

WARD 5 NEWSLETTER

Council Member Richard G. Fimbres

City of Tucson



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LETTER

from Council Member Fimbres

Dear Friends,

Cinco de Mayo is the holiday held on May 5, commemorating the Mexican Army’s victory over French Forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin. In the U.S., Cinco de Mayo has taken on significance beyond that in Mexico and the date is best recognized in the United States as a date to celebrate our culture and experiences of Americans of Mexican ancestry.

Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community. Through the years, Latin Americans have played an integral role in our Nation’s success in science, the arts, business, military service, government and every other field of endeavor and their talent, creativity, and achievement continue to energize our national life.

The United States is a melting pot of a country made of and made for immigrants. But the Latinos have been in this area for thousands of years. And to say our culture has little impact on our community, would be a major understatement.

I have worked to give the Latino community more economic opportunities by creating more than 15,000 jobs since taking office as your Ward 5 Council Member.

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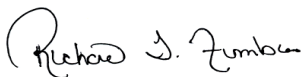
Raytheon, Costco, Walmart, GEICO, VXi Tucson, Pack Dash, Curacao, HomeGoods Distribution Center, SkyWest, FedEx, JTED Center for Innovation, U of A Tech Park, WoodSpring Suites, Century Mark 14 Theatre, Modular Mining, Centene, Vanguard and Shared Services are just some of companies who have opened new businesses or expanded operations in Ward 5.

Latinos also represent the fastest growing segment of the American electorate and served in many offices, including: Raul Castro, Arizona's first Latino Governor; Ed Pastor, Arizona's first Latino Congressman and today there are two Latinos in Congress representing Arizona: Raul Grijalva and Ruben Gallego; Victor Soltero, Ramon Valadez, the late Olivia Cajero Bedford and Rosanna Gabaldon, who served or are serving in the Arizona Senate; Alma Hernandez, Daniel Hernandez, Andres Cano, Tom Prezelski, who served or are serving in the Arizona House; Dan Eckstrom, Ramon Valadez, the late Richard Elias and Adelita Grijalva who served or are serving on the Pima County Board of Supervisors; F. Ann Rodriguez as Pima County Recorder, Jennifer Eckstrom and Bob Teso as Mayor of South Tucson; Marco Lopez served as Mayor of Nogales and Tucson, with its first Latina Mayor in its 144 year history, Regina Romero.

Tucson is the only city to adopt a holiday honoring the work and legacy of Cesar Chavez and has had Dolores Huerta at Tucson's Cesar Chavez Holidays and celebrations.

As we reflect on the Latino contributions in this great country, let us not lose sight of where we, as Americans, Arizonans, Tucsonans need to go. We must continue to work together to solve the challenges of today, so our community and our children will have a better tomorrow.

Richard G. Fimbres



Your Ward 5 Council Member

PARKS AND REC CENTERS UPDATE

Beginning Monday, May 2, Tucson Parks and Recreation will resume pre-pandemic center hours and programming. All lobbies, game rooms, locker rooms, and showers will be open, and there will not be restrictions on group size, except for maximum capacities. In addition, the on-site [Senior Meal Program](#), a partnership with Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) and Catholic Social Services, will return to normal operating hours and locations. Senior transportation will resume for specific sites. Senior and youth programs will once again offer field trips and luncheon events. Masks are no longer required at City facilities but are still recommended where physical distancing is not possible. A facility membership or a daily fee will be required for recreation center access.

For more information, call the recreation center near you. Visit the Tucson Parks and Recreation website at Tucsonaz.gov/parks for more information on locations, amenities, memberships, and hours of operation.

CHERRYBELL UPDATE

April 6, 2022 was a great day for the City of Tucson, when President Joe Biden signed the Postal Reform Act. This marks a major victory for the Cherrybell Post Office and Processing Center, Ward 5, Tucson and Arizona.



This has been an effort that I want to thank the following people: Former Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, current Mayor Regina Romero, former Council Members Karin Uhlich, Paul Durham and Shirley Scott, as well my current colleagues on the Council for their support over these past 11 and a half years. The late Senator John McCain, former Senator Jeff Flake, former Senator and Congresswoman Martha McSally, Congressman Raul Grijalva and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick for their work to keep Cherrybell open. Governor Ducey, for his letter and efforts for Cherrybell. Tracy Tucker, our federal lobbyist, Connie Sadler Nelson with the Postal Workers Union and the late George Kalil, who were part of this effort from the beginning. Andrew Greenhill with the IGR Office was a great help.

