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Well, the Holidays are over and I can see that I've got my work cut out for me getting my staff back to focusing on City stuff. Wish me luck. The year's going to get off to a quick start with some meaty issues.



Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police
Department**
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

**Abandoned
Shopping Carts**
791-3171

**Neighborhood
Resources**
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

**Environmental
Services**
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

**Planning and
Development
Services** 791-5550

**Pima County Animal
Control**
243-5900

**Pima County Vector
Control**
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

Continued: A Message From Steve

Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation (CEASE)



One of the significant initiatives we've championed through the Ward 6 office is Project RAISE. It's the diversion program that we organize a couple of times per year in an effort to address the victims of prostitution and sex trafficking in our community. Touching the victims' lives is the supply side of the issue. There's also the demand side to consider. Without a buyer, the seller's out of business.

Like Project RAISE, CEASE involves a diverse group of stakeholders. The initiative will kick off in Phoenix on Tuesday, February 3rd and join 11 other cities nationwide that participate in the CEASE Network. Its goal is to combat the demand for illegal paid sex in some very tangible ways. We've already got some of them up and running in Tucson.

CEASE will bring together survivors, criminal justice professionals, researchers, and others familiar with the field. They'll be meeting in Phoenix to receive instruction on demand reduction tactics and to share both baseline data and various protocols that have been tried in other jurisdictions. I'm hoping to use the Phoenix event as a jumping off point to bring some of the model to Tucson, just as we've done with RAISE.

Here are a couple of links that you can use to check out the program in more detail:

[Demand Abolition](#)

[The CEASE Network](#)

I mentioned above that RAISE is a program that offers diversion to the victims of prostitution. While those are most directly the people who are being sold, the 'industry' also has a negative impact on whole communities. Combating the demand for paid sex is a crucial component of addressing the problem in a holistic way. That's what CEASE is all about.

Other jurisdictions have passed or are considering legislation to address the issue. Some components of those laws include things like increasing penalties for Johns (the buyers), the creation of interagency task forces to fight the problem, lots of educational materials, and a diversion program similar to what we offer in RAISE.

I'm already in touch with our legal folks to see what avenues we can use at a local level to touch the issue. I've made it clear that at a bare minimum, I believe that the penalty for solicitation should exceed the penalty for prostitution. We already do "John Stings" (where police decoys bust buyers), and we have a John School. As long as we see the demand that we do during our RAISE nights, we know the demand isn't being satisfactorily affected by the penalties in place. More on the local angle to come, and I'll share what happens in Phoenix as they roll out the program up there in February.

Community Policing

Related to sex crimes, but also key to addressing crime in general, is the idea of community policing. It's a philosophy, not a one-off program or single assignment given to an officer. We do the latter. We don't do community policing in a more general way, as a philosophy that permeates the department.

That's not a criticism of the department. It takes increased staff, along with a change in approach, to effectively put a community policing effort into place. Last year we left over \$3M in police personnel recruiting dollars unused. That number is over \$5M if you include 'Justice Services.' At an earlier council meeting, I raised the issue of earmarking those dollars to their intended use. If we commit to embracing the community policing philosophy and aggressively recruit to fill the needed slots, I'm going to make committing those dollars a big topic in our budget talks.

I've been told by several TPD members that our success ratio in recruiting is very low. While I don't want to recruit unqualified people, I want us to look at whether some of our standards are excessively high and are unnecessarily washing out some potential recruits. We're also going after ex-military police for transfers into the department. While they benefit from shortened academy time based on their prior experience, we need to insist that we're not adding staff whose philosophical orientation might not be aligned with a community policing approach. So, recruiting's a big piece of this issue.

In the past few years, we've been successful in applying for and receiving Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grants. While those dollars allow us to hire more officers, the application mandates some community policing element to what the new cops are doing. I have begun an exchange with our TPD command staff to ensure that is more than just a project done to check a box on the application form. Outreach to the community is key to building this philosophy into how we do law enforcement.

I began this topic talking about sex crimes, but community policing can be particularly effective in relation to the immigration issues we've been wrestling with lately. Prior to SB1070, we didn't even have General Orders that dealt specifically with immigration. Everybody I spoke with in TPD and DPS command at the time 1070 went into effect was concerned about deterioration in our community outreach once it became law. We've seen that. I know I see TPD officers at most of the neighborhood association meetings I attend. They're much appreciated. And I know our Chief has spent time attending community forums to address outreach and the challenges of 1070. Those are examples of pieces of community policing. If we continue to address the flexibility given to us under the new Priority Enforcement rules laid down by Homeland Security last November, we can do more.

