



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, June 16, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Updates & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Community Services Update



City Council Events Schedule

June 16, 2023 thru November 11, 2023

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

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| Sat | June 17 | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | 10 th Annual Juneteenth Celebration Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ |
| Sat | June 17 | 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Summer Solstice in Downtown Tempe – Juneteenth Celebration Location: 7 th Street and Mill Avenue Plaza 7 th Street and Mill Avenue Plaza Tempe, AZ |
| Sun | June 18 | 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Juneteenth Celebration Location: Arizona Heritage Center 1300 N. College Avenue Tempe, AZ |
| Fri | June 23 | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Arizona Theatre Company: Partnership Stakeholder Dinner Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ |
| Fri | June 30 | 5:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. | Tempe Sister Cities Welcome Dinner Location: Arizona Community Church 9325 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ |
| Tues | Sept 12 | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | MYAC Kick-Off Retreat Location: Tempe History Museum 2500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ |
| Fri | Sept 22 | 4:00 p.m. – 11:59 p.m. | Boots in the Park Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ |

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| Wed | Sept 27 | 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | 40 th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Location: SRP Pera Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ |
| Sat | Nov 11 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Diwali and Veterans Day Assembly Location: Kyrene Del Norte Dual Language Academy 1331 E. Redfield Drive Tempe, AZ |

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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: June 16, 2023
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- FY 2024 Community Project/Congressionally Directed Funding Requests
- State Revenue Update
- State Legislative Update
- Grant Opportunities

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

FY 2024 Community Project/Congressionally Directed Funding Requests

As noted in the 3/17/23 memo, Tempe submitted projects for federal funding through the Appropriations process. These requests are known as Congressionally Directed Spending Requests, and also known as Community Project or Program Funding. The projects are required to meet standards relevant to the funding sources from specific federal departments and have capped amounts depending on the source. Currently, one of the projects is included in the draft House Energy and Water Appropriations bill under Congressman Stanton's Arizona environmental infrastructure authority. The draft includes \$1.89 million for Tempe's Recharge Well 4. We will continue to provide updates on this project and others through the process.

State Revenue Update

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee released a preliminary state general fund revenue update for May 2023. The report is available at [this link](#). Excerpts: "Combining the April and preliminary May results, the state's revenue collections are currently \$(175) million below forecast. Individual Income Tax (IIT) payments are the primary reason for the forecast shortfall. In April and May combined, IIT payments were \$(152) million below forecast."

State Legislative Update

Today is the 159th day of the 2023 state legislative session and 1,672 bills have been introduced. Of the 345 bills that have passed, 165 have been signed into law, and 111 have been vetoed.

The state budget bills have already been introduced, passed, and signed by the Governor. Typically, the legislature adjourns sine die (adjourns for the session until the next legislative session) soon after the passage of the budget. However, the legislature remains in session, even after acting on a number of items that were still under consideration weeks after the budget passage, including the Proposition 400 extension authorization language, and SB 1131, which eliminates the revenue from business engaged in residential rental. Both of these items are highlighted in the section below. Although the legislature had action on those topics and others, they remain in session.

The legislature is slated to resume activity on July 31st. The legislature may continue to stay in session after that time, potentially recessing again for a month.

The bills of interest to Tempe will be added to lists (described below). Bills of significant interest will be highlighted in memo summaries as the proposals are amended in the legislative process.

Bill Lists

Staff is analyzing legislative proposals as they become available. The lists will be adjusted to reflect the latest available information. Bills that have failed to meet deadlines or have not received sufficient votes will be noted as "Dead".

To note, based on a numerical lack of significant bill status updates this week, the tracking lists are similar to earlier weeks' lists and can be found at [this link](#) in the 4/14/23 Weekly Memo. Highlights of the budget were included in an earlier memo.

The tracking list that follows the 4/14/23 memo includes the summaries of bills that may be of interest to Tempe. These lists are not exhaustive, and as more analysis is done, comments will be included. Readers can use the search/find tool (keyboard shortcut: press "Ctrl" and the "F" key) to search for terms of interest, like "fireworks", "rentals", "zoning", "safety", etc. Readers can also search the list by department to quickly be brought to the header under which there is a sublist of bills that may impact a specific area of city operations, for example: "Community Development" or "FMR".

