



# Our Principles for a Fair Budget

Massive budget cuts are taking Arizona in the wrong direction and damaging our state's economy, workforce, families and future. There are many alternative options available to balance the budget without cuts to jobs, education, health and human services. These alternatives include budget and revenue options as well as taxes that are fair. The Arizona Budget Coalition's alternatives will help Arizona recover from the economic recession, allow us to compete in the global economy, and create the kind of legacy we want to leave for the next generation. Our Coalition stands united in urging Governor Brewer and the legislature to balance the budget through a comprehensive approach – without spending cuts to education, health or human services – so that Arizona can save jobs and build our future.

## These are our principles for a fair budget:

1. **Make budget decisions in an open and transparent budget process** that includes opportunities for input from all legislators and the public.
2. **Reverse massive FY2009 cuts which caused devastating impact** on vital programs and services in education and universities and in health and human services.
3. **Do no further harm to Arizona economy** through additional unnecessary and reckless cuts to services or jobs on which our residents and our state's future depend.
4. **Use a comprehensive approach to balance our budget**, including federal stimulus funding, revenue enhancements, reasonable reductions in expenditures that avoid job loss, accounting adjustments, long-term financing, and rejection of irresponsible tax cuts.
5. **Keep people working** so our economy can recover – especially front-line employees delivering public services.
6. **Create a fair and adequate tax structure** to enable government to carry out its obligations and to stimulate long-term economic growth.
7. **Preserve state revenue sharing** to ensure local governments remain financially viable and able to contribute to a healthy economy.

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