I want to especially thank State Representative Andrea Dalessandro who was our champion in the Arizona Legislature, who is working on HCM 2002, to have the Arizona Legislature again go on record in support of Tucson and Southern Arizona’s post office and processing center. A celebration will take place to mark this victory for Cherrybell and for our community in this 11-and-a-half-year battle for Tucson.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTSCASTERS

On Friday, April 8, our office hosted a ceremony to recognize 5 high school sportscasters for the excellent work they have demonstrated throughout the years. Their coverage of high school sports is of upmost importance to the City of Tucson and its residents, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Council Member Fimbres wanted to recognize those efforts. Playing sports is a great way to relieve stress and treat depression, build a sense of self-discipline and teamwork, and is a critical part of our children’s lives. Council Member Fimbres and the Ward 5 Office Staff was proud to recognize Paul Cicala and David Kelly with KVOA, Jason Barr with KGUN, and Andy Morales and Javier Morales with All Sports Tucson. We are grateful for all they do and continue to do for our community.

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, April 2, the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center held their free Easter Egg Hunt event for the children in the surrounding neighborhoods. Congratulations to Jerry Neely and the staff at Quincie Douglas on the event and thank everyone who attended and supported the event.



GAP MINISTRIES GRAND OPENING

I had the privilege of taking part in the dedication and ribbon cutting of GAP Ministries new and bigger location, Thursday, March 31. Joining me were Tucson Ward 3 Council Member Kevin Dahl, Oro Valley Mayor Joe Winfield and Marana Town Manager Terry Rozema. I presented Ward 5 Medallions of Hope to the leadership of GAP Ministries who does so much for those in need in our community. Congratulations on your new location and efforts, which will help more people.



PROPOSITION 411

The City of Tucson is asking the good citizens to extend the existing temporary half-cent sales tax for an additional 10 years. This extension will not increase the City’s current sales tax rate of 2.6%. The funds collected through the half-cent sales tax over the 10-year period will be used solely for neighborhood street improvements and system-wide street safety projects. The estimated sales tax revenue over this 10-year period is projected to be \$740 million to be used solely for improvements to neighborhood street conditions and system-wide street safety. Of that estimated funding, 80%, or \$590 million, will be dedicated to improving the condition of City neighborhood streets; and 20%, or \$150 million, will be dedicated to safe street improvements that benefit all users and modes. Safety improvements can include projects such as street lighting, sidewalks, bicycle network enhancements, traffic signal technology upgrades, and traffic-calming features.

Accountability and oversight commissions ensure that the funds collected from the temporary half-cent sales tax are only spent for the purposes approved by voters. Over the last decade, citizens’ accountability and oversight commissions have served taxpayers by overseeing and monitoring projects and expenditures for the voter-approved 2017 half-cent sales tax and both the Proposition 409 and 407 bond packages. The Independent Oversight and Accountability Commission will select and prioritize Proposition 411 neighborhood street improvement projects. The City’s Complete Streets Coordinating Council, a group of citizens appointed by the Mayor and Council, in addition to technical experts, will oversee the selection of Proposition 411 safe street projects. The four major safe street project categories and corresponding funding allocations include:

Category	Percentage	Estimated Funding*
Sidewalk and Pedestrian Accessibility Improvements	30%	\$45M
Bicycle Network Enhancements	20%	\$30M
System-wide Safety Improvements	30%	\$45M
Traffic Signal Technology Upgrades	20%	\$30M
Total	100%	\$150M

*Funding totals are based on projected tax sales tax revenues.

This will be an all, vote by mail election, taking place Tuesday, May 17 and conducted and overseen by the City Clerk’s Office. For more information, please call the City Clerk’s Office, (520) 791-4213. To learn more go to www.tucsonaz.gov/Prop411

CESAR CHAVEZ VIGIL

On Thursday, March 31, the Cesar Chavez Holiday Coalition hosted a vigil at Rudy Garcia Park in honor of Cesar Chavez and the farmworkers that have passed from COVID-19. There were many great speakers, mariachi, and Aztec dancers. The Ward 5 office was proudly represented at this wonderful event.



FAREWELL GABE

Tuesday, March 29 was Gabriel Holguin's last day at the Ward 5 Council Office. Gabe had finished his studies and got his degree. He has started his career in Human Resources for a healthcare company. Congratulations Gabriel and thank you for your work at Ward 5. You will be missed.

MEET AND GREET, TPD CHIEF CHAD KASMAR

I want to thank all the 35 people who came out for the 2nd Ward 5 Meet and Greet with TPD Chief Chad Kasmar, on Thursday, March 24. A lot of good questions were asked and comments made. I want to thank the staff of the El Pueblo Senior Center for hosting the event.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM

On Saturday, March 19, I had the privilege of touring one of Tucson's African American History Museum, located in Ward 5. This museum is owned and curated by Mr. James Christopher, located at 2029 S. Campbell in Ward 5. For more information about the Museum, please call (520) 850-3832.