In addition to the bills on the tracking lists, the city also has monitored and engaged on proposals in areas including the following:

- Taxation Proposals

- SB 1131 now has a strike-everything amendment that revives the tax break for those in the business of residential rental. The city is opposed.
- This bill passed out of the legislature this week. As of this writing, the Governor has not taken action on this bill.
- Attached to this memo is a veto request from Mayor Woods to the Governor for SB 1131.
- Background on SB 1131:
 - This would result in an annual revenue loss to the city of over \$16 million, and would give a tax break to one specific type of company that would exclude them from contributing to the transaction privilege taxes that are remitted by other companies doing business in the city. These revenues from businesses that are engaged in residential rental fund programs, capital investments, infrastructure projects, public safety, and services including affordable housing construction and rental assistance.
 - Mayor Woods joined other Arizona mayors is signing a letter to the Governor to highlight the significant negative effects of removing the tax on residential rental businesses earlier in the session. The letter was included in an earlier memo attachment.
- *Earlier proposals:*
- The city opposes the tax break proposals for entities that are in the businesses of residential rentals and for businesses that sell food for home consumption, which have been introduced as HB 2067/SB 1184 and HB 2061/HB 1063/HB 1089, respectively.
 - This would result in a combined revenue loss to the city of over \$26 million annually, and would give a tax break to specific interests that would exclude them from contributing to the transaction privilege taxes that are remitted by other companies doing business in the city. These revenues fund programs, capital investments, infrastructure projects, public safety, and services including affordable housing construction and rental assistance.
 - HB 2067, SB 1184, HB 2061, and SB 1063 passed out of their respective initial committees on party line votes.
 - SB 1184 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1184 on 2/23/23. Governor's Office press release is at [this link](#) and the veto letter is linked [here](#).
 - SB 1063 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1063 on 3/28/23. The Governor's veto letter is linked [here](#).
 - Fiscal notes are available (and linked) on the following: [HB 2067](#), [SB 1184](#), [HB 2061](#), [SB 1063](#).
 - The League of AZ Cities and Towns has distributed materials noting the issues with these bills and those documents were attached to earlier memos.
 - Tweet with the video illustrating the important revenue streams is at [this link](#).
- Proposition 400 Extension Authorization
 - Throughout the session, there are a number of proposals that have been introduced on the topic of the extension of the Proposition 400 regional half-cent tax that supports transportation projects and programs in Maricopa County.
 - The city supports the development of legislation that will allow the voters of Maricopa County to vote on a proposal that would, if passed, enable the implementation of the unanimously-approved regional transportation plan. The city continues to urge that language that reflects the plan to be considered. That language is not available as a viable bill as of this writing.
 - *SB 1246 Amendment and Passage:*
 - This week, SB 1246 was amended to include language that raises legal questions, that may have been used to launch legal challenges to block the question of transportation investments from going before the voters. It put the concept of an extension of the tax in question (due to separating the transportation plan into two

- pieces), included non-germane language, and sought to undo projects that were included in the current Proposition 400.
- SB1246 was passed by the legislature this week. As of this writing, the Governor has not taken action on this bill, but has stated that she will veto the proposal (tweet at [this link](#)).
- The Maricopa Association of Governments' Regional Council Chair sent a veto request on behalf of the MAG member agencies. That letter is attached.
- Mayor Woods joined other Mayors in the region in signing a statement expressing disappointment that Prop400E was not advanced by the legislature and a commitment to working to get this question to the voters. That statement is attached to this memo.
- *Support for the unanimously-approved transportation plan and background:*
 - A letter from House and Senate Democratic legislators to the Governor is attached to an earlier memo. It supports a framework that would allow for the implementation of the unanimously-approved regional transportation plan.
 - An op-ed co-authored John Lewis, current CEO of East Valley Partnership and former Mayor of Gilbert is available at [this link](#). A petition from AZ Public Interest Research Group (AZ PIRG), the other author of the op-ed, is available at [this link](#).
 - An op-ed from the AZCentral Editorial Board regarding Prop 400 E is at [this link](#).
 - An op-ed by Congressman Stanton is at [this link](#).
 - Prop 400E comparison table, which summarizes main components of the latest versions of transportation proposals, has been put together by the Maricopa Association of Governments and is attached to an earlier memo.
- *Prop 400 E proposals throughout the session:*
 - The city opposed the strike-everything amendment on HB 1102, which has funding allocations and non-germane language that does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. This bill could be favorable with future amending language that brings the statutory language in line with the . regionally approved transportation plan. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 1246, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
 - The city supports HB 2527, which reflects the regional transportation plan which was unanimously approved by the elected representatives serving on the Maricopa Association of Governments, including Mayor Woods. This bill is dead.
 - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 2031, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was not ultimately voted on in committee. This bill is dead.
 - The city opposed SB 1122, which does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. A previous memo included a summary of the bill from Valley Metro, the region's transit agency of which the City of Tempe is a member. Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams represents Tempe on the Valley Metro Boards. This bill failed.
 - SB 1505 has favorable language but has not met the deadline to be heard in its chamber of origin.
- Local Zoning Issues

