



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, October 2, 2020

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Tempe Cooling Center Update Memo
- 4) Community Services Department Update



City Council Events Schedule

October 14, 2020 thru October 20, 2020

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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed	Oct 14	5:30-9:00 p.m.	37th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Virtual Info: tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos
Thu	Oct 15	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Maricopa County Community Farmer Roundtable Online via Zoom (registration): https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register bit.ly/VirtualFarmerRoundtable
Tue	Oct 20	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Valley Metro Clean Air Campaign Awards Online Virtual Event: TBD For more information: https://www.valleymetro.org/valley-metro-champions-clean-air
Thu	Oct 22	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Virtual Ribbon Cutting for Senior Helpers of Tempe https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register
Thu	Nov 05	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Virtual Ribbon Cutting for Comfort Suites Phoenix Airport Zoom Link (registration): https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: October 2, 2020
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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

- USCM Federal Updates
- NLC Federal Updates
- Federal Funding Continued and Heroes Act
- COVID-19 Management Metrics for Cities
- Briefs Filed in Public Interest Lawsuit Challenging EPA Attainment Determination
- Governor's Executive Orders
- Maricopa County Tempe August COVID-19 Data Report
- Census 2020 Response Rates by Census Block Group
- 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.

USCM Federal Updates

Via US Conference of Mayors Staff, 9/30/20

EPA's Affordability Guidance

The Conference of Mayors' Water Council has worked with EPA on the issues of affordability and unfunded Clean Water mandates for the past decade. We were successful in passing legislation that created Integrated Planning and required EPA to rewrite their Affordability Guidance which they recently unveiled and can be found [here](#).

Our USCM Staff is doing a detailed analysis of the draft guidance, but generally-speaking, it looks like EPA included many of our recommendations. Some of the highlights of the guidance include:

EPA is moving away from basing their mandate costs from the city's median income measure to one that will consider the impact on the lowest 20% of household income, as well as a poverty impact. This alone will moderate the financial burden by extending the schedule to comply with the mandate;

EPA is also proposing to schedule compliance using a model to identify financial impacts using finance rates and debt amortization periods in order to phase out debt and extend the compliance schedule to avoid or reduce expensive refinancing;

The proposed Guidance has a level of flexibility and transparency that allows cities to make their best case for choosing solutions.

It is important to note that EPA is not reducing or eliminating the requirement for cities to delay implementation of our Clean Water obligations.

If you would like to learn more, you can use this [link](#) for an EPA recording and slides about their proposal.

Speaker Pelosi Releases New HEROES Bill – New Effort to Restart Negotiations on COVID-19 Relief

Last night, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House leaders released a revised HEROES bill as a proffer to restart the negotiations on emergency fiscal assistance before Congress goes home for the reelection campaign recess.

The total amounts contained in the revised HEROES Act would be \$436 billion for state and local governments. Contained therein is \$179 billion for local governments with a split down the middle between our cities and counties, providing approximately \$90 billion for each. Retained in this new House proposal is the CDBG-type structure modified to make sure entitlement cities, 50,000 and above in population and non-entitlement cities, those below 50,000, hence all cities – large, medium, and small – would receive direct funds from this legislation.

The bottom line here is that the smaller cities get direct money without having to deal with their state legislators or governors. This is most important because not one red cent of direct COVID-19 assistance has come from Washington, except to the 38 cities over 500,000 who received the money in the CARES Act earlier this year.

Secretary Ross Tweets Surprise October 5th Deadline for Census, Federal Judge Had Blocked Moved Last Week

A surprise tweet came last night from Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announcing a "target date" of October 5 to finish the 2020 Census count.

The tweet last night came after a federal judge blocked the Trump Administration from ending the count this week. District Court Judge Lucy Koh blocked the Census Bureau from ending the census count on the earlier date of September 30, ruling in agreement with plaintiffs, the National Urban League, and

other advocates including the United States Conference of Mayors, that the shorter period of time would harm communities due to the age-old problem of a Census undercount.

All parties are scheduled to go back into court as the saga of the timing of the 2020 Census count continues, which has been seriously challenged by civil unrest, COVID-19, and economic downturns in many highly populated areas of the United States of America.

Secretary Ross' nighttime tweet has affected commentators and organizations involved throughout the nation. Let's hope the courts can resolve the matter soon so we can continue with our census counts in all cities to make sure the best, most accurate count is made in this challenging year of 2020.

NLC Federal Updates

Via National League of Cities Staff, 9/30/20

Final Nightly Update

Since the middle of the March, I have strived to keep you updated nightly with the latest happenings in Washington as we face this unprecedented time. Tonight, marks the last nightly update. Going forward, you will be able to find more content by signing up for our [weekly Saturday newsletter](#) and for our [biweekly Federal Advocacy newsletter](#).

Thanks for taking time to read this update, provide us your feedback, and participate in calls to action when asked.

House Moves Forward With Bill As Negotiations Do Not Produce A Deal Today

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) met with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin for over 90 minutes today in her Capitol office. The two discussed the substance of a [new proposed COVID-19 relief package](#) that the Democrats unveiled earlier this week.

The package, which at a \$2.2 trillion is a scaled-down version of the HEROES Act, incorporates the spending priorities of the original HEROES Act at about one-half the original appropriation proposal amounts. The bill includes \$89.5 billion to municipalities using the modified CDBG allocation method that NLC proposed, as well as some technical improvements to the CARES Act, namely, expanding CARES fund eligibility to cover lost revenues and extending the expenditure deadline through the end of FY2021. A summary of the state and local section of the bill may be found [here](#).

At the beginning of the meeting, Mnuchin was expected to counter the Speaker's \$2.2 trillion offer with \$1.5 trillion, a figure more in line with the Problem Solvers Caucus, and one that Pelosi had previously dismissed.

White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows stayed in the Speaker's Office with Mnuchin for only approximately 40 minutes. Mnuchin and Pelosi struck multiple spending deals in the spring, and some speculate that the former Freedom Caucus leader Meadows is the hold up in the negotiations.

