



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, March 1, 2024

Includes the following documents/information:

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- 3) Climate Justice Advisory Group (CJAG) Kick Off
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- 5) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

March 1, 2024 thru April 26, 2024

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.

Fri	Mar 1	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Friends of Transit 22 nd Annual Conference Location: Hyatt Regency Phoenix 122 N. 2 nd Street Phoenix, AZ
Fri	Mar 1	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Character Area 6 – Dotocracy Virtual Public Meeting Location: Zoom link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85820187841?pwd=hbEc0Jl8KysmjaikBGT9eOnRflc0Kd.1
Sat	Mar 2	7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Tempe Cares 2024 Location: Tempe Leadership 1438 W. Broadway Road #213 Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 2	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Broadmor NA Spring Citrus and Produce Exchange Location: Broadmor Elementary School 311 E. Aepli Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 2	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Marilyn Ann Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Clark Park Community Center 1730 S. Roosevelt Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 2	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Spring Training Diablos/ Check Presentation Location: Diablo Stadium 2200 W. Alameda Drive Tempe, AZ
Sun	Mar 3	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Maple Ash NA Meeting Location: Casey Moore’s Oster House 850 S. Ash Avenue Tempe, AZ

Mon	Mar 4	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Launch Event for PNC’s Mobile Branch Program Location: PNC Bank 1540 E. Apache Boulevard Tempe, AZ
Tues	Mar 5	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Arizona Driving Possibilities Location: Toyota Financial Service Center 1650 S. Price Road Chandler, AZ
Tues	Mar 5	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Chargers of Change Location: McClintock High School 1830 E. Del Rio Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 8	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Starbucks Opening/ Coffee with the Cops and Coffee Tasting Location: Starbucks 3223 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 8	10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Tempe Festival of the Arts Location: Downtown Tempe 1 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 8	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	SEV Council Committee Meeting Location: Council Chambers 31 E. Fifth Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 9	11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Breakfast with Berdetta: “Meet Your Elected Officials” Location: Kiwanis Recreation Center 6111 S. All America Way Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 15	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Tempe Town Lake Cleanup Location: Tempe Town Lake 550 E. Tempe Town Lake Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 15	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Economic Development Spring Training Game Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium 2200 W. Alameda Drive Tempe, AZ

Sat	Mar 16	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Escalante Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Community Garden 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 16	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Care Fair Tempe 2024/ Tempe Health & Human Services Day Location: Hatton Hall 34 E. 7 th Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 16	9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Arizona Aloha Festival Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Sat	Mar 16	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Add On Smoothies Grand Opening Location: Add On Smoothies 2155 E. University Drive, Suite # 104 Tempe, AZ
Wed	Mar 20	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Human Services and Community Safety Committee Meeting Location: Council Chambers 31 E. Fifth Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 22	8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	First Robotics Competition Arizona East Regional Location: AZTech Robotics – Corona del Sol 1001 E. Knox Road Tempe, AZ
Sun	Mar 24	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	The Healing Chamber’s Grand Opening Location: The Healing Chamber 4515 S. McClintock Drive Suite 212 Tempe, AZ
Tues	Mar 26	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Ramadan Dinner Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Wed	Mar 27	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Virtual Public Meeting Location: Zoom link https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvduCvpj4sGNF-bkeli16sHGPKeQtEDX

Wed	Mar 27	4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Geeks Night Out 2024 – Tempe’s Annual STEAM Festival Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Mar 27	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Accessory Swelling Units (ADU) In-Person Public Meeting Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Fri	Mar 29	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Featured Exhibit Opening: Extending a Hand: Cesar Chavez, an Arizona Connection Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	Apr 2	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	City Council Retreat Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Tue	Apr 2	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Tempe Mayor’s All Abilities Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Tues	Apr 2	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration: Corbell Park Location: Corbell Park 3340 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Tues	Apr 2	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) In-Person Meeting Location: North Tempe Multigenerational Center 1555 N. Bridalwreath Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 3	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	State of the District Location: Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14 th Street Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 3	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration: Optimist Park Location: Optimist Park 3340 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ

Fri	Apr 5	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	VICINITY Location: American Heritage Center 1300 N. College Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 6	7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Dash with Splash Location: Rio Salado College 5500 S. Mill Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 6	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Neighborhood Celebration Location: Kiwanis Park Fiesta Ramadas 5711 S. All America Way Tempe, AZ
Mon	Apr 8	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) In-Person Location: Arizona 811 1405 W. Auto Drive Tempe, AZ
Tues	Apr 9	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration: Scudder Park Location: Scudder Park 3340 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 10	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration: Meyer Park Meyer Park 3340 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Thur	Apr 11	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration: Indian Bend Park Location: Indian Bend Park 1250 E. Marigold Lane Tempe, AZ
Fri	Apr 12	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	SEV Committee Meeting Location: Council Chambers 31 E. 5 th Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 13	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Tempe PedalPalooza 2024 Location: Tempe Bicycle Action Group + Culdesac

			2025 E. Apache Boulevard Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 13	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Legends Gala Reception Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Tues	Apr 16	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Arizona Good Business Summit Location: Local First Arizona 1300 N. College Avenue Tempe, AZ
Tues	Apr 16	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Arts in the Parks Spring Celebration: Mary and Moses Green Park Location: Mary & Moses Green Park 9325 W. Warner Ranch Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	Apr 17	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Bike to Work Day Location: Various City of Tempe Locations Pyle Center, Kiwanis Park, Westside Multi-Gen Center, Escalante Center. North Tempe Multi-Gen Center, Tempe Transportation Center
Sat	Apr 20	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.	AZ Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention Location: Double Tree Hilton 2100 S. Priest Drive Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 20	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Escalante Neighborhood Association Meeting Location: Escalante Community Garden 2150 E. Orange Street Tempe, AZ
Sat	Apr 20	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Clark Park Community Center and Pool Grand Opening Location: Clark Park Community Center 1730 S. Roosevelt Street Tempe, AZ
Fri	Apr 26	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Music Under the Stars Location: Tempe Diablo Stadium 220 W. Alameda Drive Tempe, AZ

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Kara DeArrastia, City Clerk
DATE: March 1, 2024
SUBJECT: March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election Update



Below are updates regarding the March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election, for the week ending March 1, 2024.

Voters Have Until Tuesday, March 5 to Mail Back Their Ballot for the March 12 Tempe Jurisdictional Election

Tuesday, March 5 is the last recommended day for Tempe voters to mail back their completed ballot for the March 12 Jurisdictional Election. Voters may also drop off their completed ballot inside the signed and sealed envelope at any voting location or ballot drop box no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, **Tuesday, March 12**. Voters can find locations, hours, and addresses at [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/voting-locations).

Additionally, voters may text "JOIN" to 628-683 or visit [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/beballotready) to receive automatic notifications when their ballot is prepared, mailed, received, verified, and counted. In-person voters can also see alerts when they cast a ballot at the polls.

In-Person Voting Location Opens Monday, March 4 for the March 12 Tempe Jurisdictional Election

Tempe voters can vote in person at the Ballot Replacement Center located at the Tempe History Museum, 809 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85282, from **Monday, March 4**, through **Friday March 8**, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center will also be open **Tuesday, March 12 Election Day**, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters can visit [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/voting-locations) for more information.

Voters can find additional important election dates, voting and secure ballot drop box locations, and more online at [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/beballotready).

Early Voting in the March 19 Presidential Preference Election

Early Voting is underway for the March 19 Presidential Preference Election (PPE). This election takes place every four years when the Office of the President of the United States is on the ballot. Only registered Republicans and Democrats can vote in the PPE. Maricopa County Elections produced this [video](#) to explain the different types of elections this year. The last day for a voter to request a ballot to be mailed to them for the PPE is **Friday, March 8**. Voters can make a request by visiting [Request.Maricopa.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/request-ballot). More information about the PPE is provided on the [PPE page](#) on the City of Tempe's website or the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) on the Maricopa County Elections website.