- There have been a number of proposals challenging the adherence cities' voter-approved General Plans, building inspections, plan and design reviews, and public outreach regarding proposed developments.
- Cities reached an agreement on housing and zoning policy this week, which resulted in agreed-upon amending language for SB 1161 and SB 1163. Unfortunately, these bills failed to get sufficient support to be brought to a vote.
- HB2536, a bill that did not reflect the zoning agreement language, was brought to a vote and failed.
- Attached to last week's memo is a statement from the President of the League of AZ Cities and Towns acknowledging the agreement and recognizing the ongoing efforts of cities.
- *Education materials on zoning, developments, and the perspective of local government providing forums and requirements for public outreach and feedback:*
 - AZ Housing Challenges: Myths and Facts, the Role of Cities...in Solving Today's Housing Crisis is at [this link](#).
 - Tweets regarding:
 - Zoning and trust in local government at [this link](#).
 - Parking at [this link](#).
 - Duplexes, SROs, ADUs, and review timeframes at [this link](#).
 - Trust in cities and towns to regulate look and density at [this link](#).
 - Lack of trust in Legislature to regulate zoning at [this link](#).
 - Trust in local government to meet housing needs at [this link](#).
 - Zoning and lack of relation to housing affordability at [this link](#).
 - [Video](#) from the League of AZ Cities and Towns regarding the housing bills.
 - Information about landlords intentionally raising rents at [this link](#).
 - A document from WeSERV Association of Realtors contains the efforts of surveyed cities in approving housing units, leading to a conclusion in the report that "city and towns are, and have been, approving housing permits...Delays [in housing construction] are from several sources, including builders and developers, supply chain woes, labor shortages and commodity shortages." Article at [this link](#), report at [this link](#), and related tweet at [this link](#).
 - An earlier memo included a one-page visual of the average lot size in every US state. It provides an illustration that Arizona is one of the smallest average lot sizes—the 48th smallest.
- *Background on zoning bills. The bill text for the bills are hyperlinked.*
- The city opposed the strike-everything amendment on SB 1117, which includes preemption language that would upend the city's voter-approved General Plan and aim to remove transparency and public access from planning activities. The bill also does not include any language that advances policies for guaranteed affordable housing.
- Mayor Woods testified against the bill in the committee (video at [this link](#)), noting that this proposal would have the result of blocking affordable housing developers from building needed guaranteed affordable housing in the city.
- SB 1117 bill failed on the Senate floor. However, many of the components of SB 1117 have been included in the strike-everything amendment that has been added to [HB 2536](#).
- The HB 2536 striker language also fails to contain guaranteed affordability policy and it circumvents public outreach processes for development and standards for how development interacts with public transit and bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
 - An email from the League of AZ Cities outlining concerns with HB 2536 follows this memo.
- Some components of SB 1117 are also found in strike-everything amendments to [SB 1161](#) and [SB 1163](#).
 - An email from the League of AZ Cities outlining concerns with SB 1161 was included in an earlier memo.