Here's what was in place that addressed how we dealt with undocumented people before SB1070 was in effect:

2119 Contacts or Arrests Involving Foreign Nationals or Undocumented Aliens

2119.1 Undocumented Aliens

Police officers shall not contact or stop a person merely on suspicion that the person is present in the United States illegally. Under federal law, this authority is reserved for agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). During contact with suspected undocumented aliens, officers shall follow the same procedures when



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice Brewer (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
791-4201

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<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

contacting or stopping any person. If, after a person is contacted or stopped, the officer reasonably suspects that person is an undocumented alien, the officer may:

- Request an INS agent to respond while the officer completes the original stop. The subject shall not be detained longer than necessary to conduct any investigation necessary to complete the stop/contact.
- If INS cannot respond within the time necessary for the officer to complete the contact with the subject, the officer shall fill out a field interview form prior to releasing the subject. The form will contain the name and address of the subject's employer, the subject's residence, any vehicles associated with the subject, and any additional persons with the subject at the time of the stop.

INS representatives may not respond and/or accept control of a suspected undocumented alien if that subject is intoxicated, or may need hospitalization for treatment of injury or ill health. Officers who come in contact with suspected undocumented aliens who exhibit these characteristics will deal with these persons as any other injured and intoxicated person would be handled.

- If the subject is arrested for a felony, or a misdemeanor for which the subject will be physically arrested, the subject shall be booked with an INS hold. INS shall be notified by phone of the arrest by the arresting officer.
- If the subject is to be cited and field released, the subject shall be cited and INS requested to respond. The subject shall not be detained more than 20 minutes after being cited.

I know we'll be looking at the South Tucson policies on January 21st. With a couple of changes in the rules we had in place pre-1070, I think we've already got the rules on the books that we can follow and still be in line with the Feds on this issue. Doing so would be another step towards improving our community policing efforts.

I'm working with The Loft right now to put together a forum to address the benefits of community policing. We're going to use the movie "Fruitvale Station" as the starting point for the discussion. Google that and you will get the troubling background. More on those plans as they develop, and more on the whole issue of establishing the philosophy of community policing as this budget cycle unfolds.

Two-Year-Old Kills Mom

I might as well add here that, over the Holidays, a woman left her purse unattended in a department store, within reach of her two-year-old son. Inside the purse was a zippered compartment with a loaded pistol. The woman had a Concealed Carry Permit, so it was all legal. This occurred in Idaho.

The kid unzipped the pouch, pulled out the gun, and shot his mom in the head. You draw your own conclusions. Her father-in-law took exception to people being critical of any part of the story. He said 'we're gun people.'

I have gun locks available for free for anybody who'd like one. Come by the Ward Office and we will be happy to give you some.

Infill Incentive District

In March 2013, M&C began the process of revising the Infill Incentive District development plan. Specifically, we asked that areas be addressed such as giving prominence to

neighborhood protection, improving the design review processes, and insuring that the Plan remain an incentive to the development of appropriate projects. On January 21st, we'll be reviewing and making recommendations related to the way we treat infill in the downtown area. The east side wards are pretty much along for the ride on this one. It affects midtown and downtown.

The IID has a January 2015 sunset date. We did that as a relief valve, giving ourselves the chance to come back and make changes to address the unintended consequences that we've seen since its implementation. Most of those from my perspective have been related to student housing, or in the vernacular of the IID, "group dwellings." They are defined in Code like this:

Group Dwelling.

Within the Downtown Area Infill Incentive District (IID) the term "group dwelling" means a structure that:

1. _____ meets the definition of "group dwelling" contained in UDC Section 11.3.7.B; and
2. _____ is greater than two stories or 25 in height.

And the UDC reference reads as follows:

B. Group Dwelling

The residential occupancy of a permanent structure by five or more unrelated persons or by one or more individuals where the individual or group of individuals has the exclusive right of occupancy of a bedroom. Typical uses include fraternities; sororities; convents; dormitories; college student rentals; rooming and boarding; boarding houses, not primarily for travelers; and apartments where individual bedrooms are separately leased. Related persons include persons related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership as defined in Tucson City Code Chapter 17, Article IX or a legal custodial relationship.

