

**Kent's Korner**  
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### **Support HB2374**

**"I never worry about action, but only about inaction."  
--Winston Churchill**

Sometimes, it does not take much to make a BIG difference.

In 2014 and 2015, GVR labored through its annual elections as it always had, expending thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours of staff and volunteer time to conduct a mail ballot of members. That's what was called for by GVR Bylaws and Arizona statute. At that time, electronic balloting was not expressly permitted for nonprofit corporations in Arizona.

With support of the GVR Board, members of the Board Affairs Committee and Bylaws Committee, and County Supervisor Ray Carroll (now Judge Carroll), I reached out to Representative Chris Ackerley, who was one of our elected representatives in the Arizona State Legislature to see about amending the Arizona Nonprofit Corp. Act to permit electronic balloting. Not only would electronic balloting for GVR save thousands of dollars in expense and hundreds of hours of staff and volunteer time during each election, it would also expedite the election process.

Our corporate attorney drafted the language and Rep. Ackerley introduced House Bill 2592, 'An Act Amending 10-3708, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating To Nonprofit Corporations' that if passed, would allow electronic balloting.

I worked closely with Rep. Ackerley to persuade his fellow representatives to support the legislation as it moved through the Arizona House, then Senate. Ultimately, HB2592 passed through the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Ducey in 2016, and GVR has benefited financially and otherwise ever since. Our first annual election that included electronic balloting as an option was successfully conducted in 2017.

Today's eBlast headline story about House Bill 2374, 'An Act Amending Sections 33-1801 and 33-1802, Arizona Revised Statutes; Relating To Planned Communities,' is a bit like déjà vu all over again, except that it may be of even greater importance and significance to GVR members in that it will help to ensure that GVR can continue to do "business as usual" in service to its members.

Take a small amount of time to make a BIG difference. Act to support passage of HB2374.

I thank you, and your fellow GVR members will thank you.