

Resolution to endorse and support the InvestinEd Initiative for the November 3, 2020  
General Election

Whereas, public education is a fundamental human right and a thriving public school system is an integral part of a community's economic and social strength; and

Whereas, public schools in Arizona have been starved, year after year, of the crucial funding necessary to meet the needs of educating Arizona's children; and

Whereas, the Arizona Legislative majority has continuously failed to provide equitable funding to public school districts throughout the state, favoring instead to cut taxes for the wealthiest Arizonans and corporations at the expense of Arizona's public schools; and

Whereas, the Legislative majority and the Governor have continuously failed to meet their constitutional obligation to fund public education; and

Whereas, the lack of funding has harmed Arizona's public schools to the extent that Arizona ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation for teacher pay, last for student-to-counselor ratio, and there are over 1,800 classrooms in the state without a certified teacher; and

Whereas, every school day that passes without remedying this funding crisis is a day that Arizona families are denied a thriving public school system and a day in which more educators permanently leave the profession, seeking commensurate pay and improved working conditions; and

Whereas, the lack of action by the legislature and the governor means the solution to this funding crisis is a citizen-led initiative that, when passed, will be a constitutionally- protected funding source providing approximately \$940 million in additional revenue to raise both certified and classified salaries, provide for teacher certification training and expand educational programs such as Dual Enrollment (DE), Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Advanced Placement (AP);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party endorses and supports the InvestinEd Initiative as a citizen-initiated proposition for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party encourages all Democratic precinct committeepersons, County Parties, Legislative Districts, Democratic candidates and Elected Officials, as well as party volunteers to work to ensure the successful adoption of the initiative at the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Agreed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 by the State Committee of the Arizona Democratic Party.

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