- As noted above, SB 1161 and SB 1163 were intended to be used as the vehicles for the agreed upon zoning language. Unfortunately, the agreement language did not gain sufficient support.
 - The stated intent of delivering guaranteed affordable housing is supported by the city, but the methodology in the bills would not achieve that aim while maintaining transparency, public process, and alignment with the voter-approved city General Plan.
 - The city does support the housing proposal outlined in the Affordable Housing section below.
 - The Governor has vetoed SB 1162, which would have added additional governmental layers and confusion regarding home-based businesses, which are an important part of the economic landscape in the city. The city opposed the bill and appreciates the veto of this unnecessary legislation.
 - Earlier Bill:
- State Budget Bills
 - The Appropriations Act (also referred to as the feedbill or approps bill) and the Budget Reconciliation bills (referred to as BRBs) were introduced, passed through both legislative chambers, and were transmitted to the Governor and signed.
 - Attached to an earlier memo is a document prepared by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns with a summary of items of city interest in the budget bills.
- Affordable Housing
 - As noted in earlier Weekly Information Packet memos, Mayor Woods submitted a list of legislative solutions for consideration in his role as a member of the statewide legislative housing supply study committee. The city will be monitoring and analyzing housing proposals throughout the session and aim to see the solutions shared by Mayor Woods become bill proposals. Unfortunately, of the bills that include these provisions, none have been scheduled for a hearing as of this writing.
 - The city has collaborated with other cities to develop language that could be used as a strike-everything amendment that would include affordable housing components that could be deployed locally.
 - This includes much of the stated intentions of the 3 bills that the city opposes (HB 2536, SB 1161, SB 1163), but this city-supported proposal delivers the policy in an effective way that continues to foster engagement and reflect local needs.
 - Below is an email that went to the members of the state legislature earlier from the League of AZ Cities and Towns. The attachments referenced in the message are attached to an earlier memo.

“Members,

On behalf of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, we want to share with you a proposal we have been discussing with Senator Kaiser that we believe presents an opportunity for the legislature to pass compromise housing legislation this session that focuses on efficiencies for developers and requires cities to facilitate middle and affordable housing options without infringing on property rights or granting greater entitlements for developers.

Housing affordability has been an issue on top of the minds of [local elected leaders](#) and voters over the past couple of years, and that is reflected in polling data and our actions at the local level. However, when you break down what constituents are asking for, it's important to note that they seek programs that aid in affordability while still entrusting their local elected officials to facilitate their community's growth. With that in mind, and the experience cities have had dealing with past preemptions related to affordable housing production and [Proposition 207 \(Private Property Rights Protection Act\)](#), we have put forward a housing proposal that is attached to this email. With your support, this bill can provide new, more affordable housing opportunities for housing advocates and streamline processes for developers.

Attached is a summary of the League draft with comments on where the language is derived and a document explaining some challenges we have with HB2536, SB1161, and SB1163. When considering housing this legislative session, local governments want to be partners. We want to find common ground without infringing on property rights or granting new property rights that didn't previously exist.

The League looks forward to working with each of you to find a middle ground that meets the needs of our shared constituents. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments as we continue to move through the session.”

- The city continues to advocate for policy that advances guaranteed affordable housing without undermine transparency in local decision-making. The city is actively working to advance favorable policies through amending language and/or strike-everything amendments.
- Local Governance
 - Efforts to preempt city charters, the authority for local governance, can be found in SCR 1023 and SCR 1027. The city opposes these anti-charter efforts.
 - Tempe voters have voted on charter provisions for the city of Tempe, and these types of proposals seek to put that into question with voters across the state.
 - A summary page prepared by the League of AZ Cities and Towns is highlights the types of voter-approved restrictions that this type of resolution, if passed, would remove. The page is attached.
 - The bills may be subject to amendments with a population threshold, but the city retains opposition to the concept of the legislature attempting to undermine local voters and the charter authority granted in the Arizona Constitution.
- Short Term Rentals
 - There are a number of introduced bills and referenda regarding short-term rentals this session. Some of these proposals would remove the state preemption on local regulations of short-term rentals, which the city would support. These proposals were not scheduled for hearings will not move forwarded this session.
- Tobacco/Vaping
- Fireworks
 - A strike-everything amendment was adopted onto SB1188, which then was passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor. The bill changes the Dec/Jan permissible use of fireworks timeframe from 12/24-1/3 to 12/26-1/4. The other existing permissible times for fireworks are unchanged (5/4-5/6, 6/24-7/6). Types and sales timeframes of fireworks are also unchanged in statute.
- Liability Issues
- Water Policy
 - The city opposes SB 1660, which is similar to a problematic proposal that was defeated in last year’s session, that attempts to undermine the regional mechanism for water supply. There is the potential for some industrial water users to be incentivized to extract fossil groundwater, would expand those companies’ access to pumping in an unprecedented way, and would threaten the aquifers relied upon by municipal water users. News articles on the bill are at [this link](#) and [this link](#).
 - This week, SB 1660 was retained (was not brought forward for a vote) due to lack of support.
 - The city opposed HB 2535, which had concerning language regarding water management of wells in newly incorporated areas. This bill passed out of the legislature and was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor’s veto letter is available here. The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) authored one of the letters urging a veto. Councilmember Arlene Chin is the city’s representative on the AMWUA Board.