Putting those together, a 'group dwelling' is a structure that's over two stories and houses five or more unrelated people, where each has the exclusive right to a bedroom. It's not a standard apartment complex or a hotel.

Much of the proposed IID draft speaks about site development issues such as heights, setbacks, design review processes, and those sorts of things. It speaks to design standards. But it also speaks to allowable uses in the various sub-districts that make up the downtown IID. There are several of those sub-districts. They include the Toole Avenue area, 4th Avenue, the Warehouse Triangle, Iron Horse, and the Stone/6th Street area. Each has its own design criteria, both in terms of what's allowed and how a given project sits on the building site. I'm going to include a chart here that gives all of what's allowed in each area. It is information you'll want if you live in or around one of them, or if you want to develop something in the IID. For ease in following the chart, here's how the sub-districts are designated:

TAS is the Toole area. UAS is the area around the University Annex. EPS is the area around El Charro. WTA is the Warehouse Triangle where the Corbett Building's located. FAA is 4th Avenue. AIH-MS is the overlap of Iron Horse and Armory Park where mixed use is being proposed. IH-RS is Iron Horse where it's residential. STS is Stone, and SSS is 6th Street. I know, a lot to follow, but this is important stuff because what we decide is what we're say-

ing we want to incentivize in terms of continued development in and around the downtown core.

So here's the table of uses. Read down the left hand column to find the sort of development that's being proposed, and across the top to find the areas in which it's allowed. A "P" means the use is permitted.

<u>TABLE 5.12-DLS-1</u>									
<u>PERMITTED USES</u>									
<u>LAND USE TYPE</u>	<u>PERMITTED USES IN THE FOLLOWING DLS AREAS</u>								
-	<u>TAS</u>	<u>UAS</u>	<u>EPS</u>	<u>WTA</u>	<u>FAA</u>	<u>AIH-MS</u>	<u>IH-RS</u>	<u>STS</u>	<u>SSS</u>
<u>COMMERCIAL SERVICES GROUP</u>									
<u>Administrative and Professional Offices</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)		P	P
<u>Alcoholic Beverage Sale ; Microbrewery as an accessory use to this group</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)		P (1)	P
<u>Animal Services</u>	P (2)	P (2)	P (2)	P (2)	P (2)	P (2)		P (2)	P (2)
<u>Commercial Recreation</u>	P (3)	P (3)	P (3)	P (3)	P (3)			P (3)	P (3)
<u>Day Care</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)		P	P
<u>Entertainment</u>	P (3)	P (3, 4)	P (3, 4)	P (3, 4)	P (3, 4)			P (3, 4)	P (3, 4)
<u>Financial Services</u>	P (5, 6)	P (5, 6)	P (5, 6)	P (5, 6)	P (5, 6)	P (1, 5, 6)		P (1, 5, 6)	P (5, 6)
<u>Food Service</u>	P (7, 8)	P (7, 8)	P (7, 8)	P (7, 8)	P (7, 8)	P (1, 7, 8)		P (1, 7, 8)	P (7, 8)
<u>Medical Services - Outpatient</u>	P (9)	P (9)	P (9)	P (9)	P (9)	P (9)		P (9)	P (9)
<u>Parking</u>	P	P (12)	P (12)	P (12)				P	P (12)
<u>Personal Services</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)		P	P
<u>Research and Product Development</u>	P (10)	P (10)	P (10)	P (10)	P (10)	P		P (10)	P (10)
<u>Technical Services</u>	P	P	P	P	P			P	P
<u>Trade Service and Repair- Minor</u>	P	P	P	P	P	P (1)		P	P
<u>Transportation Service- Land Carrier</u>	P (11)	P (11)	P (11)	P (11)	P (11)			P (11)	P (11)
<u>Travelers Accommodations, Lodging</u>	P (13)	P (13)	P (13)	P (13)	P (13)	P (1, 13, 14)		P (13)	P (13)
<u>RETAIL USE GROUP</u>									
<u>Food and Beverage Sales</u>	P (5)	P (5)	P (5)	P (5)	P (5)	P (1, 5, 18)		P (5)	P (5)
<u>General Merchandise Sales</u>	P (5, 15, 16, 17)	P (5, 15, 16, 17)	P (5, 15, 16, 17)	P (5, 15, 16, 17)	P (5, 15, 16, 17)	P (1, 5, 15, 16, 17)		P (5, 15, 16, 17)	P (5, 15, 16, 17)
<u>Vehicle Rental</u>	P (12)	P (12)	P (12)	P (12)	P (12)			P (12)	P (12)

