

Citizens Referendum Power

Protecting Citizens' Initiative Power



Missouri has been well-served by its current citizen ballot initiative process, which has been in place for more than 100 years. We say “NO” to any attempt to weaken Missouri citizens’ power of the ballot initiative.

Missouri REALTORS® strongly support keeping the citizens’ ballot initiative process accessible for Missourians. We oppose limiting or weakening this important right of direct citizen participation in our government.

Missourians for Fair Governance (MFG) is a campaign committee created to watch out for legislative efforts to weaken our citizens’ rights to take matters directly to the ballot and bypass politicians. The 26,000 members of Missouri REALTORS® created MFG because we are committed to protecting citizens’ rights to direct democracy and majority rule.

The people’s right to the citizen initiative petition has been in the Missouri Constitution for more than 100 years and has been used many times by citizens to protect their rights from special interests and politicians.

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This means citizens have the ultimate say.

Missouri REALTORS® has used the citizen initiative process to help Missourians in recent years:

- *In 2010, REALTORS® proposed and Missourians approved prohibiting the burden of a type of sales tax on homebuyers.*
- *In 2016, REALTORS® proposed and Missourians approved prohibiting sales taxes on everyday services like haircuts and car repairs.*

This is not a partisan issue.

Here is a statement from Missouri REALTORS® leadership:

“Our opposition to restricting or eliminating the initiative petition process has nothing to do with picking a side on any partisan issue.

Special interests would like you to believe it is about partisanship, but repeatedly the initiative petition process has given the citizens of this state the power to reform government, limit political overreach, and protect Missouri through bipartisan issues.”

Missouri REALTORS® stand with our fellow Missourians to defend the state Constitution and the citizens’ right to the initiative petition process.



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