

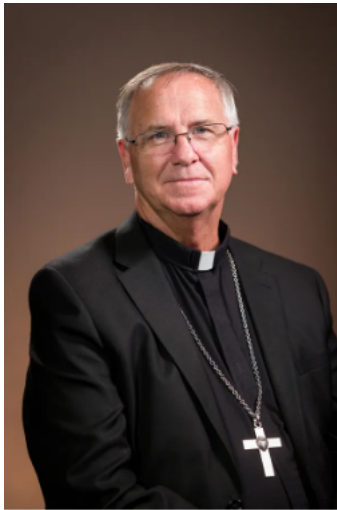


Mental Health MINISTRY

ADVOCACY CALL TO ACTION

SUPPORT PROPOSITION 409

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



"I stand behind Prop 409 Ballot Argument as the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. More than 2 million Catholics call the Diocese of Phoenix home. As people of faith, we are called to care for the sick, accompany the suffering, and stand with the most vulnerable among us. The Diocese partners with more than 70 charitable and community organizations to provide practical support to those facing life's most difficult challenges—whether it be homelessness, job loss, abuse, or illness. As a survivor of suicide loss myself, it has brought special focus to mental health through the founding of the Diocesan Office of Mental Health Ministry—one of the first of its kind in the United States. This ministry is grounded in a deep commitment to care.

We believe that access to mental health treatment is an essential part of human dignity and community well-being. This belief aligns with the mission of Valleywise Health, which for decades has served as a true steward of care, especially for those in crisis and with nowhere else to turn.

Proposition 409 will allow Valleywise to expand its community-based services, add 200 modern behavioral health care beds, and increase access to timely life-saving care. These are not just health investments; they reflect our shared duty to care for one another and respect for the dignity of all human life.

Let us come together in faith and solidarity, lift up our neighbors. The Diocese encourages Maricopa County voters to support Proposition 409."

By: Most Reverend John P. Dolan
Bishop of Phoenix

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THE ISSUE:

Election Day: November 4, 2025 (All-Mail Ballot Begins October 8)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix joins a broad coalition in supporting **Proposition 409**, a crucial bond initiative to expand and modernize Valleywise Health facilities across Maricopa County.

Why It Matters: Valleywise Health has served our community for decades, but many of its clinics and facilities are outdated and overcrowded. With Maricopa County's population now exceeding 4.7 million, Proposition 409 will ensure continued access to quality public health and behavioral health care.

What Proposition 409 Will Fund:

- **\$220 million** to replace the aging 93-bed psychiatric hospital with a new 200-bed facility.
- **\$500 million** to rebuild neighborhood clinics, add outpatient specialty care and surgery centers.
- **\$177 million** to expand the main hospital, including emergency department capacity.

Funding:

- Property owners would pay through a secondary property tax.

Who Supports It:

- **Bishop John Dolan** of the Diocese of Phoenix
- Arizona Public Health Association
- Maricopa County Medical Society
- Arizona Medical Association
- Bipartisan political leaders including Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego, Former Governors Jan Brewer and Doug Ducey
- Business groups like Greater Phoenix Leadership and Valley Partnership
- Arizona Diamondbacks and Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona