active citizens during next year's legislative session. Join the AZLCV's E-activist list to stay abreast of next year's session by sending an email to [mrarmsey@azlcv.org](mailto:mrarmsey@azlcv.org).

Thank you for your support of the League,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Arnquist".

Steven C Arnquist  
Executive Director

# Our Mission

**The Arizona League of Conservation Voters (AZLCV or "the League") is Arizona's largest statewide membership-supported conservation group, with almost 6,000 members.**

- ★ We work to protect our land, air, water and quality of life for all Arizonans, present and future.
- ★ We do this by advocating for common-sense environmental policy and by endorsing pro-conservation candidates.
- ★ We are non-partisan and non-profit, and our work includes:
  - ★ *Endorsing and working to elect pro-conservation state legislators and statewide candidates,*
  - ★ *Educating elected officials and their constituents on conservation issues important to the League's members,*
  - ★ *Lobbying on behalf of reasonable, common-sense conservation measures,*
  - ★ *Holding elected officials accountable for their performance with our annual Legislative Scorecard, and*
  - ★ *Maintaining a political action committee (PAC) that works directly to elect pro-conservation candidates.*

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## 100% Honor Roll

### House of Representatives

Christopher Deschene (D-2) – 100%  
Chad Campbell (D-14) – 100%  
Martha Garcia (D-13) – 100%  
David Lujan (D-15) – 100%  
Anna Tovar (D-13) – 100%  
Kyrsten Sinema (D-15) – 100%  
David Bradley (D-28) – 100%

### Senate

Meg Burton-Cahill (D-17) – 100%  
Jorge Luis Garcia (D-27) – 100%  
Leah Landrum-Taylor (D-16) – 100%  
Richard Miranda (D-13) – 100%  
Debbie McCune-Davis (D-14) – 100%

### Top Scoring District:

LD 13 – 100%: Represented by Senator Richard Miranda,  
Representative Anna Tovar, & Representative Martha Garcia

## Top Scorers

### House Democrats

Olivia Cajero Bedford (D-27) – 95%  
Tom Chabin (D-2) – 95%  
Steve Farley (D-28) – 95%  
Daniel Patterson (D-29) – 95%  
Nancy Young-Wright (D-26) – 95%  
David Schapira (D-17) – 94%  
Eric Meyer (D-11) – 93%  
Edward Ableser (D-17) – 92%  
Patricia Fleming (D-25) – 92%  
Robert Meza (D-14) – 92%  
Phil Lopes (D-27) – 91%

### Senate Democrats

Linda Lopez (D-29) – 94%  
Paula Aboud (D-28) – 92%  
Rebecca Rios (D-23) – 89%



### House Republicans

Cecil Ash (R-18) – 51%

### Senate Republicans

Jay Tibshraeny (R-21) – 46%

## Bottom Scorers

### House of Representatives

Andy Biggs (R-22) – 7%  
Judy Burges (R-4) – 10%  
John Kavanagh (R-8) – 11%

### Senate

Chuck Gray (R-19) – 6%  
Sylvia Allen (R-5) – 11%  
Russell Pearce (R-18) – 12%



## Averages

**House Average: 52%** — Democrats: 88% — Republicans: 27%

**Senate Average: 48%** — Democrats: 88% — Republicans: 22%



# Actions Used for Scoring

Each legislator's score is based on his or her total pro-conservation votes over the course of the session. Measures are weighed according to their importance, and no credit is given for missing votes. However, members are not penalized for excused absences (as recorded on the official attendance sheet for each chamber on the day of the vote). In all cases, the scores are based on the final vote each measure receives in either chamber.



The League gives “extra credit” to legislators who sponsor positive legislation (prime-prime sponsors only). For each good measure introduced, the legislator receives an extra percentage point added to his or her final score. For measures that actually become law, two percentage points are added. On the other hand, those who sponsor anti-conservation or anti-public-participation legislation have one percentage point deducted from their final score for each measure introduced and two points deducted if the measure becomes law. Final scores are capped at 100 percent.

## HB 2060 Public conservation monies; transfer

(Nichols) The Public Conservation Account is controlled by the State Parks Board and is dedicated to acquiring land for conservation purposes. If the measure had passed, the funds in this voter-mandated account would have been diverted to run our state parks and historical societies, both of which have already had their budget allotments swept. Although these entities represent critical needs, the sweep of the Public Conservation Account would have misdirected dollars intended for a voter-approved purpose. Under the Voter Protection Act (Prop. 105) of 1998, initiatives that the voters approve cannot be repealed without a super majority vote (75%); as a result, this bill failed after not mustering the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority in the House of Representatives.

**A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 8**

**Defeated House 36-23-1 (needed super majority to pass)**  
April 28, 2010

## HB 2289 Water recharge; direct use

(Pratt, Barnes, McGuire) This bill creates a loophole for mining companies as related to their water use in Arizona. It allows mining companies to gain long-term storage credit for the Central Arizona Project (CAP) water they store. As a result, the more water these companies store, the greater assurance they have for future mining operations. In addition, this bill fails to account for the groundwater the mining companies pump for their direct use. Even though the used groundwater should be charged against the companies' long-term storage credits, this bill creates a loophole that allows for the companies' direct use of groundwater even as they increase their long-term storage credit of CAP water.

**A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 6**

**Passed House 39-20-1**  
March 3, 2010

**Passed Senate 21-7-2**  
April 19, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor** April 23, 2010

## **HB 2290 Waste tires in abandoned mines**

(Jones, Kavanagh, Mason, et al) This measure has been a recurring bill during the past few legislative sessions. It proposes filling abandoned mines with used tires. Although this may seem like a good idea, the proposal is deeply flawed and would likely have serious environmental consequences. Tires are extremely flammable and the threat of a tire fire in an abandoned mine represents a significant problem. Used tires would also pollute the soil and water surrounding the mines and negatively impact the bats that use abandoned mines as their habitats. Although this legislation failed to pass this session, we will likely see it again.