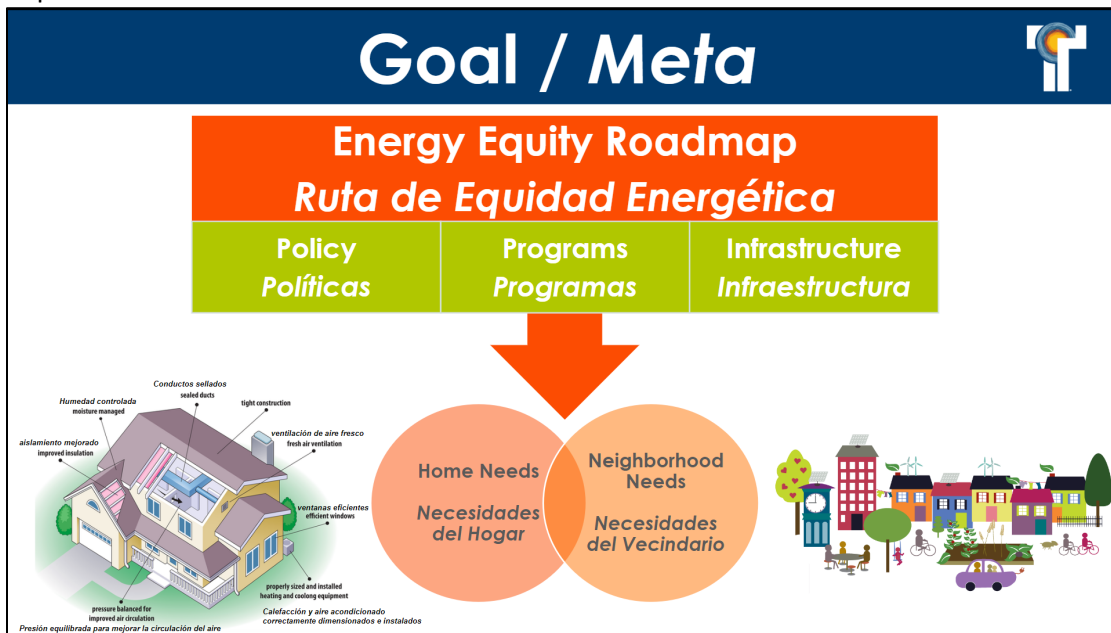
Voters can check their political party status, verify their eligibility to participate in the PPE, and find additional election information by visiting [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/beballotready) or calling Maricopa County Elections at (602) 506-1511. Drop boxes, vote centers, and ballot replacement centers can be found at [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](https://www.maricopa.gov/voting-locations).

Visit [tempe.gov/election](https://www.tempe.gov/election) for more information about the March 12, 2024 Primary/Special Election. Future updates will be provided throughout the election season as needed. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 350-8947 or kara_dearrastia@tempe.gov.