After meeting with the Speaker, the Secretary shuttled across the Capitol to meet with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), and Pelosi issued the following statement:

"Today, Secretary Mnuchin and I had an extensive conversation and we found areas where we are seeking further clarification. Our conversation will continue. We will be proceeding with our vote tonight on the updated Heroes Act in order to formalize our proffer to Republicans in the negotiations to address the health and economic catastrophe in our country."

The House ending up holding off on the stimulus vote tonight giving the negotiations more time. Never a dull moment, but a positive sign nonetheless.

NLC joins COVID RELIEF NOW Coalition

Today, the **National League of Cities**, **American Hotel and Lodging Association**, **International Franchise Association**, the **U.S. Travel Association**, and the **National Association of Counties** held a press conference today to launch the [COVID Relief Now Coalition](#) – a collaboration of more than 150 trade groups representing the public and private sectors calling on Congress and the Administration to vote on a COVID relief package before any recess period over the election.

NLC executive director Clarence Anthony was joined by Savannah Georgia Mayor Van Johnson who underscored the significant strain that local municipalities are under without any support from the federal government. Mayor Johnson said, “We have to stay until the work is done. We have to stay until the work is completed, so I say to Congress: No relief, no recess.”

Across the spectrum of airports, hotels, small business owners and local government, it is clear that Congress must prioritize a relief package to ensure economic relief. [This broad coalition stands united to pressure Congress](#) to make a deal before the consequences become even more dire. Below you will find the clips from today’s release. Attached you will find final coalition letter.

COVID Relief Now Coalition Launch Coverage Report

September 30, 2020

NATIONAL COVERAGE

Politico Influence: [Trade Groups Try To Pressure Lawmakers To Make A Deal](#)

TRADE GROUPS GIVE IT ONE MORE SHOT: An ad hoc coalition of more than 150 trade groups representing industries hurt by the pandemic is trying to pressure Congress and the Trump administration to strike a last-minute deal before leaving town. The message: Lawmakers shouldn’t go home until they pass another coronavirus relief bill. The strategy: Shame. “The idea that Congress would leave town without some kind of relief package is shameful,” Chip Rogers, the president and chief executive of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, told reporters this morning. The newly organized COVID RELIEF NOW coalition sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy today as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin heads to Capitol Hill and House Democrats push to vote on their bill as soon as this afternoon. “We are writing to implore you to reach a bipartisan deal on legislation to prevent catastrophic economic harm that would result if Congress does not pass additional emergency relief before adjourning for the election,” the letter reads. Among the groups that signed onto the letter: Airlines for America, the American Gaming Association, the American Hotel & Lodging Association, the International Council of Shopping Centers, the National Association of Counties, the National Association of Theatre Owners, the National Governors Association, the National Independent Venue Association , the National League of Cities, the National Restaurant Association and the U.S. Travel Association.

The Hill: [Over 175 Public And Private Sector Groups Ban Together To Call For No Recess Without Relief](#)

A coalition of travel, hotel, franchise, and state and local government groups called for Congress to not go on recess without providing relief for sectors devastated by the coronavirus pandemic. More than 175 organizations representing the public and private sector, including the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA), International Franchise Association (IFA), National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, Airlines for America and the US Travel Association, wrote a letter to congressional leadership on Wednesday. “The public servants in Washington, D.C. are very focused on protecting their own jobs through the election but right now don’t really seem to care about protecting the jobs of the people they represent,” Chip Rogers, AHLA CEO, said on a call with reporters on Wednesday.

Roll Call: [House Scraps Vote On Partisan Virus Aid Bill Amid Last-Ditch Talks](#)

Pressure for a deal increased Wednesday as organizations representing travel and hospitality businesses as well as local governments blasted lawmakers for not making enough progress. They urged lawmakers on a press call to stay in session until an agreement is reached. One of the chief targets was the Main Street Lending Program, a Federal Reserve initiative created to provide \$600 billion in financing for small and medium-sized businesses. Congress appropriated funds in March for the Treasury Department to provide a backstop in case of defaults across various Fed facilities; up to \$75 billion is set aside for the Main Street program. But Treasury has only invested half of that so far and the Fed as of Aug. 31 had backed about \$1.1 billion worth of loans. "There is no other way to look at the Main Street Lending [Program] than to say so far it has been a miserable failure," said Chip Rogers, president and CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association. Rogers said "only a little over a billion has been lent out, and if that is not the definition of a failed program I am not sure what is." The groups also called for redirecting \$146 billion left in Paycheck Protection Program coffers to a second round of forgivable loans for small businesses with steep losses. Franchises such as gyms, dry cleaners and restaurants, which employed 8 million workers, experienced 32,000 closures during the pandemic, Robert Cresanti, president and CEO of the International Franchise Association, said. He said almost 11,000 of the closings are permanent. Without congressional aid, he said, another 36,000 businesses may not survive the winter.

TRADE COVERAGE

Travel Weekly: ['No Relief, No Recess': Coalition Demands That Congress Pass A Stimulus Bill](#)

A coalition of nearly 200 travel-focused companies, associations and municipalities joined forces to demand that Congress take action before the election and agree on a stimulus package to bring relief to the millions of travel employees and businesses suffering due to the coronavirus pandemic. The group, called Covid Relief Now, sent a letter to Congress on Wednesday, saying legislation would "prevent catastrophic economic harm that would result if Congress does not pass additional emergency relief before adjourning for the election." Congress has not agreed on additional relief since the Cares Act was introduced in March. Earlier this summer, the House passed a \$3 trillion relief package, and the Senate responded with its own \$300 billion package. Neither bill passed, leaving relief in a stalemate. With the slogan "No Recess Without Relief," the coalition warned that without action, millions of people will be furloughed or terminated and millions of unemployed will lose their unemployment insurance pandemic benefits; hundreds of thousands of companies are at risk of shutting down permanently, it said. During a conference call on Wednesday, Chip Rogers, CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, said the message to Congress "is simple: Do not leave without finishing your job."