The city's framework for responses to legislative proposals is the Council supported Tempe State Legislative Principles, which are available at [this link](#).

Grant Opportunities

Via Maricopa Association of Governments

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has announced the availability of funding for water quality management planning projects. According to ADEQ, \$168,000 is available for the performance period of October 2023 through October 2024. The funds are available for activities such as:

- Improving stormwater systems
- Determining ways to expand green infrastructure programs
- Determining the nature, extent and causes of point and nonpoint source water pollution problems, and developing plans to resolve these problems
- Other water quality management planning projects

Applications are due by July 21, 2023 to Julia Rowe, ADEQ, at rowe.julia@azdeg.gov. More information and a copy of the application are available on the ADEQ website at <https://azdeg.gov/node/8484>.



June 15, 2023

Re: SB1131 - Residential Rental Preemption

City of Tempe
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31 East Fifth Street
Tempe, AZ 85280
480-350-8225

Governor Hobbs,

As the Mayor of the City of Tempe, I am writing to respectfully urge a veto of SB 1131 (residential leases; municipal tax exemption) which repeals the local tax on businesses engaged in residential rental.

Corey D. Woods
Mayor

I am appreciative of your acknowledgement of the problematic components of this type of special interest tax break. Earlier this year, you wisely vetoed SB 1184, recognizing the deficiencies in the policy. SB 1131 is similarly problematic in that it fails to contemplate any financial offset to the impacted cities and towns. No elimination of a local revenue source can be legitimately considered without including an equivalent ongoing offset in those discussions.

As you accurately stated, bills like SB 1184 have no real way to ensure the savings reach the tenants. SB 1131 features the same issue. Bills like SB 1686 (tax credit; TPT; residential rent) contained a direct mechanism to benefit the most vulnerable renters and would have been a concept that we would have supported if it had progressed this session. As you know, the poorest Arizonans do not pay residential rental taxes. Therefore, any general increased taxes at the local level would increase the tax burden on those who can least absorb it.

SB 1131 does not align with the priorities that you have set forth in affordability and housing as Governor. It proposes substantial revenue cuts at a time when Tempe is making significant investments in guaranteed affordable housing through programs like Hometown for All and dedicating unprecedented levels of funding to human services needs throughout the city. Tempe cannot budget for these priorities and quality services under the constant threat of cuts to critical revenue sources.

Simply stated, regardless of the effective date, a revenue loss of this magnitude would require the city to cut services or raise taxes in other areas. While the most significant portion of municipal budgets is public safety costs (police, fire, and medical), that is not the only priority of cities and towns. Local leaders must also prioritize parks, senior centers, community amenities, libraries, youth programs, and government administration.

Annually, over \$16 million in city revenues are derived from businesses engaged in residential rental. Residential rentals represent a major revenue source that is critical to maintaining services provided to our residential and student populations. Additionally, \$4.5 million of the annual \$16 million residential rental revenue goes directly into the voter-approved transit fund. Eliminating this tax would not only contradict the will of voters but also have direct, negative impacts on their quality of life.



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Corey D. Woods
Mayor

Preserving local revenues and maintaining a broad tax base contributes to the well-being of the community. Repealing the tax for a single type of business would require cities to cut services or raise taxes in other areas. These equally unpopular decisions impact the same renters that this bill purports to help and could deprive them of quality services they rely on every day.

I thank you for supporting our cities and towns' local decision-making on a variety of issues. We value our communication with you and your office and look forward to additional opportunities to work with you to meet Arizona's challenges together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Corey D. Woods', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Corey D. Woods
Mayor
City of Tempe

June 14, 2023

The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Governor
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

VIA E-MAIL

Dear Governor Hobbs:

We write to request your veto of SB 1246. This legislation fails to address the transportation needs of Maricopa County, risking a 40-year legacy of investment that has resulted in one of the best transportation systems in the United States. This bill's single-minded focus on destroying light rail, which was voter-approved in Proposition 400, threatens to upend the entire transportation network in the region.