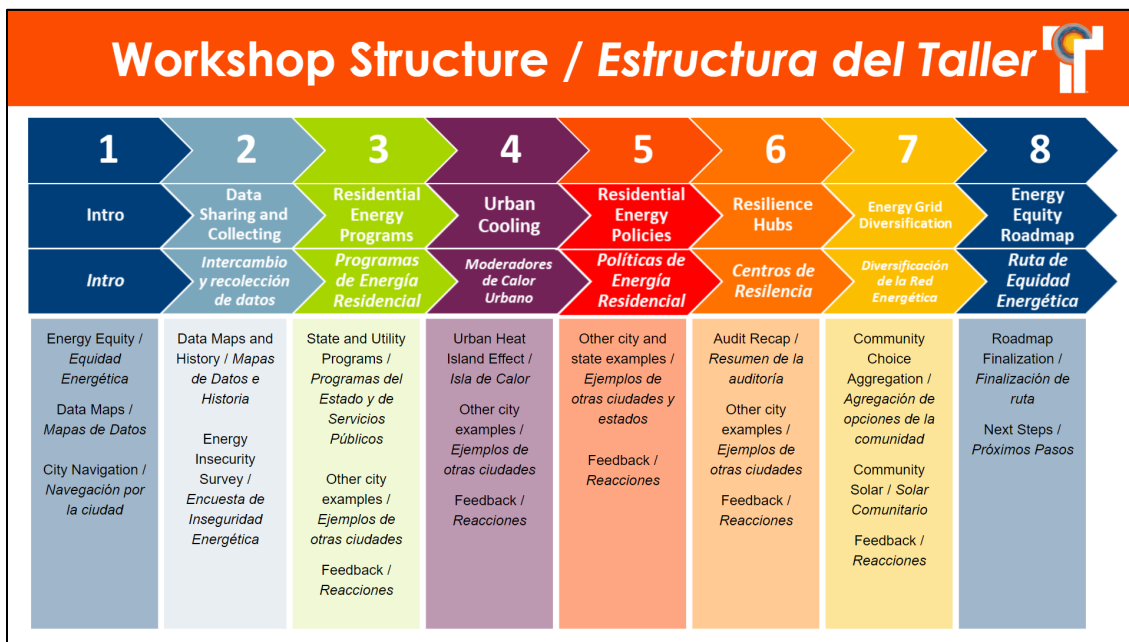
Climate Justice Advisory Group (CJAG) Kick Off

The Sustainability and Resilience Office (SRO) is looking for feedback from Tempe community members on extreme heat and household energy use affordability challenges. SRO is holding a series of eight monthly bilingual workshops from February to October to invite members of the community to explore these topics. Community participants who attend the workshops will co-create the city’s first Energy Equity Roadmap that will outline the direction of programs, policies, and infrastructure recommendations that will then be used to pursue funding for the community identified investments. This includes, but not limited to, looking at residential energy efficiency needs and energy cost support, urban cooling infrastructure needs such as expanding shade canopy in public and private spaces, and Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) projects.

SRO has partnered with [Chispa AZ](#) and [Rail CDC to eng](#). Chispa AZ staff are providing content and facilitation expertise while Rail CDC is in charge of recruitment and helping develop interactive engagement strategies for the workshops. Both agencies work on sustainability efforts in the region, particularly with socio-economically and climate vulnerable populations. SRO is also including Community Health and Human Services and Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) staff at workshops.



Energy Equity Roadmap structured around home and neighborhood needs.



PPT slide outlining the 8-workshop series.

The initial geographic target area for this focus group includes the neighborhoods Escalante, Victory Acres, Alegre, University Heights as well as those south of University Dr & north of Broadway between Rural Road and Price Road with an understanding that this work may engage with community members from other areas of Tempe. Reasoning behind a targeted focus is because the city's [Heat Priority Scores](#) and energy burden data from the [Low-Income Energy Affordability \(LEAD\)](#) tool were used to prioritize areas of Tempe that are more susceptible to higher energy burden (the percentage of household income that goes toward energy costs) and the effects of extreme heat.

After the conclusion of the workshop series, public meetings will be held with at large Tempe residents to present and gather feedback about the proposed Energy Equity Roadmap. Feedback from the larger public meetings will be used to add to and enhance the recommended investments. After the public engagement phase, the finalized Energy Equity Roadmap, including findings and recommendations, will be presented to City Council.



Focus group participants at a CJAG workshop.

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Tempe Diablo Stadium Recycling and Composting During Spring Training Baseball

Keep Tempe Beautiful (KTB), GreenLight Solutions, the Sustainability and Resilience Office (SRO) and the Community Services Department are spearheading food composting and extensive recycling efforts at all 16 spring training games this year. Additional partners include Legends (merchandising and concessions), Plan B Facility Services (custodial) and the Solid Waste Services Section of the Tempe Municipal Utilities Department.

KTB donated \$5,000 to pay for GreenLight Solutions staff to oversee sorting efforts and manage volunteers before, during and after each game and to cover the cost to compost food scraps and paper products via a local composting service, R. City. An SRO staff member, who has worked with the Diablo Stadium Manager, Legends Director and GreenLight Solutions Executive Director for months to plan for enhanced diversion efforts this season, will also work several games.

