



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

Wishing you a
Happy & Safe
Holiday Season!

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Emergency Services
TPD & TFD
DIAL 911

Permits 791-5550
Housing Assistance
791-4739

TCC - 791-5522

Code Enforcement &
Graffiti removal
792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick up &
Environmental
Services 791-3171

Transportation &
Street Maintenance
- 791-3154

Tucson Water
Billing - 791-5466
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A LETTER FROM VICE MAYOR FIMBRES

Dear Friends:

Its amazing how time has flown by! I can't believe that its been a year since I was sworn in as your Councilmember. Over this past year a lot has happened, but as I have said, "when times are tough, Tucsonans roll up their sleeves and come together to solve the problems." I would like to thank you for your support through this last year, as the City, like the rest of the country, has never faced an economic downturn, as we have gone through in the past three years.

Even though we have had this economic crisis, we have accomplished many things.

Thanks to the efforts of my staff and your Councilmember, the following was accomplished in Ward 5.

Groundbreaking of the U of A Bioscience Park project (Kino/36th), with multiple parcels for biotech projects, a hotel, student housing and retail.

Holding Town Hall meetings and updating constituents on issues of concern as well as through E-mail, a personal blog, Facebook and a newsletter.

Getting approval for IGA's between the City of Tucson and the U of A for the bioscience park.

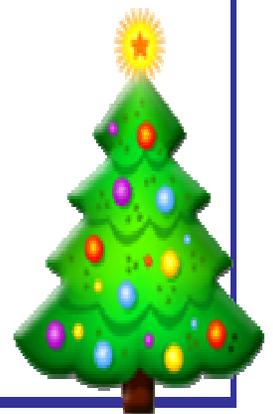
Encouraging the growth of Tucson economy by streamlining the Certificate of Occupancy process, resulting in more than \$140 million dollars in commercial construction development permits, since this and other changes in the licensing and zoning process have gone into effect.

Helping the City save more money through mandatory department participation of the P-Card purchasing program Bringing in more than \$1-million in revenue and saving the City more than \$2-million by going paperless.

Preserving the mental health court program.

The renegotiation of the development that has resulted in the construction of the new Costco Store, putting people to work and good paying jobs. Working with the developers and surrounding neighborhoods to get construction going on the Bridges Project at Kino and 36th.

In addition to the Bridges Project and the U of A Bioscience Park,





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Two Quik Trips opened with more than 60 good paying jobs with benefits; Four Goodwill locations opening up with more than 50 good paying jobs and Perfection Industries expanding their business operations and opening in the Ward.

On a personal note, this year I was recognized:

By the U.S. Army for my military service; selected by the Arizona Youth Partnership as an Agent of Change for this year and I received the LULAC National Presidential Citation Award by LULAC National President, Rosa Rosales.

The work and accomplishments of your Councilmember the Ward 5 Council Office hasn't been limited to the Ward only. Over the past year, citywide, has included:

Conducting a performance audit and review of the Metropolitan Tucson Conventions and Visitors Bureau conducted by the Independent Audit and Performance Commission, setting precedent and policy for further review of similar contracts and arrangements.

Set the bar higher for oversight, review and transparency in governmental operations. Two city budget deficits were dealt with and balanced. One of which came only eight days after being sworn into office?

Revised the Land Use Code and simplifying parking and zoning regulations so that businesses can operate easier in Tucson. Voted not to proceed on the proposed convention center hotel, which was a financial risk for the City of Tucson but most importantly, the taxpayers. Worked to preserving public safety services and maintaining core services during these tough, economic times. Launched the modern street car construction project to revitalize downtown, providing hundreds of jobs for the work to build the lines, and the adoption of a comprehensive water policy for Tucson Water.

In my second year as your Councilmember: There will be more work being done by less staff in Ward 5, (6.5 when taking office to three people presently). Another budget shortfall looms for Fiscal Year 2012, starting July 1. More streamlining, oversight, review and transparency in governmental operations. Construction and development with the U of A Biosciences Park the Bridges Project, the Valencia Crossing Project. Serving as your Vice-Mayor and continuing the work to make Ward 5 and Tucson, a better place to live, work and raise a family.

I want to thank the Mayor and my colleagues on the City Council for their work and efforts. I want to wish you a safe and relaxing Holiday Season and may the New Year be even better.

Peace.

Richard Fimbres