More than three years were spent developing a comprehensive, multimodal plan through a legislatively prescribed process, resulting in unanimous support from elected leaders of all 32 cities, towns, counties and Native nations in the Maricopa Association of Governments region. Created in partnership with legislatively appointed business leaders, the MAG plan is essential for Maricopa County—and the entire state—to continue our economic growth and prosperity. It provides resources for all modes, regions, and users of the transportation system. Now, SB 1246 has unilaterally altered the plan and would upset the balance of the regional network.

MAG worked diligently to find compromise and made over 20 concessions in negotiations with legislators. Rather than putting forward legislation to enable the region to bring a mutually agreeable plan before voters, SB 1246 instead unilaterally stitches together a patchwork of inconsistent transportation policy and unrelated priorities that will harm our most vulnerable users, threaten our air quality status, risk federal transportation funds, and damage our state's economic vitality.

We respectfully ask you to veto SB 1246.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Weise
Chair, MAG Regional Council
Mayor, City of Avondale

cc: MAG Regional Council
Transportation Policy Committee
MAG Management Committee
MAG Intergovernmental Representatives

More Than 50 Years of Serving the Region

PROP. 400 STATEMENT: Mayors Oppose Special-Interest Legislation That Seeks to Derail Our Booming Economy and Bring California-Style Gridlock and Congestion

As the mayors of some of the largest cities in Arizona, we have been advocating for an extension of Prop. 400 because it is the largest economic development plan in our state’s history, ensures our continued vibrancy as a region, and presents comprehensive transportation options that benefit all Maricopa County residents and businesses.

Unfortunately, a very small group of lawmakers, including legislative leaders in the House and Senate, are refusing to let Maricopa County residents vote on this plan at the ballot box – despite years of public planning and the unanimous endorsement of the region’s 32 mayors and tribal leaders.

Our significant concessions – more than 30 in all – have included more freeways and cuts to public transit, including limiting light-rail expansions. This uncompromising band of lawmakers is blocking a comprehensive transportation plan that benefits all Valley residents and will ensure the region’s transit infrastructure is built to support rapid future growth.

These lawmakers, spouting the half-truths of fringe special interests, have not been negotiating in good faith and their priorities involving transportation just don’t mesh with the realities of where we are as the fastest-growing county in the U.S.

We are unalterably opposed to their plan, and if no solution is reached, we will have no choice but to pursue another avenue to get this before voters in 2024.

Kate Gallego
Phoenix

John Giles
Mesa

Ken Weise
Avondale

Kevin Hartke
Chandler

Corey Woods
Tempe

Brigette Peterson
Gilbert

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

June 16, 2023

KEN MCDONALD AND ROLLING HILLS—JULY 1ST TRANSITION

As the July 1st transition date of Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills approaches, all parties are working hard to ensure a smooth and seamless transition to CourseCo and Grass Clippings. This includes several behind-the-scenes activities such as implementing new tee time booking systems, cancelling service providers, installing new security cameras, Internet and Wi-fi, changing locks, and the removal of city-owned equipment.

To allow time and room to work for the many staff members who are involved in these tasks, the following closures will be in place:

- ◆ Wednesday June 28 – Rolling Hills restaurant only will be closed
- ◆ Thursday, June 29 and Friday June 30 – Both courses and restaurants will be closed

Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills look forward to welcoming our customers back on Saturday July 1st under the new management of CourseCo and Grass Clippings!



<https://www.playkenmcdonald.com/>



<https://grassclippings.com/pages/grass-clippings-at-rolling-hills-1>



COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

June 16, 2023

TEMPE PLAYLIST PROMOTES BOOKING LOCAL MUSICIANS

The Community Arts team has unveiled the **2023-25 Tempe Playlist**. The Playlist celebrates Tempe and Valley-wide musicians who are making music now, redefining the old narratives and forging new, original sounds. The Tempe Playlist is comprised of professional, established and emerging musicians and bands who perform in a variety of styles. The artists were chosen by a panel of Tempe residents and music professionals. Check out Spotify and search [Tempe Playlist](#) to hear 44 songs from these musicians.

An accompanying publication promotes these musicians to event organizers, local businesses and others looking to book performances. It provides musician photos, bios, and contact details. The booking list will be distributed to Tempe businesses.

