

# Latina/o, Black, Native American, Asian, Arab, and White, Immigrants With & Without Papers—We Are All Arizonans!

## Keep ACRI Off the Ballot Defend Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Build the New Civil Rights Movement

We must unite together as people of all races, immigrants with and without papers, to stop ACRI, the attack on affirmative action, equal opportunity, and integration in Arizona. ACRI is the one ballot proposal aimed at increasing discrimination against and inequality for all of Arizona's minority communities and women. The aim of ACRI is to deny every Latina/o, black and Native American young person, even those everyone regards as our brightest stars, from being able to go to college and become doctors, lawyers, teachers, or engineers.

Deceptively called the "Arizona Civil Rights Initiative," ACRI is nothing more than an attempt by the racists in this state to broaden their anti-Latina/o and anti-immigrant campaigns into an attack against every brown and black person in this state. The KKK-supported ACRI is a ballot initiative to amend the State Constitution to ban all affirmative action programs in Arizona. ACRI would outlaw all the equal opportunity programs won out of the civil rights movement that combat *de facto* segregation and open the doors to college and job opportunities for minorities and women.

Racism and sexism still structure opportunity. If ACRI reaches its goal of collecting 230,000 signatures before its July 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline and passes this November, it will drive out Latina/o, black, Native American and other minority students and women from the state's universities. Separate and unequal would be institutionalized in Arizona.

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If you think you *might* have signed ACRI, REMOVE YOUR SIGNATURE by downloading the affidavit at the STOP ACRI website and turning it in before July 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00PM. You must sign it in front of a notary: take it to the Secretary of State's office (where it can be notarized), or get it notarized elsewhere (i.e., a bank) and mail or fax it to: *Arizona Secretary of State / 1700 W. Washington St., 7th Fl. / Phoenix, AZ 85007 Fax: (602) 542-6172*

### DO NOT SIGN THE ACRI OR ANY ANTI-LATINA/O, ANTI-IMMIGRANT PETITIONS

IF YOU SPOT AN ACRI PETITION CIRCULATOR  
TAKE THESE 4 CRUCIAL STEPS:

WATCH VIDEOS OF ACTUAL FRAUD-BLOCKING  
AT [BAMN.COM/STOPACRI/FRAUDFINDER.ASP](http://BAMN.COM/STOPACRI/FRAUDFINDER.ASP)

- 1) Refuse to sign the ACRI petition. Then refuse to sign any of the petitions and let the circulator know that so long as they are circulating ACRI, you will not sign their other petitions and you will tell everyone to do the same. This will discourage the person from circulating ACRI at all. The ACRI petition reads:

*"A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OR DISCRIMINATION BY STATE GOVERNMENT"*

- 2) Call our Hotline immediately. Let us know the location of the ACRI petition circulator so we can get there right away. Call [602.579.1370](tel:602.579.1370). (Program this into your cellphone now.)
- 3) Tie up their time in debate and tell potential signers "don't sign for racism and fraud." Let people know before they sign that the ACRI is:
  - a racist initiative that's *for* segregation and is *supported by the KKK and the Minutemen!*
  - anti-civil rights and anti-affirmative action.
  - *against* equal opportunity for women and minorities.
- 4) Become a volunteer organizer. Spread the word. Help build our network of ACRI petition circulator blockers. To attend a training session, please call [602.579.1370](tel:602.579.1370).

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## **Do Not Sign Any Anti-Immigrant and Anti-Latina/o Petitions** *Latina/o, Black, Native American, Asian, Arab, and White, Immigrants With and Without Papers—We Are All Arizonans!*

There are petitions being circulated that would result in the growth of prejudice and discrimination against Arizona's Latina/o and immigrant communities. They go by several names, including the "Stop Illegal Hiring Act" and another requiring Arizona to "comply with and assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws." Their aim is the same—to divide and weaken the struggles of the black, Latina/o, and Native American and immigrant communities for justice and equality in this state. Latina/o, black, Native American, Asian, Arab, and white, and poor and working people can only win the dignity, respect, and livelihood we deserve and improve the living standards of our families and communities if we stand together and fight. Arizona has been and will continue to be a multiracial and multicultural state. It can also be a state in which equality, freedom, and basic democratic rights are extended to all.



If we unite, we win. Building the new integrated youth-led civil rights movement is the key to victory. Our communities have tremendous power. The new civil rights movement is the real hope for progress, prosperity, freedom and justice in our state. And, so like Martin Luther King and César Chávez, we march.

We march to stop ACRI and all the attacks on the Latina/o and immigrant communities. We march to defeat the new Jim Crow. We march to end second-class treatment for brown and black. We march because when we march together we can see and feel the power we possess. We march because it is the only way for our state and our nation to progress and realize our ideals of democracy, freedom and justice. We march to win.

For too long, the right-wing racists of Arizona have gotten away with scapegoating undocumented people and trying to pit black, Latina/o, and immigrant communities against each other. Their aim is to weaken the struggle for equality. We can end this now. If we fight together and keep ACRI off the ballot, we can hand the right-wing a significant defeat. If we win this fight, we can stop the tidal wave of racist anti-immigrant, anti-Latina/o attacks ripping apart our state.

### **Keep ACRI Off the Ballot**

The only sure way to defeat ACRI is to keep it off the ballot. Mass community mobilizing led by BAMN succeeded at keeping identical initiatives off the ballot earlier this year in Missouri and Oklahoma. We can win here if we can stop voters from signing the ballot petitions for ACRI. The people who are circulating the

petitions lie about what ACRI is about. Signature gathers are paid huge sums of money to gather voters' signatures and they flat-out lie to get those signatures. We need people standing next to them telling voters the truth. We need people telling voters the truth that the Klan backs ACRI and that those who circulate or sign the petition are supporting racism. We need volunteers to tell people **DO NOT SIGN THE ACRI PETITION**.

The days when any racist with enough money can use Arizona's ballot initiative process to take away our rights and opportunities must come to an end.

### **Latina/o, Black, Native American, Asian, Arab, and White, Immigrants With and Without Papers— We Are All Arizonans**

The massive solidarity demonstrated in the marches and walkouts of spring 2006, led first and foremost by the Latina/o community and actively supported by broad sections of this state, defeated the racist, reactionary anti-immigrant HR 4437 and show the method of mass struggle and unity that can win.

Join us in making clear to the State of Arizona that we need to stand up together to stop the resegregation of our state. Take a stand for the rights of Latina/o, black, and other minority students and women to go to college, and for the rights of all people to live with dignity and be treated with respect. Become a leader of the new civil rights movement and lead this nation out of the darkness of fear, prejudice, cynicism and despair—the hallmarks of the right wing program for America—and into the light of optimism, progress and hope. ¡Sí Se Puede!

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## **BAMN COMMITTEE TO STOP ACRI**

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