**A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 6**

**Passed House 34-26**

March 3, 2010

**Held in Senate**

## **HB 2337 Arizona manufactured incandescent lightbulbs; regulation**

(Antenori, Biggs, Gowan, et al) This bill represents another means for the state to challenge federal regulations, but it is clearly regressive as related to the environment. HB 2337 allows incandescent lightbulbs to be manufactured and sold in Arizona. The United States is phasing out incandescent light bulbs, so this measure would not be compliant with federal regulation under the Interstate Commerce Clause. CFL bulbs use less power and last longer, so they are an easy and obvious way to become more energy efficient. This bill is a symbol that progress in energy efficiency is not a priority in Arizona.

**A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 3**

**Passed House 33-2**

March 3, 2010

**Passed Senate 18-12**

April 28, 2010

**Vetoed by Governor**

May 11, 2010

## **HB 2442 Greenhouse gas emissions; regulations**

(Burges, Antenori, Barnes, et al) HB 2442 requires that state agencies receive legislative authorization before they adopt or enforce any greenhouse emissions regulations. This will hinder the ability of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to create and institute regulations that reduce emissions. This bill also includes an intent section that mandates that the legislature authorize any cap and trade system applied in Arizona. We don't need additional roadblocks preventing our state from addressing greenhouse emissions.

**A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 8**

**Passed House 35-23-1**

February 16, 2010

**Passed Senate 18-10-2**

April 19, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor** April 26, 2010

## **HB 2451 Line extensions; utility infrastructure; charges**

(Antenori, Crump, Gowan, et al) This bill prohibits a public service corporation from charging a customer for the first 1,000 ft. of a power line if the associated cost is less than \$10,000. Public service corporations, however, may require customers to pay the actual cost of a line extension if it is over \$10,000. This bill infringes on the constitutional rate-making authority of the Arizona Corporation Commission and would shift one of the costs of sprawl development from the developers back to the ratepayers. It also allows developers to profit without paying the true costs of development.

**A “NO” vote is a green vote. Weight: 4**

**Defeated House 26-28-6**

April 1, 2010

# Actions Used for Scoring *continued*

## HB 2464 NOW: State parks; funding; management

(McLain, Ash, Bradley, et al) HB 2464 was a striker bill that would have leased Lake Havasu State park to Lake Havasu City. Considering that Lake Havasu is one of Arizona's most popular state parks, this measure would have represented a significant hit to the State Parks' already battered budget. HB 2464 would have deprived the state of \$400,000 that Lake Havasu State Park generates each year. In addition, it would have accepted a lease that would have surrendered this profit to Lake Havasu City in return for only at most \$50,000 a year. If this bill had passed, it would most likely have lead to additional park closures. Since it was a striker bill, it was a completely different bill having to do with auto insurance for the House vote, so the House is not penalized for voting on this bill.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6**

**Passed House 49-5-6**

March 24, 2010

**Defeated Senate 12-18**

April 28, 2010

## HB 2574 Renewable energy districts

(Mason, Boone, Chad Campbell, et al) This bill expands county and municipal improvement districts that may be formed to include "renewable energy districts." Renewable energy districts utilize various renewable and efficient energy equipment and water conservation units. According to this measure, each district could receive funds to install and maintain improvements related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and water management. This bill recognizes renewable energy is a smart investment that has the potential to fuel sustainable growth in Arizona.

**A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6**

**Passed House 47-13**

March 3, 2010

**Held in Senate**

## HB 2599 State parks fund; voluntary contributions

(Kavanagh) HB 2599 was a piece of bad legislation that was drafted to demonstrate that some, although minimal, effort and thought was invested in generating funding for our state parks. This measure was a substitute for HCR 2040 — the Sustainable Parks Fund, which would have added a mandatory \$9 fee to Arizonans' vehicle registrations and in return, would have allowed any person with an Arizona plate to visit all the parks for free. In contrast, HB 2599 would have added a checkbox on vehicle registrations for a voluntary \$10 contribution to the parks fund. According to this bill, even if an individual contributed \$10 with his registration, they would still have to pay additional fees to enter the state parks. Furthermore, HB 2599 would not have created a sustainable funding source for our state parks. Instead, it only represented an ineffective replacement for a promising piece of legislation. Our state parks should be mandatory, not optional.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5**

**Passed House 42-11-7**

April 1, 2010

**Defeated Senate 14-14-2**

April 22, 2010

## HB 2617 Mining amendments; water; permits; rules

(Jones, Gowan, Mason, et al) This bill will prohibit the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) from regulating mines more strictly than the federal mine regulations as established by the 1872 Mining Act. It will hinder the development of future programs that could regulate the amount of pollutants that contaminate our drinking water. HB 2617 also creates an advisory committee of industry professionals that will advise state agencies on how to implement mining regulations. This bill will supposedly simplify the permit-granting process for new mines, but in reality, it is another blow to our already thinly stretched ADEQ.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 7**

**Passed Senate 16-12-2**

April 22, 2010

**Passed House 38-19-3**

April 27, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor May 11, 2010**

## **HB 2700 Solar energy tax incentives; extension**

(Boone) This bill extends the income tax credit for commercial and industrial applications of solar energy devices to the tax year ending Dec. 31, 2016. The tax credit is equal to 10% of the installation cost of the device, which can't exceed \$25,000 for the same building in the same year and can't exceed \$50,000 for the taxpayer in a year. Unused credit may be carried forward for up to five years.