Hotel Management: [AHLA Repeats Call For Bipartisan Support Of PPP Expansion](#)

A day after House Democrats released a \$2.2 trillion aid package that would authorize more funds for a second round of Paycheck Protection Program loans, the American Hotel & Lodging Association and several travel-related organizations renewed calls for further congressional support to the sector, bringing in both state tourism representatives and business owners from each state to put a human face on the crisis. During a press briefing, AHLA President and CEO Chip Rogers acknowledged the PPP has been "very valuable to our industry and many small businesses around the country," but emphasized that the measures were only meant to last for 10 weeks. With the summer travel season already over, he said, travel-related businesses need another round of support. "Our industry looks at declining revenues and dramatically increasing expenses at a very very difficult time."

Travel Pulse: [New Coalition Of Tourism Organizations And Governments Calls On Congress For Immediate Relief](#)

A COVID Relief Now Coalition has been launched with organizations in the private and public sectors calling on Congress and the Administration to provide relief to businesses and governments before

elected officials go on recess in preparation for the upcoming election. Led by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA), the coalition held a press conference to warn Congress that if it fails to act, millions of employees will be furloughed or terminated; millions of unemployed Americans will lose their unemployment insurance pandemic benefits; hundreds of thousands of companies will be at risk of closing their doors forever, and the vast majority of state and local governments will have to curtail critical services in order to balance budgets due to a decline in tax revenue. Chip Rogers, CEO of AH&LA, said that 150 organizations had originally signed up for the coalition in the 24 hours before the press conference while another 25 joined during the first half-hour of the press conference.

Lodging Magazine: [AHLA Joins New Coalition Calling On Congress To Pass COVID Relief Now](#)

COVID RELIEF NOW, a new coalition of nearly 200 major public and private sector groups across the United States, today called for “No Recess without Relief,” imploring Congress to not leave town for the 2020 elections without passing additional COVID economic relief. In a letter sent to Congressional leaders, the COVID RELIEF NOW coalition wrote that if Congress fails to act, millions of employees will be furloughed or terminated; millions of unemployed Americans will lose their unemployment insurance pandemic benefits; hundreds of thousands of companies will be at risk of closing their doors forever; and the vast majority of state and local governments will have to curtail critical services to balance budgets due to a decline in tax revenue. “It’s time for Congress to put politics aside and prioritize the many businesses and employees in the hardest-hit industries,” said Chip Rogers, president and CEO of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA), which is part of the COVID RELIEF NOW coalition. “Millions of jobs and the livelihoods of people who have built their small business for decades are just withering away because Congress has done nothing. America’s hotel industry is on the brink of collapse. We can’t afford to let thousands of small businesses die and all of the jobs associated with them be lost for many years.”

Bus Ride: [Public And Private Sector Leaders Call Congress To Act On COVID Relief](#)

COVID RELIEF NOW, a new coalition of nearly 200 major public and private sector groups across the U.S., today called for “No Recess without Relief” imploring Congress to not leave town for the 2020 elections without passing additional COVID economic relief – stating millions of jobs and survival of small businesses as well as vital government services are on the line. The coalition stated that if Congress fails to act, millions of employees will be furloughed or terminated; millions of unemployed Americans will lose their unemployment insurance pandemic benefits; hundreds of thousands of companies will be at risk of closing their doors forever; and the vast majority of state and local governments will have to curtail critical services in order to balance budgets due to a decline in tax revenue. “It is imperative that Congress provide aid to those industries that are in the most need, including the motorcoach industry, in the next relief bill they pass,” said American Bus Association president and CEO Peter Pantuso. “Like many industries, the bus industry is on the verge of collapse with most of our 3,000 small, family owned businesses at risk of closing forever. We have seen our nearly 100,000 industry jobs lost since March. Bus drivers, administrative personnel, mechanics, tour directors, accountants and all the other highly skilled workers that help this industry provide safe and reliant transportation want to come back to work, they want to make a living again. The only way we bring workers back is through a lifeline from Congress to help our businesses stay open.”

STATE COVERAGE

Chicago Tribune: [Hotel Job Losses In Illinois Could Double Without Additional Federal Aid, Industry Group Warns. ‘We Need Congress To Act And Act Now.’](#)

Hotel job losses in Illinois could double if Congress doesn’t pass another coronavirus stimulus bill, according to an industry group report. The state has already lost more than 67,000 hotel-related jobs since March and about half of Illinois hotel owners surveyed say their properties are in danger of foreclosure, according to an American Hotel and Lodging Association survey conducted in mid-September. The survey polled about 1,000 association members nationwide, according to Chip Rogers,

the group's president and CEO. At the start of the pandemic, hotels across the Chicago area furloughed and laid off workers, under the strain of stay-at-home orders and suspended travel. The hotel industry, which is a large source of jobs and tax revenue for the state, has been one of the sectors hardest hit by the health crisis. In September, leisure and hospitality jobs in Chicago were down almost 27% from 2019, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. "In Illinois, winter is coming both literally and figuratively. We need Congress to act and act now," said Michael Jacobson, president and CEO of the Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association, during a news conference Tuesday.

Florida Politics: [Business, Government Coalition Demands COVID-19 Relief Before Election Day](#)

A national effort including Florida business and government advocates wanted COVID-19 relief passed before Election Day. COVID Relief Now, a coalition of more than 200 organizations, called on Congress to remain in Session until the House and Senate agree on a legislative package. "We are writing to implore you to reach a bipartisan deal on legislation to prevent catastrophic economic harm that would result if Congress does not pass additional emergency relief before adjourning for the election," reads a letter from the group. The coalition includes such Florida lobbying voices as the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Florida Retail Federation and the Florida West Coast chapter of Independent Electrical Contractors. They joined a number of national business groups like the National Small Business Association and National Restaurant Association. The coalition also includes government associations including the National Conference for State Legislatures, National Council of State Legislators, National Association of Counties and National Governors Association.