At least 20 volunteers and one to three Greenlight Solutions staff members will be on-site at all sixteen games. Volunteers and staff will monitor trash and recycling containers in the concourse, lawn seating and at all three entrances. A sorting table and staging area near the trash and recycling roll-offs will enable volunteers and staff to easily remove remaining recyclable and compostable items. Each food vendor and concession area will place food scraps and compostable paper products in five-gallon buckets that will be serviced during and after each game. Volunteers and staff will also walk the stands and lawn area after each game to recycle and compost as much as possible.



Keep Tempe Beautiful (KTB)

KTB is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on the beautification and sustainability of Tempe. The four initiatives to reach that goal are tree plantings, recycling with the City of Tempe, community gardens and park, street, and alley cleanups. KTB has removed over 15,600 pounds of litter from City of Tempe parks and streets, diverting over 1,900 pounds of recyclables and over 2,200 pounds of green organics. In addition, they have planted over 200 trees and engaged 5,295 volunteers for a total of 7,388 volunteer hours.

GreenLight Solutions

GreenLight Solutions is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to educating and empowering the next generation of sustainability leaders by helping students launch sustainability careers and assist

businesses in going green. Since 2022, GreenLight Solutions Green Events Services Division has diverted several tons of material from the landfill at events including Oktoberfest, Tour de Fat and the Mesa Marathon.

R. City

R. City is a local organization that picks up food scraps and compostable service ware from residential and commercial customers and composts these items on their farm in south Phoenix. The finished compost is used to grow produce, which is available for purchase, thus serving as an example of a local circular economy program in action.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

March 1, 2024

PUBLIC ART UPDATE: MILL AVENUE UNDERPASS ARTWORK

In 2023, Tempe Arts & Culture commissioned artists Creative Machines to develop Public Art at the Mill Avenue Underpass, located adjacent to Tempe High School. This proximity to the school provided an ideal opportunity to align educational opportunities with Arts & Culture's mission to enhance art and cultural awareness throughout the City.

The Public Art and Community Art staff worked with the school's art teachers and assistant principal to arrange for Creative Machines to speak with approximately 300 students in group sessions throughout the day on Monday, February 26th. Creative Machines shared their studio practice and provided students with insights to the development process of the artwork planned for the Mill Avenue Underpass. Students gained real-world experience seeing art through the lens of professionals collaborating in art and engineering and learned more about career development opportunities in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math).



COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

March 1, 2024

ART TEMPE RECEPTION

On February 27, approximately 250 students, teachers, families and community members came together for the 51st annual Art Tempe reception held at Tempe Center for the Arts. The well-attended event celebrated the top efforts of 109 student artists and dedicated faculty across the Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) fine arts programs at Corona del Sol, Desert Vista, Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe and Tempe high schools.

This year piloted a special school residency program designed to connect local students with professional artists to educate, inspire and mentor their artistic development. Two outstanding artists from the "Storytellers" exhibition at the Gallery at TCA - Wabwila Mugala and Jan Talmadge Davids - visited participating high schools to talk about their art careers and creative processes, as well as lead a workshop with advanced level classes.



The Art Tempe exhibition, with its collaboration between Tempe Community Arts, professional artists and Tempe Center for the Arts, reflects the Arts & Culture Division's mission to deepen art literacy within the community and serves as an inspiration to young students that the arts are thriving in Tempe.

Special thanks to Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams, Councilmember Berdetta Hodge and TUHSD Superintendent Dr. Stacia Wilson for giving the welcome. The exhibition includes a variety of media including painting, drawing and ceramics, and will be on view in the Lakeside Room at Tempe Center for the Arts from Feb. 23-March 5. Admission is free. View hours at tempe.gov/ArtTempe.



FROM LEFT: Deputy City Manager Keith Burke, Councilmember Berdetta Hodge, Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams, TUHSD Superintendent Dr. Stacia Wilson