

Friends,

Several important steps were taken for downtown - and for our community - last night:

- **The Flats at Julian Drew!** Although approval was delayed for one week, Mayor and Council approved this project by a 6-0 vote, clearing the way to convert existing apartments on South 5th Avenue into condominiums affordable to those in the workforce, such as firefighters, teachers, downtown workers, and more. This fills an important housing market niche downtown and is a creative adaptive re-use of an existing structure.
- **Madden Media Deal Finalized!** Last night, Mayor & Council formally approved our agreement to sell the historic MacArthur Building to Madden Media. Renovations to modify the building inside as the new home of this nationally renowned publishing house should get underway soon. Their 80 employees will be moving into their new digs next year. Madden's move downtown is the first of many, we hope, demonstrating how well our Downtown can work for private sector businesses and their employees.
- **Gray Water Stub Outs Approved!** Council held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance that requires new homes to be stubbed out for gray water systems. This makes it possible for new home buyers to upgrade their homes by installing gray water systems, allowing them to use water from sinks, showers and washing machines in their yards. One more giant step towards sustainability! Thanks to Councilmember Glassman for bringing this measure to us!
- **Kids in Cars Ordinance Finalized!** Mayor & Council formally adopted this ordinance last night, to take effect in November, giving us time to do community outreach and education in advance of it becoming law. While our police and firefighters have never failed to protect our children in the past, using state endangerment laws, this gives them one more tool .. and far greater clarity ... and puts the City on record that our children's safety comes first .
- **Go Green!** Earlier this month we held our third annual Go Green at Ward VI. More than 30 groups provided information and practical how-to's, but the highlight were the volunteers who finished up our fabulous passive water harvesting system - just before the rain began! Many thanks to our many

participants, nonprofits and area businesses that took part in this community effort to Go Greener! And special thanks to the Ward VI staff ... especially Laura Burge, our queen of Green ... who put in so many extra hours to make sure this community event provided the information so important to our future!

- Future Forums! A couple of interesting forums and/or trainings will be taking place in the Ward VI offices [3202 East First Street] soon. Here are the details:

### CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training session

Learn how to help out during disasters when police and fire personnel may be overwhelmed.

Friday, October 3rd from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Topics to be covered include Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations (including Triage, Life Threatening Conditions, First Aid), Light Search and Rescue. Please call 791-4601 or email [Ward6@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ward6@tucsonaz.gov) to reserve your spot.

### Proposition Forum

Ward VI and the League of Women Voters will be co-hosting a forum offering unbiased analyses of what each Proposition on the ballot does and does not do.

Thursday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

**\*\*No campaign materials of any kind, including t-shirts, will be allowed in the building\*\***

<http://www.lwvaz.org/azvoterservice/VGEnglish.pdf>

I'll be out of town for a few days, visiting my father in NY. It's bittersweet visit, to say the least. I love Poppa with all my heart, but his dementia has really gotten worse in the last few months since I've seen him. It's so hard to watch this once-brilliant, talented, agile man waste away with this disease. Some day there will be an answer. For now, all I can do is let him know I love him and, along with my family, make certain he is well cared for. I know I am far from alone in facing this challenge.

That's it for now. As always, please stay in touch and let us know your thoughts/priorities/concerns.



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