BROADCAST COVERAGE



Spectrum News Buffalo – [Spectrum News All Day](#)

Federal Funding Continued and Heroes Act

Via Van Scoyoc Associates, 10/1/20

Last night, the Senate passed a "Continuing Resolution" by a vote of 84-10 funding the federal government until December 11, 2020. This averts a government shutdown, and punts difficult FY 2021 funding decisions until after the November 3 election.

House Speaker Pelosi just said that a deal with the White House on the new Heroes Act—with the local government funding—does not seem likely. As a result, the House is expected to vote on the Heroes Act later today. They were holding off to see if a deal could be reached, but since it is increasingly unlikely, the Speaker wants to let the House vote on it. It will be a party-line vote, with nearly all Republicans voting against the bill. The Senate is not expected to consider the bill until after the election, if at all.

COVID-19 Management Metrics for Cities

Via What Works Cities, 9/30/20

COVID-19 Management Metrics for Cities was developed by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and WWC to help city leaders collect and analyze key data to guide the next phase of recovery while keeping the most vulnerable residents' needs front and center.

All cities can download the metrics [here](#).

You can access webinars on using data and this metric set to tackle COVID in your community [here](#).

Briefs Filed in Public Interest Lawsuit Challenging EPA Attainment Determination

Via Maricopa Association of Governments, 9/29/20

The MAG special Washington, D.C. legal counsel has transmitted the Environmental Protection Agency's Response Brief, State of Arizona Amicus Brief, Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry Amicus Brief, and the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest Petitioner Reply to the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry Amicus Motion. These briefs have been filed in the lawsuit initiated by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest to review the Environmental Protection Agency's Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date for the 2008 Ozone Standard for the Maricopa nonattainment area. Staff will continue to provide updates on this topic.

Governor Executive Orders

The Governor has issued a number of Executive Orders in the past months. They can be found at [this link](#). No Executive Orders were issued this week.

Maricopa County Tempe August COVID-19 Data Report

Via Maricopa County staff, 10/2/20

Attached is the August Data Report created by Public Health for Tempe, provided in both English and Spanish. This document will be included on our website. You will notice a change in that the data on this document is now broken out week by week, rather than a 30 day period. However, the overall comparison/stop light is still where Tempe is relative to Maricopa County for the entire month.

Our apologies as these worksheets are a bit late this month. These reports have been prepared since September 15th, however as we were about to distribute them we were informed by ADHS that more than 700 COVID-19 laboratory results were delayed, many of which were from the month of August. Many were also lacking a physical address associated with the case, which makes it difficult to accurately geo-code. Please be advised that we are still waiting on that data, and as a result are distributing these August reports as is, without its inclusion. This means that if address data is received and updated, the August reports may vary slightly upon final reconciliation.

As you know, Maricopa County recently participated in a new project in the community as part of the COVID-19 response. Known as a serosurvey, this effort invited residents of 29 pre-selected communities in Maricopa County to participate in a health survey and COVID-19 antibody test. By conducting this serosurvey with a representative sample of Maricopa County's population, public health professionals will be able to estimate the true spread of COVID-19 in our county. We are pleased to inform you that the survey has been completed with 169 households voluntarily participating. We will be sure to report out final results once they are available.

Finally, a reminder that we are regularly updating the Maricopa County Public Health School Re-Opening Dashboard. With this tool you are able to search by school district, city or zip code. To access the dashboard, please click [here](#).

Census 2020 Response Rates by Census Block Group

Via Maricopa Association of Governments, 9/30/20

MAG staff is providing response rate updates to help MAG member agencies monitor the Census 2020 response rates of their residents. A map showing Tempe's Census 2020 response rates by Census block group as of September 30, 2020 is attached.

If you would like to see the maps by tract, you can either request them from me or view the Census Bureau's response rate map: <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>.

Or to download the data, visit

<https://geodata-azmag.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/census-2020-response-rate-by-block-group-arizona>

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Grant Opportunities

Via the Sustainable Cities Network

LIVE WELL INCUBATOR AZ PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES & VITALYST HEALTH FOUNDATION

Improving well-being takes all of us – representatives from business, food, education, government, the arts, healthcare and public health for example. We need multiple sectors collaborating to solve community well-being challenges, and **that's what the Live Well Arizona Incubator is all about: growing a cross-sector team to build a plan for improving community well-being, and health**, while learning alongside other diverse teams from across the state. The Live Well Incubator grant is a collaborative program of the Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities and Vitalyst Health Foundation.

Grant Applications Deadline is Friday, October 16, 2020

GRANT DETAILS

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT AZ DEPT. OF FORESTRY & FIRE MANAGEMENT

The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management - Community Challenge Grant (CCG) Program is soliciting project proposals from \$5,000 to \$20,000 that support long-term and sustainable urban and community forestry programs at the local level. Successful projects will prioritize funding and other resources toward this year's grant theme of promoting the value and benefit of trees in underserved communities.

Grant Application Deadline is Thursday, October 22, 2020 (no later than 11:59pm)

CCG GUIDELINES

GRANT SUBMISSION PORTAL

COVID RELIEF NOW COALITION

September 30, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer and Leader McCarthy,

We are writing to implore you to reach a bipartisan deal on legislation to prevent catastrophic economic harm that would result if Congress does not pass additional emergency relief before adjourning for the election. Support for furloughed or laid off employees, critical infrastructure, small businesses, educational institutions, first responders, and all state and local governments that are addressing the ongoing public health and economic impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic are priorities we strongly believe require an immediate and unified response from our federal government.

The undersigned groups represent a diverse cross section of our country and our economy, with the public and private sectors coming together to respectfully demand that Democrats and Republicans alike come together to pass additional COVID economic relief legislation.