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	TAS	UAS	EPS	WTA	FAA	AIH-MS	IH-RS	STS	SSS
CIVIC USE GROUP									
Civic Assembly	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Cultural Use	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
Educational Uses Postsecondary Institution or Instructional School	P	P	P	P	P			P	P
Membership Organization	P	P	P	P	P			P	P
Postal Services	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Religious Use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Protective Services	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P
RECREATIONAL USE GROUP									
Parks and Recreation	P (3)	P (3)	-	P (3)	P (3)	P (20)	P (20)	P (3)	P (3)
RESIDENTIAL USE GROUP									
Family Dwelling	P (28)	P (28)	P (28)	P (28)	P (28)	P (28)	P	P (28)	P (28)
Group Dwelling	P (29)	P (29)	P (29)	P (29)	P (29)			P (29)	P (29)
Artist Studio/Res.	P (19)	P (19)	P (19)	P (19)	P (19)	P (19)	P (19)	P (19)	P (19)
Residential Care Services- Adult Care Service or Physical or Behavioral Health	P (21,23)	P (21,23)	P (21,23)	P (21,23)	P (21,23)	P (21, 23)		P (21,23)	P (21,23)
Residential Care Services/ Rehabilitation Services	P (22)	P (22, 23)	P (22, 23)	P (22, 23)	P (22, 23)	P (1, 22, 23)		P (22, 23)	P (22, 23)
Home Occupation	P (24)	P (24)	P (24)	P (24)	P (24)	P (24)	P (24)	P (24)	P (24)
INDUSTRIAL GROUP									
Craftwork	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
General Manufacturing	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)			P (25)	P (25)
Perishable Goods Manufacturing -	P (26)	P (26)	P (26)	P (26)	P (1),(26)		P (26)	P (26)	P (26)
Precision Manufacturing	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)			P (25)	P (25)
Primary Manufacturing	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)	P (25)			P (25)	P (25)
Salvaging or Recycling	P (27)	P (27)	P (27)	P (27)	P (27)			P (27)	P (27)

The numbers in parenthesis are further references that describe conditions placed on the general description shown in the left hand column. As I said, there's a lot to follow. I'm going to focus on 'group dwellings.' Remember, the purpose of the IID is found in its name: "incentives" to development. First, let me say that I totally get the narrative we heard about needing to build off-campus housing in order to accommodate the growth of the UA. The towers were sold as being a way to relieve mini-dorm pressure on the surrounding neighborhoods. We built the streetcar, so getting the students to and from campus into downtown was all a part of the early messaging. I get it – we've done it – and now we're being asked to provide incentives for more of it.

I've stated pretty publicly that I think we've got plenty of student housing towers and large

student complexes. We're still working through lots of issues related to the ones we currently have. I question the need to offer incentives to develop more of them in the area. What we're saying when we include something in the IID is that we want to encourage more of it as we move ahead with downtown revitalization. The narrative now needs to shift to what other amenities we should incentivize in order to make the area attractive to more than just students. Urban design is more than college dorms. I'm looking hard at whether and to what extent more 'group dwellings' fit into that discussion.

One of the criteria for review of 'group dwellings' relates to their proximity to surrounding neighborhoods. Here's that language:

K. Review by the Mayor and Council of Group Dwellings.

1. Group dwellings developed under IID Optional Zoning, as defined in Section 11.4.6 specifically for use in the IID, require the approval of Mayor and Council pursuant to UDC Section 3.4.4 Mayor and Council Special Exception Procedure if the group dwelling development site is located within 300 feet or less of a detached residential dwelling.

What we know is that large housing complexes have impacts on residential areas further than 300' away. *If* we're going to offer incentives such as parking, landscape, and other site conditions to group dwellings, we might also want to look at whether a 300' review condition reflects the reality of their impact.