PAT HUBBARD

Also on Saturday, March 19, a great lady was honored for her work, commitment to animals and our community. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona recognized and honored Pat Hubbard, a wonderful lady that I and my office worked with to have several free spay and neuter clinics for thousands of pets for people in need. I was honored to know and worked with her. I recognized her with the Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation, which her family accepted. Thank you Pat.



ROMAN BRAVO-YOUNG

I want to congratulate Roman Bravo-Young, Sunnyside High School graduate who won his second NCAA wrestling title, in the 132 pound classification with Penn State. Roman had finished his wrestling career at Sunnyside with a 182-0 record and won his second NCAA title in as many years.

TEP UPDATE

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) had their first virtual public meeting, Thursday, April 14 on the proposal for their TEP Kino to DeMoss Petrie Transmission Line.

From 2019 through 2021, community discussions and stakeholder meetings had been held on proposed routes for this powerline. On September 1, 2021 TEP had filed their preferred route application with the Arizona Corporation Commission, going through many Ward 5 neighborhoods and others across the Wards in Tucson, and for which the proposed route had been voted down by stakeholders previously in 2019.

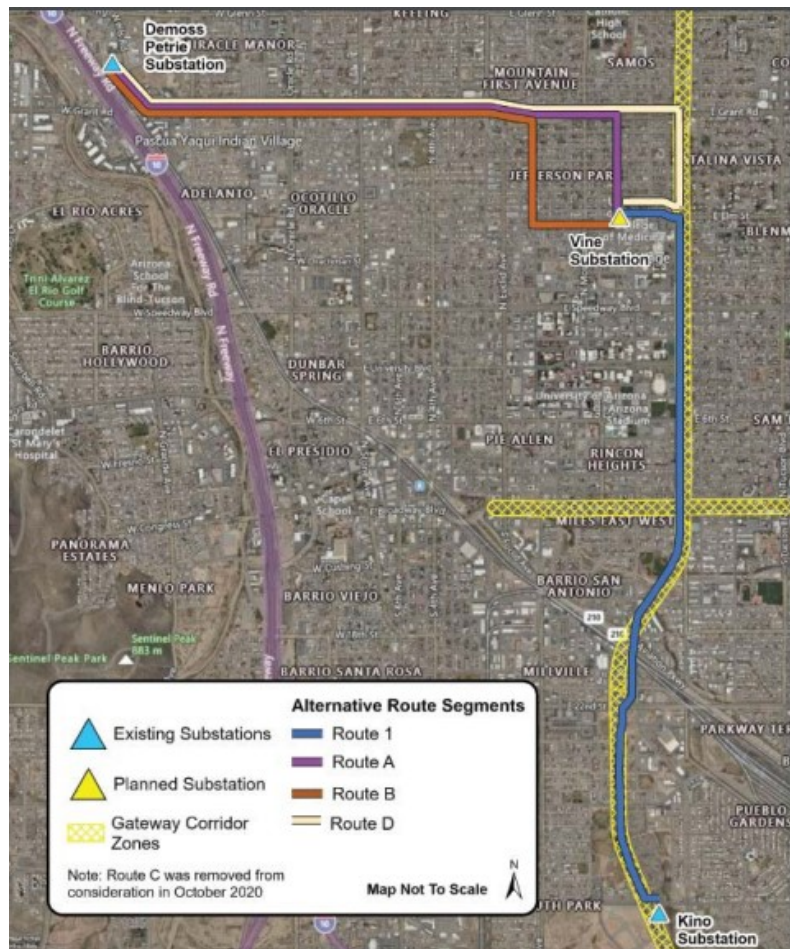
Ward 5 neighbors and citizens across our City, made their comments known to TEP on this, something I wish to thank them for again during the initial process.

TEP's filing came on the same day as the Mayor and Council meeting to discuss this issue, which I made the motion to have the Mayor and Council go on record, formally opposed to the route, known as 5A and to all actions to ensure this route was not approved. I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their unanimous support of this motion.