Our employees, businesses, and constituents cannot wait for additional federal aid to come in December 2020 or March 2021. If Congress fails to act, millions of employees will be furloughed or terminated; millions of unemployed Americans will lose their unemployment insurance pandemic benefits; hundreds of thousands of companies will be at risk of closing their doors forever; and the vast majority of state and local governments will have to curtail critical services in order to balance budgets due to a decline in tax revenue.

This is a pivotal moment. Congress needs to rise to the occasion and cast partisanship aside to provide a lifeline to get through this pandemic. Congress' failure to act now will result in negative economic ramifications that will reverberate for decades.

Thank you for your continued hard work and tireless leadership during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

The COVID RELIEF NOW Coalition (Signatory list below)

cc: The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
The Honorable Mark Meadows

Airlines for America
Airport Ground Transportation Association
Airports Council International- North America
Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance
Alabama Tourism Partnership, Inc.
Alabama Travel Council, Inc.
Alaska CHARR
Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Airport Executives
American Bus Association
American Dental Association
American Gaming Association
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Lighting Association
American Mold Builders Association
American Society of Travel Advisors
American Supply Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association
Arizona Restaurant Association
Arkansas Hospitality Association
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Building America's Future
California Hotel & Lodging Association
California Restaurant Association
California Retailers Association
Casino Association of Indiana
Central Missouri Independent Electrical Contractors Association
Central Pennsylvania Chapter of Independent Electrical Contractors
CentralTex Chapter Independent Electrical Contractors
Club Management Association of America
Coalition of Franchisee Associations
Colorado Hotel & Lodging Association
Colorado Restaurant Association
Commercial Food Equipment Service Association
Community Leaders of America
Connecticut Lodging Association
Connecticut Restaurant Association
Convenience Distribution Association
Deadwood Gaming Association
Delaware Hotel & Lodging Association
Delaware Restaurant Association
Events Industry Council

Florida East Coast Independent Electrical Contractors
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association
Florida Retail Federation
Florida West Coast Chapter of Independent Electrical Contractors
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association
Franchise Business Services (representing Buffalo Wild Wings franchisees)
Georgia Chapter, Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association
Georgia Restaurant Association
Georgia Retailers
Global Business Travel Association
Global Cold Chain Alliance
Go LIVE Together
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
GOPAC Education Fund
Hawaii Restaurant Association
Hospitality Maine
Hospitality Minnesota
Hotel Association of New York City
Hotel Association of Washington DC
Idaho Lodging & Restaurant Association
Illinois Casino Gaming Association
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association
Illinois Restaurant Association
Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Independent Bakers Association
Independent Electrical Contractors
Independent Electrical Contractors Dakotas, Inc
Independent Electrical Contractors, Atlanta Chapter, Inc.
Independent Show Organizers
Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association
Indiana Retail Council
International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions
International Association of Exhibitions and Events
International Association of Venue Managers
International Council of Shopping Centers
International Franchise Association
Iowa Gaming Association
Iowa Restaurant Association
Kansas Chamber
Kansas Restaurant & Hospitality Association
Kansas Retail Council
Kentucky Restaurant Association

Latino Hotel Association
Live Events Coalition
Livingston County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Louisiana Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus
Louisiana Restaurant Association
Louisiana Travel Association
Maine Restaurant Association
Maryland Association of Chain Drug Stores
Maryland Food Industry Council
Maryland Hotel & Lodging Association
Maryland Retailers Association
Massachusetts Lodging Association
Massachusetts Restaurant Association
Meeting Professionals International
Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association
Michigan Retailers Association
Minnesota Restaurant Association
Mississippi Hospitality & Gaming Association
Mississippi Restaurant Association
Missouri Restaurant Association
Missouri Retailers Association
Missouri Tire Industry Association
Montana Lodging & Hospitality Association
Montana Restaurant Association
National Airport Parking Industry Trade Association
National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators and
Developers
National Association of Counties
National Association of Theatre Owners
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
National Association of Women Business Owners
National Automatic Merchandising Association
National Club Association
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Conference of State Legislatures
National Council of State Legislators
National Employment Opportunity Network
National Federation of Independent Business
National Fisheries Institute
National Franchisee Association
National Golf Course Owners Association
National Governors Association
National Independent Talent Organization
National Independent Venue Association

National League of Cities
National Parking Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Small Business Association
National Tooling and Machining Association
Native American Finance Officers Association
Near Airport Parking Industry Trade Association
Nebraska Hotel & Lodging Association
Nebraska Restaurant Association
Nebraska Retail Federation
Nevada Hotel & Lodging Association
Nevada Resort Association
Nevada Restaurant Association
New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association
New Hampshire Retail Association
New Jersey Chapter of Independent Electrical Contractors
New Jersey Hotel & Lodging Association
New Jersey Restaurant Association
New Mexico Restaurant Association
New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association
New York State Restaurant Association
New York State Tourism Industry Association
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers
North American Die Casting Association
North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
North Carolina Retail Merchants Association
North Dakota Hospitality Association
Northwest Pennsylvania Independent Electrical Contractors
Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
Ohio Restaurant Association
Ohio Travel Association
Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association
Oklahoma Restaurant Association
Oklahoma Retail Merchants Association
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association
Pet Industry Distributors Association
Portland Cement Association
Precision Machined Products Association
Precision Metalforming Association
Produce Marketing Association
Professional Beauty Association

Puerto Rico Restaurant Association
Recording Academy
Regulatory Management Counselors, P.C.
Restaurant Association of Maryland
Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington
Retail Association of Maine
Retail Council of New York State
Retail Merchants of Hawaii
Retailers Association of Massachusetts
Rhode Island Hospitality Association
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Small Business Council of America
Small Business for America's Future
Small Business Legislative Council
Society of Independent Show Organizers
South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association
South Dakota Grocers Association
South Dakota Hospitality Association
South Dakota Restaurant Association
South Dakota Retailers Association
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
St. Louis Area Hotel Association
Student and Youth Travel Association
Tennessee Hospitality & Tourism Association
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
Texas Restaurant Association
Texas Retailers Association
The American Society of Travel Advisors
The Association for Manufacturing Technology
The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association
Travel Goods Association
Travel Oregon
Travel Technology Association
Tri State Jewelers Association
U.S. Travel Association
United States Conference of Mayors
Utah Restaurant Association
Utah Tourism Industry Association
Vermont Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association
Virginia Retail Federation
Virginia Retail Merchants Association
Virginia Wineries Association