**A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6**

**Passed House 44-13-2**  
March 8, 2010

**Passed Senate 16-14**  
April 27, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor** May 10, 2010

## **HCR 2008 NOW: Hunting and fishing; constitutional rights**

(Jerry Weiers, Gowan, Crump, et al) The 2010 general election ballot will carry the question of whether to change the Arizona constitution by adding hunting and fishing as a basic right. If voted in, this will make it more difficult to manage wildlife. Our state's wildlife belongs to all Arizonans, regardless of the stances we hold on how it should be managed. Hunting and fishing is a recreational privilege that does not merit the same standing as constitutional rights such as the freedom of speech.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5**

**Passed House 37-18-5**  
March 24, 2010

**Passed Senate 18-9-3**  
April 22, 2010

**Transmitted to the Secretary of State**

## **SB 1200 NOW: Game and fish commission; board**

(Nelson) SB 1200 establishes the Arizona Game and Fish Commission Appointment Recommendation Board. This board is appointed by the Governor and assists the Governor in the review and recommendation of appointees to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. This bill further excludes the public's role in wildlife management. It forms an appointment board that will include only one member from the non-sportsmen public and four members who represent hunters and ranchers. The recommendation board should represent Arizona's broad range of interests to encourage the development of a more diverse Game and Fish Commission.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 8**

**Passed Senate 16-7-7**  
March 18, 2010

**Passed House 36-19-5**  
March 25, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor** April 7, 2010

## **SB 1254 NOW: Research; development; production; tax credit**

(Leff) This bill establishes a tax credit for individuals and corporations that produce renewable energy. The amount of the credit is adjusted according to the amount of kilowatt hours produced. In addition, statutes pertaining to the tax credit for research and development expenses are now amended to allow a taxpayer with fewer than 150 fulltime employees to apply for a tax refund rather than carrying the credit forward for future filings. This bill joins the ranks of previous legislation that has provided incentives to people who invest in and use renewable energy in Arizona.

**A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 7**

**Passed Senate 19-8-3**  
April 29, 2010

**Passed House 45-11-4**  
April 29, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor** May 11, 2010

# Actions Used for Scoring *continued*

## **SB 1359 Department of water resources; fund**

(S. Pierce, Aguirre, Ash, et al) This bill establishes a Water Resources Fund where revenue from various fees charges by the Department of Water Resources is deposited. Supposedly, this fund cannot be appropriated or transferred by the legislature in the future, but judging by the transfers and appropriations of funds this legislative session we cannot be expected to believe that the Water Resources Fund would be safe. This is still a step in the right direction. Allowable uses are also expanded to the Dam Repair Fund. This bill is good for water conservation and water resource management.

**A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6**

**Passed Senate 25-1-4**  
April 29, 2010

**Passed House 58-0-2**  
April 29, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor** May 7, 2010

## **SB 1445 Groundwater transportation; Big Chino sub-basin**

(S. Pierce, Burns, Nelson) SB 1445 addresses the Salt River Project (SRP) and Prescott agreement on the Big Chino Sub-Basin and the upper Verde River. It would allow Prescott to take water from the Big Chino Sub-Basin, outside of its Active Management Area. This is a bad piece of legislation because the upper portion of the Verde River relies heavily on the drainage from the Big Chino Sub-Basin. Our water is precious and Active Management Areas are critical in preventing the misuse of our resources.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6**

**Passed Senate 20-9-1**  
April 7, 2010

**Passed House 39-16-5**  
April 19, 2010

**Signed into law by Governor** April 26, 2010

## **SCR 1022 Legislative appropriation; federal monies**

(Melvin) This resolution would have been on the 2010 general ballot and asked voters to grant our state legislators the authority to appropriate most of the federal money the state receives. This would have likely resulted in both the reduction of Arizona's federal appropriation and the mismanagement of received federal funding.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 4**

**Passed Senate 16-12-1**  
March 3, 2010

**Held in House**

## **SCR 1046 Jurisdiction over intrastate waters**

(C. Gray, S. Allen, Gould, et al) SCR 1046 would refer to the ballot the question of whether to amend Arizona's constitution so that the State of Arizona is the primary regulator of non-navigable intrastate waters. This measure would have made it so Arizona rivers would not have the strong protections of the Clean Water Act. The Clean Water Act has protected many of Arizona's waters since 1972, and this measure would make our most valuable resource less protected. 94% of Arizona's water would have lost this protection since they do not flow year round.

**A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 9**

**Passed Senate 18-11-1**  
March 22, 2010

**Held in House**



## SCR 1047 State lands; military installation preservation

(Nelson) The 2010 general election ballot will ask Arizonans to vote on whether to amend the state constitution to alter the governance of state trust land. SCR 1047 would permit Arizona to exchange trust land for other public land of equal or greater value or to assist with the preservation of the state's military installations. The measure ensures state trust land cannot be exchanged for private land and that all future transactions are made in cooperation with federal agencies. In addition, all exchanges would be required to have two appraisals, an analysis, full disclosure of land to be exchanged, and two public hearings. If passed, this measure would ensure accountability and transparency for state trust land exchanges.

A "YES" vote is a green vote. Weight: 6

Passed Senate 29-0-1  
March 22, 2010

Passed House 60-0  
April 21, 2010

Transmitted to the  
Secretary of State

## SCR 1050 Greenhouse emissions; legislative authority

(S. Allen, Gould, C. Gray, et al) This resolution would have asked voters to decide whether or not to give Arizona's Legislature the authority to regulate human caused emissions of greenhouse gases and substances created by mechanical or chemical processes (including agricultural operations and waste operations). This was to be referred to as the "Freedom to Breathe Act" which is classic doublespeak. A more appropriate name for this bill would be the "Freedom to Pollute Act."

