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## Free Enterprise Club leader endorses initiative wording

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Steve Voeller, president of the Arizona Free Enterprise Club, endorsed the Arizona Legislative Council's adopted ballot description of the Transportation and Infrastructure Moving Arizona's Economy initiative Monday.

The initiative would raise the state sales-tax rate to 6.6 percent, up from 5.6 percent - a 17.8 percent increase. The money would go for transportation, wildlife, and beautification projects.

The tax increase would total \$1.4 billion a year, according to an Arizona Free Enterprise news release.

TIME initiative supporters are against the ballot description approved by the Legislative Council because it directly says the proposed change would amount to a 17.8 percent increase.

TIME supporters had hoped to refer to the tax as a penny on the dollar.

"This is straight out of the 'You've Got to Be Kidding Me' file," Voeller said.

"It is not often that lawsuits are filed over information that plaintiffs concede is accurate."