Washington Hospitality Association
Washington Restaurant Association
Washington Retail Association
West Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association
Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association
Wisconsin Restaurant Association
Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association

COVID-19 MONTHLY DATA REPORT

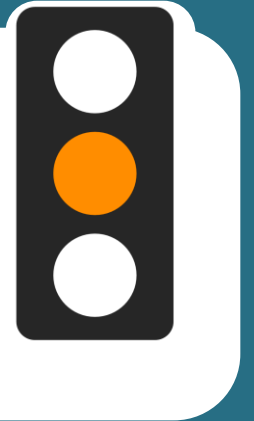
Tempe, AZ

Population: 195,805

Where were you in August?

Tempe was **similar**

to the rate of cases diagnosed in Maricopa County.



COVID-19 case rate per 100,000 persons

	Maricopa County	Tempe
August (week 1)	77.0	41.9
(week 2)	60.0	34.7
(week 3)	44.0	47.0
(week 4)	51.0	298.8

A case rate is the number of cases in a city compared to the population size. This lets us compare regions with different population sizes.

From **the beginning of August to the end of August**, COVID-19 cases diagnosed in **Tempe**

increased.

During the same time period, cases in Maricopa County decreased.

The public should:

- Wear masks when they cannot physically distance.
- Limit gatherings to less than 10 people.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Practice good health hygiene, including hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.

The city or town should continue providing these recommendations to its residents.

Maricopa County will continue to monitor COVID-19 cases by city and report them monthly.



Reporte Mensual de Datos de COVID-19

Tempe, AZ

Población: 195,805

¿Dónde estaba en Agosto?

Tempe fue **similar**

a la tasa de casos diagnosticados en el Condado Maricopa.



Tases de casos de COVID-19 por 100,000 personas

	Condado Maricopa	Tempe
Agosto (week 1)	77.0	41.9
(week 2)	60.0	34.7
(week 3)	44.0	47.0
(week 4)	51.0	298.8

Una tasa de casos es el número de casos en una ciudad en comparación con el tamaño de la población. Esto nos permite comparar regiones con diferentes tamaños de población.

Desde **la primera semana de Agosto** hasta **el fin de agosto**, los casos de COVID-19 diagnosticados en **Tempe**

aumentado.

Durante el mismo período, los casos en el condado de Maricopa disminuyeron.

El público debe:

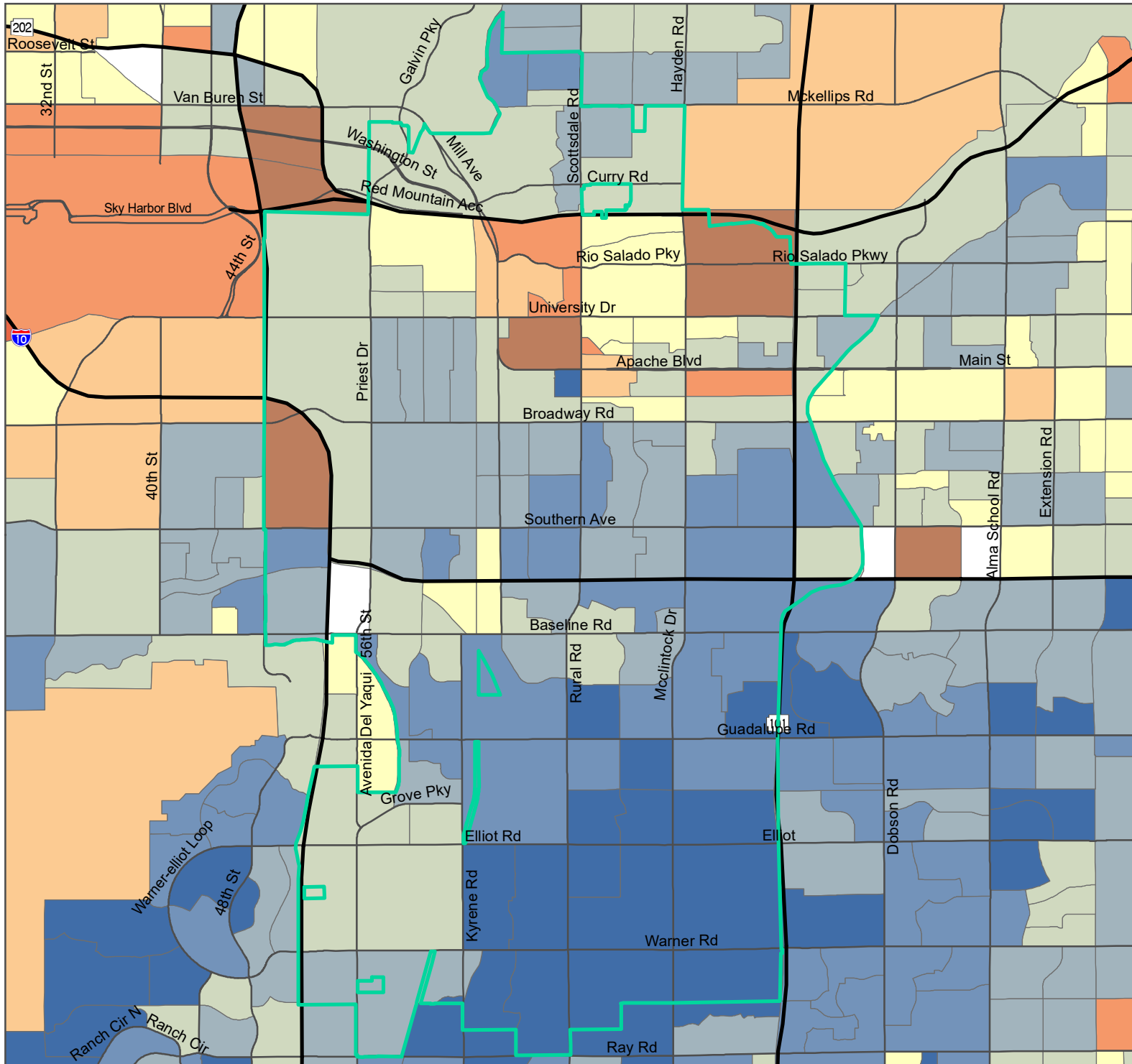
- > Ponerse máscara cuando no puedan distanciarse físicamente.
- > Limitar las reuniones a menos de 10 personas.
- > Quedarse en casa lo más posible.
- > Practicar buena higiene de la salud, incluyendo lavarse las manos, cubrirse al toser y estornudar, etc.