A "NO" vote is a green vote. Weight: 5

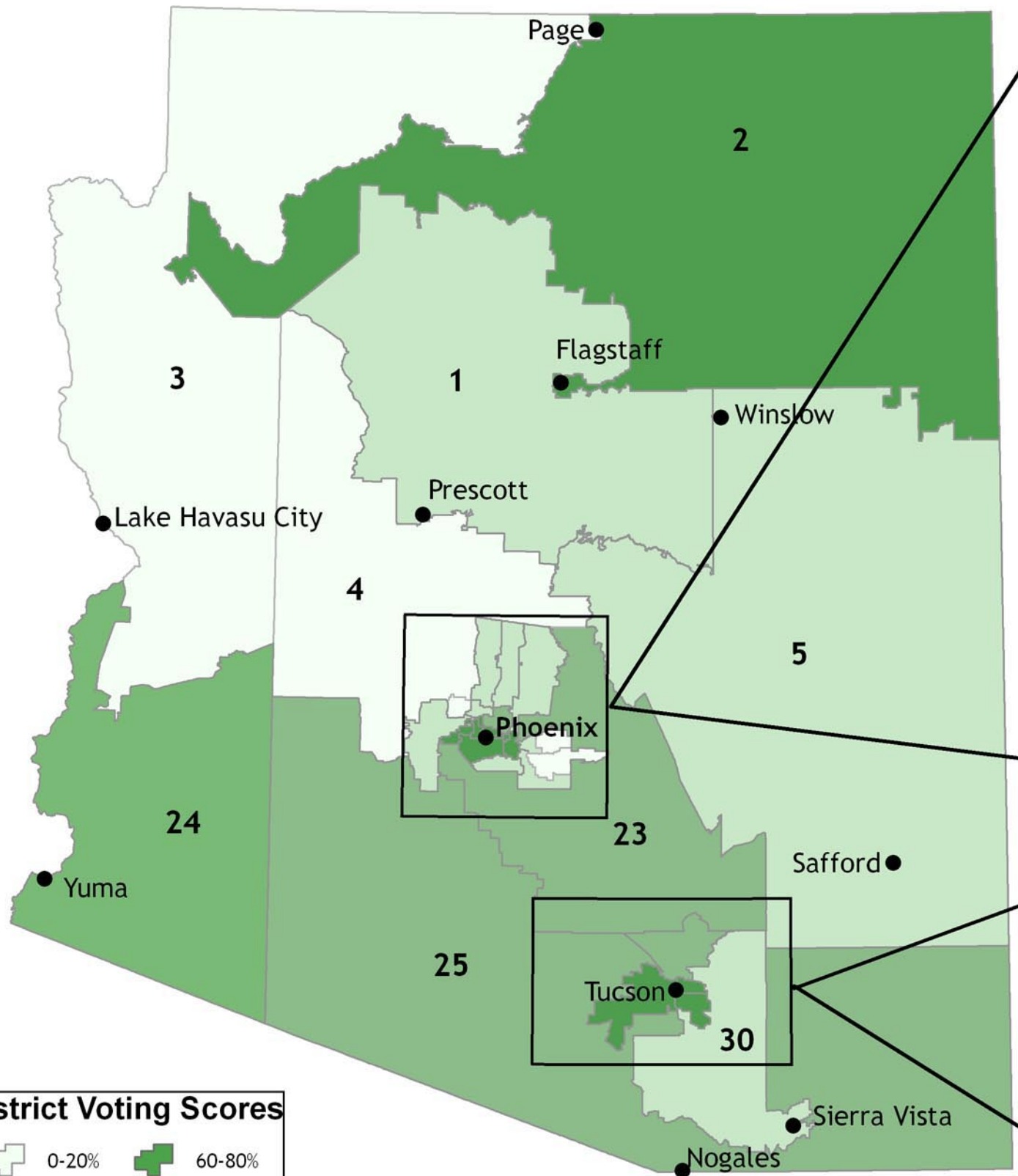
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March 22, 2010

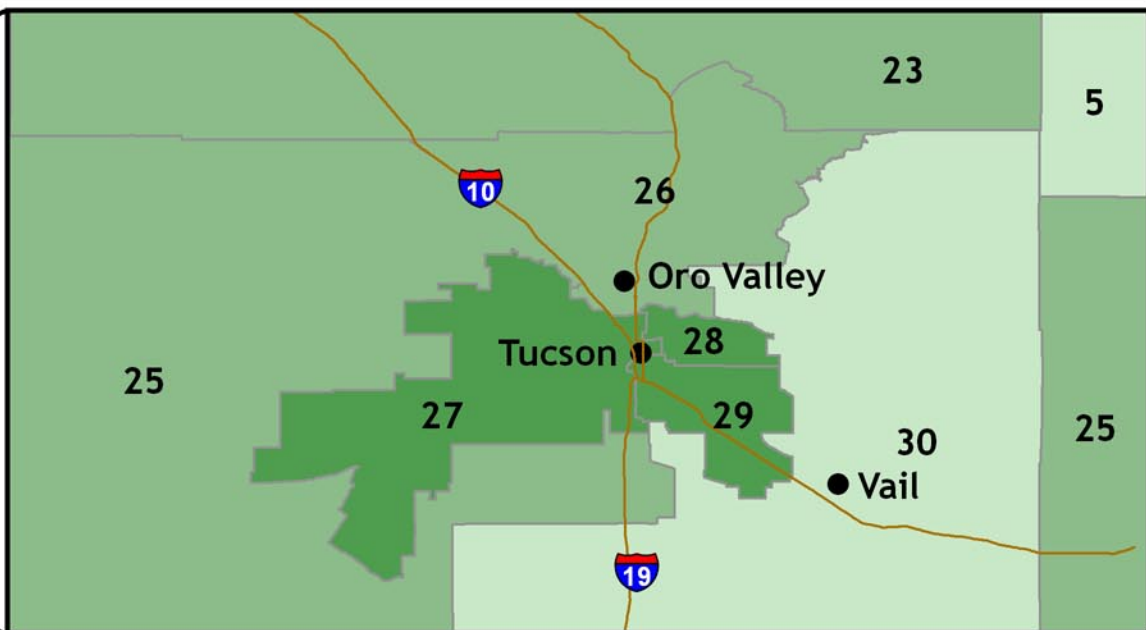
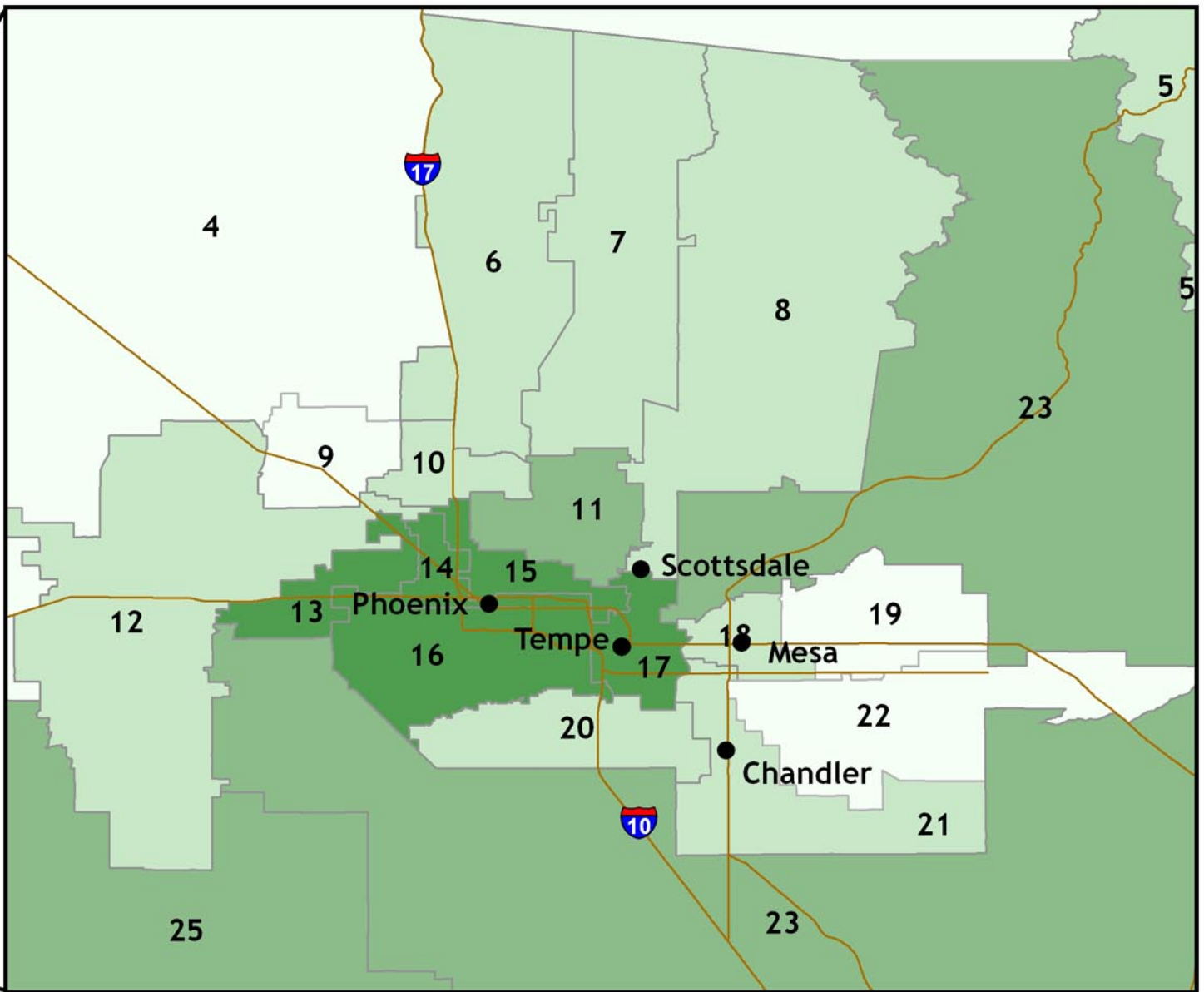
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# Map of District Scores







# House voting tally & COMMITTEE SCORES

The AZLCV scores are based on floor votes, and not votes taken in committee. However, it is important that we understand the makeup of the committees to which a majority of bills dealing with our natural environment are sent for consideration. Here are snapshots of four House committees that are especially important to conservation.

## House Environment

Member	Party	District	Score
Ray Barnes (chair)	R	7	32%
Frank Pratt (vice chair)	R	23	37%
Ed Ableser	D	17	92%
Martha Garcia	D	13	100%
Russell Jones	R	24	41%
Lucy Mason	R	1	46%
Barbara McGuire	D	23	39%
Amanda Reeve	R	6	35%

**Committee Average Score: 53%**

## House Natural Resources & Rural Affairs

Member	Party	District	Score
Bill Konopnicki (chair)	R	5	36%
Russell Jones (vice chair)	R	24	41%
Christopher Deschene	D	2	100%
Patricia Fleming	D	25	92%
John McComish	R	20	25%
Lynne Pancrazi	D	24	76%
Frank Pratt	R	23	37%
Jerry Weiers	R	12	30%

**Committee Average Score: 55%**



## Scorecard Key

- ✓ = Pro-environment vote
- ✗ = Anti-environment vote
- = Not voting (counts against score)
- EA = Excused absence (does not count against score)

## Scorecard Bills

A Green Vote is:  
Weight:

REPRESENTATIVE		
Ableser	92%	D
Adams	25%	R
Antenori *	39%	R
Ash	51%	R
Barnes	32%	R
Barto	26%	R
Biggs	7%	R
Boone	21%	R
Bradley	100%	D
Brown	47%	D
Burges	10%	R
Cajero Bedford	95%	D
Campbell, Chad	100%	D
Campbell, Cloves	79%	D
Chabin	95%	D
Court	12%	R
Crandall	30%	R
Deschene	100%	D
Driggs	32%	R
Farley	95%	D
Fleming	92%	D
Garcia	100%	D
Goodale	30%	R
Gowan	27%	R
Heinz	71%	D
Hendrix	26%	R
Jones	41%	R
Kavanagh	11%	R
Konopnicki	36%	R
Lesko	12%	R

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	HB2060	HB2289	HB2290	HB2337	HB2442	HB2451	HB2574	HB2599	HB2617	HB2700	HCR2008	SB1200	SB1254	SB1359	SB1445	SCR1047
	Public conservation monies; transfer	Water recharge; direct use	Waste tires in abandoned mines	AZ manufactured incandescent mines	Greenhouse gas emissions; regulations	Line extensions; utility infrastructure; charges	Renewable energy districts	State parks fund; voluntary contributions	Mining amendments; water; permits; rules	Solar energy tax incentives; extension	NOW: Hunting and fishing; constitutional rights	NOW: Game and fish commission; board	NOW: Research; development; production; tax credit	Department of water resources; fund	Groundwater transportation; Big Chino sub-basin	State lands; military installation preservation
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\* Antenori has been scored in the House and Senate because he replaced Sen. Jonathan Paton in March 2010