For more information regarding the Kino to DeMoss-Petrie 138 Kilovolt Transmission Line, please visit: <https://www.tep.com/kino-to-demoss-petrie/>

TEP encourages residents, property owners and others to share their input by:

- Mailing a letter with comments to:
P.O. Box 711
ATTN: Kino-DMP
Mail Stop RC131
Tucson, AZ 85701-0711
- Sending comments to KINO2DMP@tep.com
- Filling out an [online comment form](#)
- Calling 1-833-523-0887 and leaving a voicemail message





NOCHE DE LAS ESTRELLAS 2022

After a 2 year hiatus due to COVID-19, Sunnyside’s Noche de las Estrellas is back! I would like to personally invite everyone to the 2022 Noche de las Estrellas Mariachi and Folklorico Festival on Saturday, May 21 at the AVA Amphitheater. Plaza Garibaldi begins at 4:00pm and the concert begins at 7:00pm. Headlining this year’s concert is Graciela Beltran, along with mariachi and folklorico groups across Southern Arizona. Tickets can be purchased at the event, by phone at (520) 545-5307, or online at <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5620795/noche-de-las-estrellas-tucson-ava-amphitheater-at-casino-del-sol>

A poster for the United Hearts of Arizona COVID-19 Memorial Service. It has a yellow heart border. At the top, it says "United Hearts of Arizona" and "CORAZONES UNIDOS DE ARIZONA". Below that, it says "Presents: 1st ANNUAL COVID-19 MEMORIAL SERVICE & SURVIVORS CELEBRATION". Logos for Arizona Bilingual News, City of Tucson Parks & Recreation, and the City of Tucson Ward 5 Council Office are shown. The event is on Friday, May 06 at 5:30 PM at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park. The theme is "REMEMBERING COVID-19 VICTIMS AND CELEBRATING SURVIVORS".

A poster for the United Hearts of Arizona COVID-19 Memorial Service in Spanish. It has a yellow heart border. At the top, it says "United Hearts of Arizona" and "CORAZONES UNIDOS DE ARIZONA". Below that, it says "Presenta: 1er. EVENTO ANUAL DE SERVICIO CONMEMORATIVO Y CELEBRACIÓN DE SOBREVIVIENTES DE COVID-19". Logos for Arizona Bilingual News, City of Tucson Parks & Recreation, and the City of Tucson Ward 5 Council Office are shown. The event is on Friday, May 6 at 5:30 PM at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park. The theme is "RECORDANDO A LAS VICTIMAS DE COVID-19 Y CELEBRANDO A LOS SOBREVIVIENTES".

UNITED HEARTS COVID-19 MEMORIAL

United Hearts of Arizona will be hosting the first annual COVID-19 Memorial Service and Survivors Celebration, the first of its kind here in Tucson. This is an event to pay homage to the victims and survivors of COVID-19. This memorial will be taking place on May 6 at 5:30 pm at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park, located at 900 S. Randolph Way.

S 12th Ave Street Painting Weekend

150-200 volunteers needed each day!

April 23 & 24 8-1 p.m.

New Life Community Center
5245 S 12th Avenue

Join Vice Mayor Lane Santa Cruz, Council Member Richard Fimbres, and the Department of Transportation and Mobility for the S 12th Ave Street Painting Weekend, an asphalt art painting party on La Doce between Irvington Rd and Drexel Rd in preparation for the future installation of green stormwater infrastructure.

Scan to sign up!





Fin de Semana de Pintura en la Calle Doce

!Se necesitan 150-200 voluntarios cada día!

23 y 24 de abril 8-1 p.m.

New Life Community Center
5245 S 12th Avenue

Únase a Vicealcalde Lane Santa Cruz, al concejal Richard Fimbres y al Departamento de Transporte y Movilidad para un fin de semana de pintar La Doce, una fiesta donde pintaremos el asfalto sobre La Doce entre Irvington Rd y Drexel Rd en preparación para la futura instalación de Infraestructura Verde.

Inscríbese aquí





Ready, Set, **REC!**

Find the Ward 5 van!



May 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Mirasol Park
May 10, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Ochoa Park
May 11, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Rudy Garcia Park
May 12, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Parkview Park
May 17, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Bravo Park
May 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Bristol Park
May 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Santa Rosa Park
May 24, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Swan Park
May 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Manuel Herrera Jr. Park
May 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Cherry Park



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Tucson Police and Tucson Fire Departments
DIAL 911

Permits Planning and Development Services Department
(520) 791-5550

Housing Assistance Community Services Department
(520) 791-4739

Code Enforcement
(520) 791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit
(520) 837-7318, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal
(520) 792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non-Emergency
(520) 791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services
(520) 791-3171

DTM Street Maintenance
(520) 791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water
Billing (520) 791-3242, Public Information (520) 791-4331

Park Tucson
(520) 791-5071

Pima Animal Care Center
(520) 724-5900

UA Neighborhood Hotline
(520) 282-3649

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