La ciudad o pueblo debe seguir brindando estas recomendaciones a sus residentes.

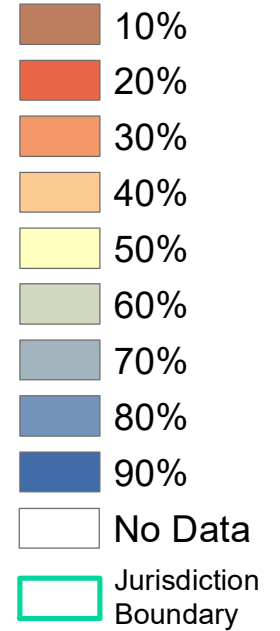
El Condado Maricopa continuará monitoreando los casos de COVID-19 por ciudad y los reportarán mensualmente.



Tempe Census Response Rate: September 30, 2020



Response Rate by Block Group

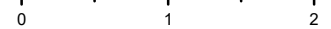


Total Response Rate

Tempe	65%
Maricopa County	68%
Arizona	64%
United States	67%



Miles



United States
**Census
2020**

Source: United States Census Bureau

<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council
THROUGH: Steven Methvin, Deputy City Manager
FROM: Human Services and Community Services Departments
DATE: October 2, 2020
SUBJECT: Tempe Cooling Center Update

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update to Mayor and Council regarding the planned closure of the Tempe Cooling Center.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of COVID-19, many city facilities and local businesses closed in the spring. With Council's guidance, several city departments collaborated to identify a location, develop safety protocols, secure staffing and sanitizing services, and prepare multiple forms of communication for the public. The Tempe Cooling Center (Cooling Center) began operations on May 18 at the Cahill Senior Center. After one month of operations, the Cooling Center was relocated to a centralized location on the Tempe Community Center Complex; the Pyle Adult Recreation Center. The centralized location provided ease of access to visitors, as well as increased capacity capabilities. To date, the Cooling Center has been utilized over 2,200 times.

The success of the Tempe Cooling Center is a direct result of an enormous team effort from the Community Services and Human Services Departments, the Office of Strategic Management and Diversity, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, Tempe Police Department, and the Office of Sustainability. The efforts of those involved created a lifesaving service for the most vulnerable in our community.

COOLING CENTER CLOSURE:

The Cooling Center Task Force has reviewed and discussed options for the closure of the Tempe Cooling Center. The Task Force is recommending that the Cooling Center end its operations on October 18, 2020. This decision was made through careful consideration of historical weather trends, scan of other local cooling center plans, and guidance provided by Paul Iniguez of the Regional National Weather Service.

Barring unforeseen significant weather changes (e.g. heat wave), or additional guidance, the Task Force has identified logistics for closing the Cooling Center including internal/external communication and final reports/press releases for this successful initiative. The Task Force will continue to meet through the closure to ensure a successful transition for staff and patrons.

Patrons will be notified, prior to the closing of the Cooling Center, of additional areas for heat relief.

HEAT RELIEF ALTERNATIVES:

FACILITY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Escalante Multi-Gen Center	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Noon - 5:30 p.m.	Noon - 5:30 p.m.
Kiwanis Recreation Center	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
North Tempe Multi-Gen Center	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Westside Multi-Gen Center	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
TCAA Oasis Drop-In Center	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED

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StoryWalk® and Storytime Live with Tempe Public Library

Tempe Public Library hosts a weekly Facebook Live Storytime to help prepare children for Kindergarten. Storytimes include books, songs, fingerplays and storyboards to encourage early learning and fundamental literacy skill development. Storytimes set the stage for sharing literacy tips, educational resources and methods for modeling behavior around literacy with children. On September 25, Youth Librarians featured the picture book, *Is Everyone Ready for Fun?*, written and illustrated by Jan Thomas. The book was accompanied by live music, dancing, puppets, stories and more.

Is Everyone Ready for Fun? Storytime was developed in conjunction with the latest Storywalk® installation at Escalante Community Park, resulting in more than 700 views. Families are invited to visit Escalante Park to enjoy a self-led walk along a marked path where they may read a children's storybook at different spots as they stroll. Each posted page of the book is accompanied by a guiding question or activity to encourage play, exercise and dialogue around literacy between children and caregivers. Facebook Live Storytimes occur at 10 a.m. every Wednesday, and the current Storywalk® installation, *Is Everyone Ready for Fun?*, will remain at Escalante Park through the winter season.