# House voting tally

## & COMMITTEE SCORES *continued*

### House Water & Energy

Member	Party	District	Score
Lucy Mason (chair)	R	1	46%
David Stevens (vice chair)	R	25	34%
Christopher Deschene	D	2	100%
Doris Goodale	R	3	30%
Daniel Patterson	D	29	95%
Jerry Weiers	R	12	30%
Nancy Young-Wright	D	26	95%

**Committee Average Score: 61%**

### House Transportation & Infrastructure

Member	Party	District	Score
Andy Biggs (chair)	R	22	7%
Judy Burges (vice chair)	R	4	10%
Steve Farley	D	28	95%
Nancy McLain	R	3	12%
Eric Meyer	D	11	93%
Amanda Reeve	R	6	35%
Ted Vogt	R	30	31%
Rae Waters	D	20	89%

**Committee Average Score: 47%**

### Scorecard Key

- ✓ = Pro-environment vote
- ✗ = Anti-environment vote
- = Not voting (counts against score)
- EA = Excused absence (does not count against score)

### Scorecard Bills

A Green Vote is:  
Weight:

#### REPRESENTATIVE

Lopes	91%	D
Lujan	100%	D
Mason	46%	R
McComish	25%	R
McGuire	39%	D
McLain	12%	R
Meyer	93%	D
Meza	92%	D
Miranda	74%	D
Montenegro	20%	R
Murphy	12%	R
Nichols	35%	R
Pancrazi	76%	D
Patterson	95%	D
Pratt	37%	R
Quelland	26%	R
Reagan	32%	R
Reeve	35%	R
Schapira	94%	D
Seel	12%	R
Sinema	100%	D
Stevens	34%	R
Tobin	32%	R
Tovar	100%	D
Vogt	31%	R
Waters	89%	D
Weiers, Jerry	30%	R
Weiers, Jim	12%	R
Williams	36%	R
Yarborough	25%	R
Young-Wright	95%	D



Courtesy Beverly Adams



# Senate voting tally & COMMITTEE SCORES

The AZLCV scores are based on floor votes, and not votes taken in committee. However, it is important that we understand the makeup of the committees to which a majority of bills dealing with our natural environment are sent for consideration. Here are snapshots of two Senate committees that are especially important to conservation.

## Senate Natural Resources, Infrastructure and Public Debt

Member	Party	District	Score
John Nelson (chair)	R	12	37%
Steve Pierce (vice chair)	R	1	19%
Amanda Aguirre	D	24	79%
Sylvia Allen	R	5	11%
Albert Hale	D	2	75%
Al Melvin	R	26	25%
Leah Landrum-Taylor	D	16	100%

**Committee Average Score: 48%**

## Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Natural Resources

Member	Party	District	Score
Steve Pierce (chair)	R	1	19%
Paula Aboud	D	28	92%
Russell Pearce	R	18	12%

**Committee Average Score: 41%**

## Scorecard Key

- ✓ = Pro-environment vote
- ✗ = Anti-environment vote
- = Not voting (counts against score)
- EA = Excused absence (does not count against score)

## Scorecard Bills

A Green Vote is:  
Weight:

### SENATOR

Aboud	92%	D
Aguirre	79%	D
Allen, Carolyn	42%	R
Allen, Sylvia	11%	R
Alvarez	44%	D
Antenori	20%	R
Braswell	27%	R
Bunch	26%	R
Burns	15%	R
Burton-Cahill	100%	D
Cheuvront	78%	D
Garcia	100%	D
Gould	12%	R
Gray, Chuck	6%	R
Gray, Linda	26%	R
Hale	75%	D
Harper	19%	R
Huppenthal	12%	R
Landrum-Taylor	100%	D
Leff	21%	R
Lopez	94%	D
McCune-Davis	100%	D
Melvin	25%	R
Miranda	100%	D
Nelson	37%	R
Pearce	12%	R
Pierce	19%	R
Rios	89%	D
Tibshraeny	46%	R
Verschuur	20%	R



Courtesy Ajay Tallam





# Good Ideas Left Behind by Melissa Ramsey

This year, the legislature was able to get hundreds of bills through to the Governor in record time. Of all of the bills that were submitted to her, she only used her veto power 4% of the time. Unfortunately, there were a number of bills and resolutions left behind that could have helped Arizona's budget crisis while helping the environment, bills that would have protected wildlife and bills that would have made Arizona a leader in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

*Here are some of those good ideas that were left behind this year:*

## HB 2264 Bald eagle; endangered species act

**Edward Ableser (D-Tempe)** has sponsored some good legislation, and this one would have been great for threatened and endangered (T & E) species. This bill would have set a standard in Arizona for classifying and studying T & E species. It has guidelines for monitoring, and it could have been a real step towards T & E species protection in this state. It would have also put the bald eagle on the endangered species list until 2017.

## HB 2356 Green buildings; recovery funding

This bill was sponsored by Representative **Kyrsten Sinema (D-Phoenix)** and would have required public buildings and private buildings constructed with a minimum of 50% public funds to conform to a minimum energy efficiency standard after 2013. Existing public buildings undergoing energy retrofitting equal to at least 35% of the value of the existing building would also be required to conform to the standard. Federal recovery funds are to be used for these buildings when possible. Additionally, recovery funds are made available for residential weatherization projects.

## HB 2744 Bottled water surcharge

**Representative Lucy Mason (R-Prescott)** was recognizing the problem of disposable plastic water bottles with this legislation. This bill would have levied a surcharge on businesses selling bottled water at a rate of 5 cents for each bottle sold individually, 5% of the retail price for multi-bottle packages, and 5 cents per gallon for dispensed water. The surcharge would have been a source of funding for the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and it would have deterred businesses from selling bottled water. Even though bottled water production and waste is a serious environmental problem, half of our legislators in the House Water and Energy Committee decided this bill wasn't worth their vote.

