

Voter Registration Drive Results in 568 New Rural Arizona Voters

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COOLIDGE — Rural Arizona Engagement(RAZE) wrapped up a months-long voter registration drive today resulting in 568 new voter registrations in Pinal and Pima counties. 60% of new registrations came from high school students who are now registered in time to vote in the 2022 General Election.

The nonpartisan registration effort was led by organizers and volunteers from rural Arizona who attended community events, visited high schools, and knocked on doors from September through November to get people the information they needed to confidently register to vote.

"This campaign provided an insight on not only how to organize and engage voters during an off-election year, but also what is needed to successfully engage rural Arizona," said RAZE Campaign Manager Sedona Lynch. "Our robust high school voter registration program, which resulted in 343 newly registered students, is a testament that young people are energized and eager to make their voices heard in their communities."

RAZE partnered with various southern Arizona high schools in this effort, including Mountain View High School, Poston Butte High School, and Santa Cruz Valley Union High School.

"There is still work left to be done to ensure all people eligible to vote across rural Arizona have the information they need to do so in the next election. Rural Arizona Engagement isn't finished yet," Lynch said.

RAZE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that aims to provide civic education, voter registration, and youth leadership development in rural Arizona. Learn more at <u>raze.org</u>.