Tempe Playlist has grown into a program for the professional development of musicians and for sharing their work with the community. Bands received a free, professional photoshoot. Since its creation, the Tempe Playlist has generated new bookings for a significant number of bands. **Save the date also for Tempe Jam on Nov. 4 at the Tempe Sports Complex.**

More information: www.tempe.gov/TempePlaylist



**Tempe Musicians
Booking List**
2023-25



Tempe
Community Arts

Haley Green
haleygreenmgt@gmail.com
[Website](#)



A singer/songwriter raised by die-hard Deadheads in the Cave Creek desert, **Haley Green** picked up a guitar when she was 14 and started relentlessly honing her skills at local open mics. Since then, she's journeyed to countless stages - from dive bars and living rooms to beaches and festivals - and now hosts the weekly open mics at Yucca Tap Room. Her sound can be described as the musical lovechild of Amy Winehouse and Jack Johnson raised on Bob Marley and Sublime. Her performances vary from intimate, solo, acoustic storytelling to a full-band immersive experience.

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TEMPE HISTORY MUSEUM WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) has awarded Tempe History Museum's exhibit, ***Guadalupe: Where Three Cultures Flourish***, the 2023 AASLH Award of Excellence. The award is part of the AASLH Leadership in History Awards, the most prestigious national recognition for achievement in the preservation of state and local history.

Guadalupe: Where Three Cultures Flourish was created in partnership with the Guadalupe Historical Society, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the Town of Guadalupe along with the participation of more than forty local residents. The content and design of the exhibit was guided by a committee of tribal, scholarly and community leaders including Antonia Campoy, Felipa Espuma, Ismael Osuna, Dr. Chris Marin, Dr. Octaviana Trujillo, and Bridget Valenzuela along with Tempe History Museum staff and the team of Michelle Reid and David Reid from Museum Pros LLC.

The Award of Excellence winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history. Tempe History Museum staff is proud to accept this award on behalf of all the collaborators of this unique exhibition.



Above: Exhibit and Exhibit opening ribbon cutting with the Mayor of Guadalupe, VP of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Guadalupe and Tribal council members

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

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Special Events Update: June 16 – July 4

The Special Events Task Force Committee works with event producers up to 18 months in advance to ensure that administrative and operational logistics are addressed before the event receives final approval.



| Date | Event | Location | Notation |
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| 6/17 | Juneteenth Celebration | Tempe History Museum | Black Culture Celebration |
| 6/17 | Juneteenth Celebration | Centerpoint Plaza | Black Culture Celebration |
| 6/20 | Tuesday Night Homeless Outreach | Mtn. Point Center | Outreach Event |
| 6/27 | Tuesday Night Homeless Outreach | Mtn. Point Center | Outreach Event |
| 7/4 | Tempe 4 th of July Celebration | Tempe Diablo Stadium | Community Event |



Juneteenth Celebration at the Tempe History Museum: The African-American Advisory Committee presents the 10th Annual Juneteenth Celebration to educate the community and celebrate freedom from slavery in the United States. This free, family-friendly event will include hands-on activities, performances, vendors, story time, a video game trailer, Police and Fire vehicles, food truck vendor and more!

Saturday, June 17: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Juneteenth Celebration in Downtown Tempe: Join us for a night of culture, community, and joy as we celebrate Juneteenth in CenterPoint Plaza. Come and experience live music, dancing, roller skating, food, beer and wine, and a marketplace featuring Black-owned artists, businesses, and organizations. Don't miss out on this celebration of Black culture and history!



Saturday, June 17: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.



Tempe 4th of July Celebration: Join us at Tempe Diablo Stadium to celebrate the Independence Day and enjoy an evening of family-friendly fun. The 71st Annual Tempe 4th of July Celebration will feature bands playing all your favorite hits and so much more. Come down and enjoy some music, tasty eats, and fun festivities for the kids all leading up to the fireworks spectacular.

Tuesday, July 4: 5 – 10 p.m.

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For additional information on activities, events, and things to do in and around Tempe, visit:

Tempe Center for the Arts (Tempe.gov/TCA),

Downtown Tempe Authority (Downtowntempe.com/explore),

Tempe Tourism (Tempetourism.com), and

Tempe Public Library (Tempepubliclibrary.org).
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