## HB 2747 Multifamily dwellings; recycling

**Representative Martha Garcia (D-Phoenix)** has brought this bill to the legislature for the past 3 years. Each year it gets no attention although it's a great idea. She recognizes that multifamily dwellings produce just as much waste as single family dwellings. She attempted again to address the issue by requiring cities with populations of more than 75,000 to have curbside recycling by 2012 and recycling pick-up at apartments by 2014 if the city doesn't already have recycling. With cities that have curbside recycling already, this bill would have given them until 2011 to implement recycling pick-up at apartments.

## HCR 2028 Supporting energy efficiency rules

This resolution would have put to the ballot the question of whether to allow the Corporation Commission to adopt energy efficiency rules that would require public utilities to design Demand Side Management (DSM) programs. DSM programs would promote energy efficiency from all ratepayers by offering incentives and establishing energy reduction goals by using programs such as weatherization, home energy audits, promoting CFL lighting, etc. **Representative Christopher Deschene (D-St. Michaels)** didn't have the chance to ask voters if we wanted have cheaper energy costs.

## HCR 2040 Sustainable state parks fund

This resolution had the conservation community and park supporters up in arms this year. **Representative Russ Jones (R-Yuma)** was asking the legislature to put to the ballot the question of whether to add a \$9 fee to vehicle registrations to be deposited into a Sustainable State Parks Fund. With this fee, all Arizonans would be able to get free day use for State Parks all year if they were displaying Arizona vehicle registration tags. This would have been a great solution to the budget problems with our state parks, but it was unfortunately blocked by **Representative John Kavanagh (R-Fountain Hills)**.

## HCR 2044 Fund sweeps; prohibition

With the legislature sweeping multiple funds, including the Land Conservation Account and Heritage Fund, this resolution would have responded to the future threat of the legislature continuing this pattern. **Representative Chad Campbell (D-Phoenix)** was asking the legislature to put to the ballot the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit the legislature from sweeping funds. Unfortunately, this good idea didn't make it through the legislature.

# What's Next?

**So now you know who was good and bad on the environment this year.  
What can you do next?**

## **Vote for environmentally responsible candidates!**

Our environment needs to be a top priority for voters and our representatives: We need strong green representation at the state capitol to push legislation that will protect our air and water and preserve our land and the natural heritage that is the reason that so many of us choose to live in Arizona.

## **Join or renew your membership.**

Basic membership is \$35 but consider an additional gift to support our work. Many of our members choose to contribute monthly, consider supporting the league every month with a contribution of \$10, \$25 or even \$50 per month.

**Renew your membership or become a monthly donor instantly online at**

**<http://azlcv.org> and click on **Donate Now****

**Or mail a check to:** AZLCV, P.O. Box 40154, Tucson, AZ 85717

## **Volunteer...**

to walk neighborhoods with the AZLCV or in support of environmentally responsible candidates.

## **Share...**

what you know about environmental candidates, legislation and the AZLCV with your friends, family and neighbors. As we reach more concerned Arizonans our voice becomes stronger. Encourage friends to join our E-Action Alert list or our Facebook page to keep up with our work.

## **Follow us...**

on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/azlcv](http://www.twitter.com/azlcv) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/azlcv](http://www.facebook.com/azlcv) for regular updates and news.

## **Sign up 5 friends...**

as new League members or host a house party to tell your friends about our work. Call Melissa Ramsey in Tucson (520) 622-2819 for more information.



## **Here's a new member for the Arizona League of Conservation Voters!**

Enclosed is my contribution\* of: ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$35

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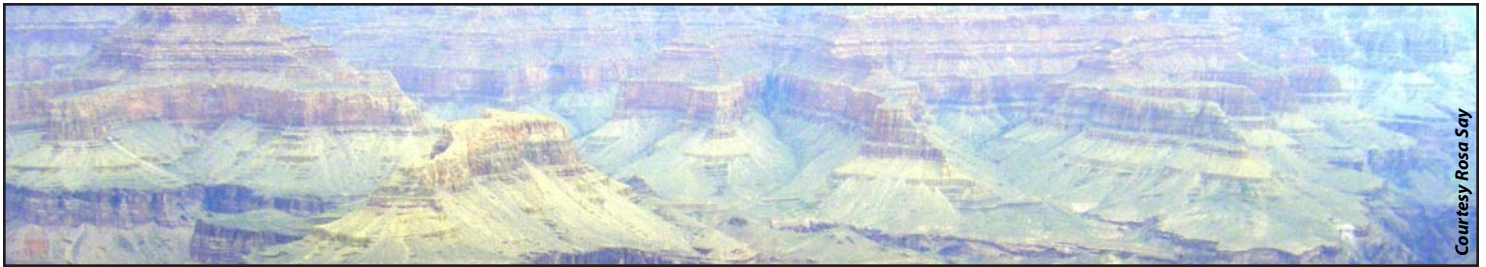
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# 49<sup>th</sup> Legislature Members & Scores: 2010 & Lifetime