Pictured Above:
StoryWalk® Page at
Escalante Community Park

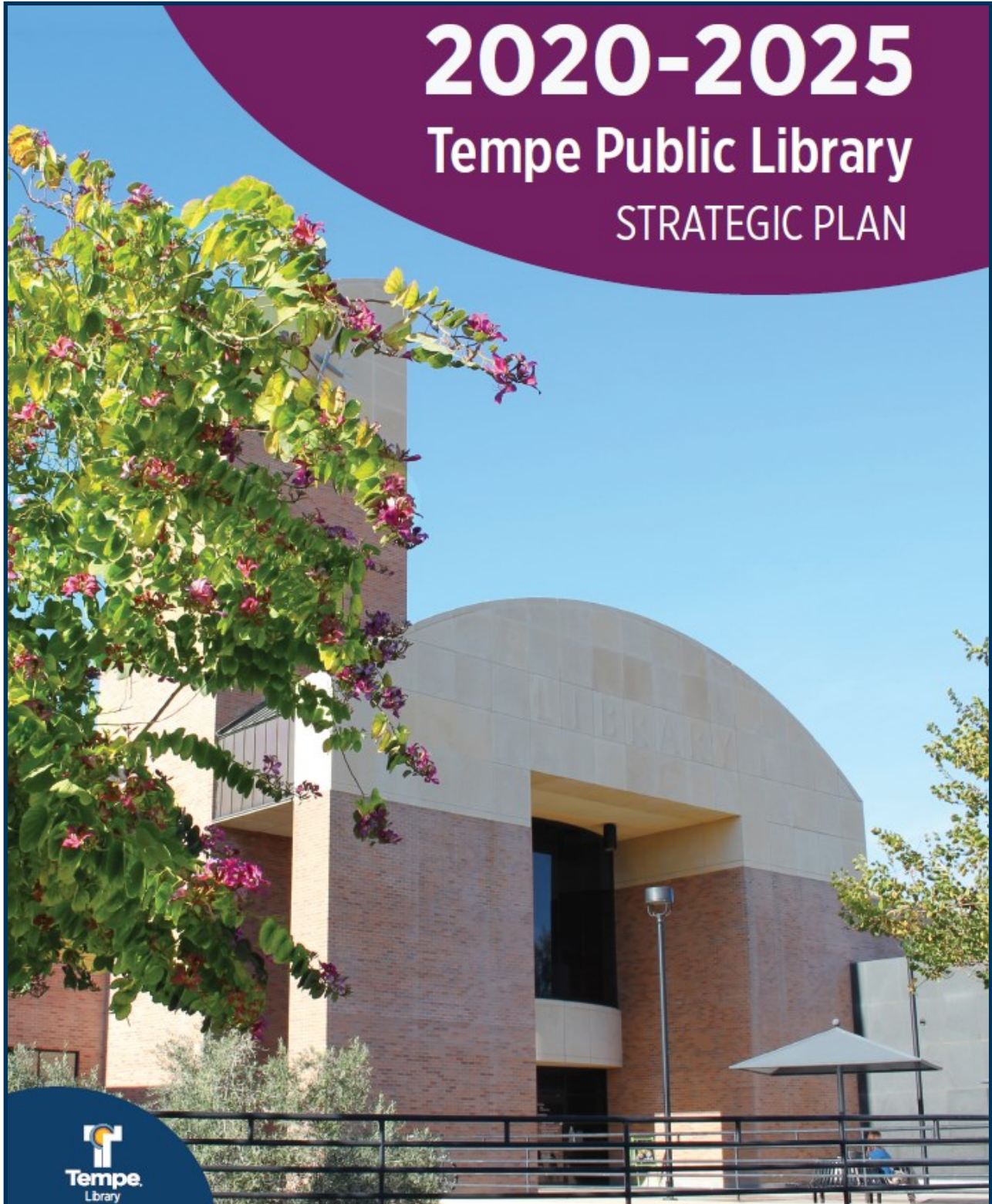
2020-2025 Tempe Public Library Strategic Plan (posted on pages 2 through 4)



The Tempe Public Library's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan was developed by staff, residents and partners, from the Library's Culture Code to the community partner interviews held this past spring. This broad document will assist the Library in making decisions for the path forward in the years ahead, and in the evaluation and implementation of new programming and service models. This plan has been vetted by the Library Advisory Board and Office of Strategic Management and Diversity, and outcomes align with the Library's corresponding performance measures and the city's values.

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City of Tempe Values exemplify the following for those we serve through a shared vision, superior service and sustainable practices.

People Integrity Respect Creativity Quality Openness Diversity



To inspire exploration, discovery, enrichment, and engagement.

Tempe Public Library Culture Code

We are empathy driven:

- We treat everyone with empathy and respect.
- We value feedback and actively listen with an open mind.

TPL Is Inclusive In our leadership and customer service:

- We support all team members through professional development, mentoring and open communication.
- We lead by example and go above and beyond in our service.
- Patrons and co-workers are respected, appreciated and supported.

We serve a changing community:

- We look for new ways to address emerging needs of the public.
- Our innovative collection, services and programs reflect the needs of the community.

We work in a safe and positive environment:

- Operational needs come first to ensure the safety of patrons and co-workers.
- We encourage open communication among co-workers for safety, transparency and camaraderie.

The Culture Code was developed by Tempe Public Library team.

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LIBRARY STRATEGIC GOALS

Improve Customer Experiences

Aligns with Council Priority 3.17 – Quality of Community Services Programs

Outcomes:

- Data, community feedback and observation are used to improve service decisions.
- Programming is diverse and inclusive in content, platforms, and partner involvement.
- Community members have access to safe and welcoming library spaces in person and online.



Improve Community Engagement

Aligns with Council Priority 3.33 – The Culture of Literacy and Engagement

Outcomes:

- Residents are engaged in the library, literacy and important issues.
- Library partners reflect a changing Tempe population and its cultural and educational needs.
- Community members have access and input to a changing and diverse collection.

Expand Innovative and Sustainable Operations

Aligns with Council Priorities 3.16 and 3.17 – Quality of Community Services Facilities and Programs

Outcomes:

- TPL embraces new ideas, technology and efficiencies for improved service models and collections.
- TPL provides sustainable physical and digital collections for the community.
- TPL provides a welcoming, well-trained library team and a safe Community Services campus for all residents.



This plan was developed by the Tempe Public Library team, community partners and residents.