

Argument for Prop \_\_\_\_

I have noticed that race has become increasingly important to the government. Think about every form you fill out and that there's a section requesting your race. It is time to move beyond race. It's condescending to send the message that women and minorities can't succeed without the government administering some type of affirmative action.

I was elected Arizona State Treasurer in 1998. At the time, Jane Hull was Governor, Janet Napolitano was Attorney General, Betsy Bayless was Secretary of State and Lisa Graham Keegan was Superintendent of Public Instruction. To suggest that women need some special assistance in Arizona is outrageous and untrue. I haven't been given anything by the "grace of government." I have worked hard my entire life and achieved as a woman, and I'm not alone. I didn't need the benefits of affirmative action, and I resent any perception that anything was given to me that I didn't earn.

In November, Arizona will have the chance to eliminate these preferences. Prop \_\_\_\_ is simple; it will ban granting preferences to anyone on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in three areas -- public contracting, public employment and public education. Arizona should be a fair state where everyone competes equally based on their qualifications.

People who oppose Prop \_\_\_\_ say the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women will be eliminated. Untrue! It is not related to public employment, contracting or education. Opponents say teen parenting programs will be eliminated. False! Parenting programs available to both mothers and fathers are unaffected. And by the way, why wouldn't taxpayer dollars fund programs for single fathers as well as single mothers? Are children not just as affected? All citizens must be entitled to services regardless of race or sex.

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This instrument was acknowledged before me, the undersigned Officer, this 16th day of June, 2010, by Carol Springer who personally appeared and acknowledged herself to be Supervisor Carol Springer of Yavapai County, Arizona, a Body Politic, and that she, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument on her behalf for the purposes therein contained.

My Commission expires: 2/23/13



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