	2010	Life		2010	Life		2010	Life
<b>District 1</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>District 11</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>District 21</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>45%</b>
Sen. Steve Pierce <i>Prescott</i>	19%	19%	Sen. Barbara Leff <i>Paradise Valley</i>	21%	50%	Sen. Jay Tibshraeny <i>Chandler</i>	46%	56%
Rep. Andrew Tobin <i>Paulden</i>	32%	57%	Rep. Adam Driggs <i>Phoenix</i>	32%	51%	Rep. Steven Yarbrough <i>Chandler</i>	25%	42%
Rep. Lucy Mason <i>Prescott</i>	46%	53%	Rep. Eric Meyer <i>Paradise Valley</i>	93%	93%	Rep. Warde Nichols <i>Chandler</i>	35%	36%
<b>District 2</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>District 12</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>District 22</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>27%</b>
Sen. Albert Hale <i>Window Rock</i>	75%	81%	Sen. John Nelson <i>Glendale</i>	37%	50%	Sen. Thayer Verschoor <i>Gilbert</i>	20%	32%
Rep. Christopher Deschene <i>St. Michaels</i>	100%	100%	Rep. Jerry Weiers <i>Glendale</i>	30%	43%	Rep. Andy Biggs <i>Gilbert</i>	7%	20%
Rep. Tom Chabin <i>Flagstaff</i>	95%	98%	Rep. Steve Montenegro <i>Glendale</i>	20%	32%	Rep. Laurin Hendrix <i>Gilbert</i>	26%	30%
<b>District 3</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>District 13</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>District 23</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>63%</b>
Sen. Ron Gould <i>Lake Havasu City</i>	12%	10%	Sen. Richard Miranda <i>Tolleson</i>	100%	92%	Sen. Rebecca Rios <i>Apache Junction</i>	89%	93%
Rep. Doris Goodale <i>Lake Havasu City</i>	30%	34%	Rep. Anna Tovar <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	100%	Rep. Barbara McGuire <i>Kearny</i>	39%	52%
Rep. Nancy McLain <i>Bullhead City</i>	12%	42%	Rep. Martha Garcia <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	95%	Rep. Frank Pratt <i>Casa Grande</i>	37%	45%
<b>District 4</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>District 14</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>District 24</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>71%</b>
Sen. Jack Harper <i>Surprise</i>	19%	31%	Sen. Debbie McCune-Davis <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	95%	Sen. Amanda Aguirre <i>Yuma</i>	79%	80%
Rep. Judy Burges <i>Skull Valley</i>	10%	22%	Rep. Chad Campbell <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	100%	Rep. Lynne Pancrazi <i>Yuma</i>	76%	80%
Rep. Tom Boone <i>Peoria</i>	21%	51%	Rep. Robert Meza <i>Phoenix</i>	92%	92%	Rep. Russell Jones <i>Yuma</i>	41%	53%
<b>District 5</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>District 15</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>District 25</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>68%</b>
Sen. Sylvia Allen <i>Snowflake</i>	11%	7%	Sen. Ken Chevront <i>Phoenix</i>	78%	83%	Sen. Manuel Alvarez <i>Elfrida</i>	44%	76%
Rep. Bill Konopnicki <i>Safford</i>	36%	49%	Rep. David Lujan <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	96%	Rep. David Stevens <i>Sierra Vista</i>	34%	35%
Rep. Jack Brown <i>St. Johns</i>	47%	66%	Rep. Kyrsten Sinema <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	89%	Rep. Patricia Fleming <i>Sierra Vista</i>	92%	93%
<b>District 6</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>District 16</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>District 26</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>56%</b>
Sen. David Braswell <i>Anthem</i>	27%	27%	Sen. Leah Landrum-Taylor <i>Phoenix</i>	100%	94%	Sen. Al Melvin <i>Tucson</i>	25%	30%
Rep. Carl Seel <i>Anthem</i>	12%	23%	Rep. Ben Miranda <i>Phoenix</i>	74%	88%	Rep. Nancy Young-Wright <i>Tucson</i>	95%	95%
Rep. Amanda Reeve <i>Anthem</i>	35%	35%	Rep. Cloves Campbell Jr. <i>Phoenix</i>	79%	91%	Rep. Vic Williams <i>Tucson</i>	36%	44%
<b>District 7</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>District 17</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>District 27</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>95%</b>
Sen. Ed Bunch <i>Phoenix</i>	26%	26%	Sen. Meg Burton-Cahill <i>Tempe</i>	100%	99%	Sen. Jorge Luis Garcia <i>Tucson</i>	100%	93%
Rep. Nancy Barto <i>Phoenix</i>	26%	42%	Rep. David Schapira <i>Tempe</i>	94%	99%	Rep. Olivia Cajero-Bedford <i>Tucson</i>	95%	96%
Rep. Ray Barnes <i>Phoenix</i>	32%	44%	Rep. Edward Ableser <i>Tempe</i>	92%	96%	Rep. Phil Lopes <i>Tucson</i>	91%	95%
<b>District 8</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>District 18</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>District 28</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>97%</b>
Sen. Carolyn Allen <i>Scottsdale</i>	42%	62%	Sen. Russell Pearce <i>Mesa</i>	12%	20%	Sen. Paula Aboud <i>Tucson</i>	92%	96%
Rep. John Kavanagh <i>Fountain Hills</i>	11%	30%	Rep. Cecil Ash <i>Mesa</i>	51%	52%	Rep. David Bradley <i>Tucson</i>	100%	97%
Rep. Michele Reagan <i>Scottsdale</i>	32%	59%	Rep. Steve Court <i>Mesa</i>	12%	27%	Rep. Steve Farley <i>Tucson</i>	95%	98%
<b>District 9</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>District 19</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>District 29</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>89%</b>
Sen. Robert Burns <i>Peoria</i>	15%	37%	Sen. Chuck Gray <i>Mesa</i>	6%	31%	Sen. Linda Lopez <i>Tucson</i>	94%	94%
Rep. Debbie Lesko <i>Glendale</i>	12%	21%	Rep. Kirk Adams <i>Mesa</i>	25%	35%	Rep. Daniel Patterson <i>Tucson</i>	95%	94%
Rep. Rick Murphy <i>Glendale</i>	12%	22%	Rep. Rich Crandall <i>Mesa</i>	30%	37%	Rep. Matt Heinz <i>Tucson</i>	71%	80%
<b>District 10</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>District 20</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>District 30</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Sen. Linda Gray <i>Glendale</i>	26%	45%	Sen. John Huppenthal <i>Chandler</i>	12%	38%	Sen. Frank Antenori <i>Tucson</i>	20%	20%
Rep. Doug Quelland <i>Phoenix</i>	26%	41%	Rep. John McComish <i>Phoenix</i>	25%	47%	Rep. David Gowan <i>Tucson</i>	27%	32%
Rep. Jim Weiers <i>Phoenix</i>	12%	46%	Rep. Rae Waters <i>Ahwatukee</i>	89%	95%	Rep. Frank Antenori <i>Tucson</i>	39%	38%
						Rep. Ted Vogt <i>Tucson</i>	31%	31%