Between now and the 21st, I'll be meeting with residents who live in some of the sub-districts, a proposed student housing development team will be making a presentation to stakeholders, and I'll be meeting with staff to talk about the draft document. Lots of moving parts – very little of it is settled in my mind quite yet. I'm sure I'll hear input from many of you in the next couple of weeks.

Let me say in closing out this section that I fully respect the time and effort dozens of staff and residents have put into creating the draft document we're reviewing. It shows a commitment to preservation of the quality of life and to continuation of our economic development. I don't think you need to sacrifice one for the other, and I know we can learn from the past couple of years' experiences.

Bond Process

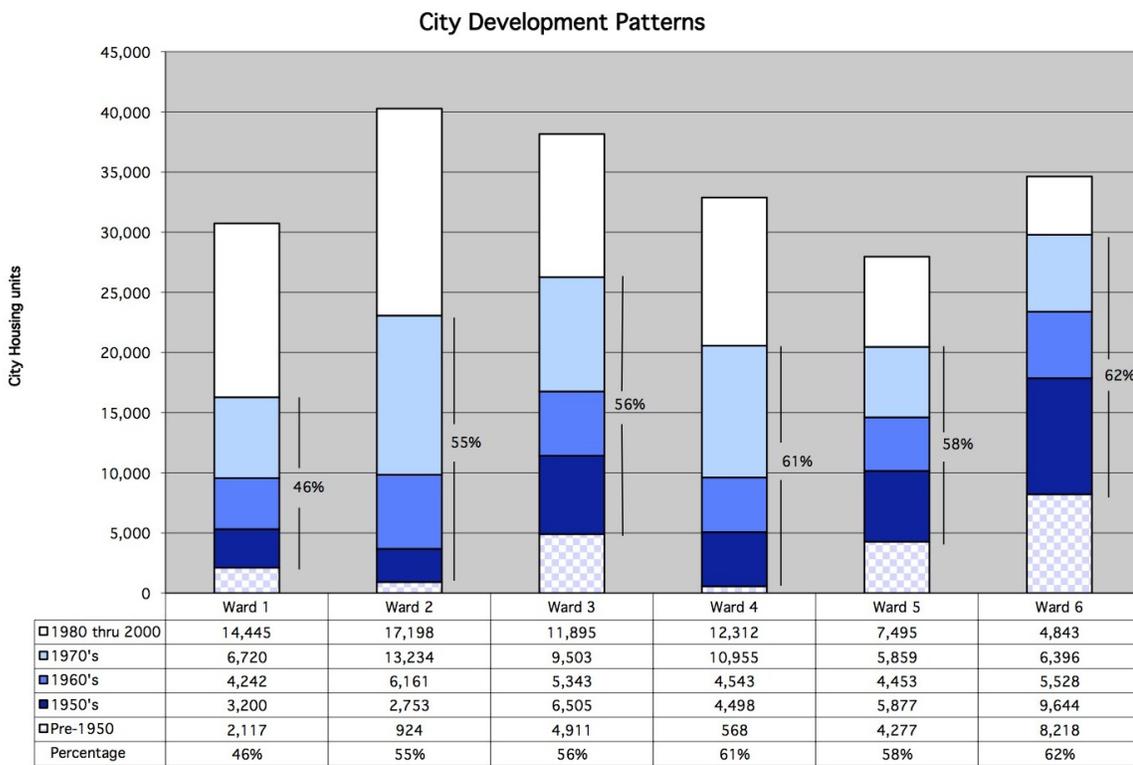
Neighborhood Reinvestment

On a similar note, the issue of putting Bond money into neighborhood reinvestment is still an agenda item for the Bond Advisory Committee. We have advocated for \$30M to appear on the ballot. A while back, the County Administrator suggested that amount be reduced by one third. As you can see from a recent memo he wrote to the Bond Advisory Committee, he's now back up to \$25M.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee recommended \$30 million for the next installment of funding for this program. I am willing to recommend \$25 million, \$5 million more than I'd previously recommended, contingent upon new program requirements that encourage supplemental funding and ensure equitable benefits across stressed areas region wide. \$25 million would be \$5 million more than what was funded in 2004. In addition, I think several of the smaller projects submitted under the Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements project should be considered and funded under the Neighborhood Reinvestment program.

I'd offer a few points. First, the 'stressed' areas don't appear 'region wide.' Neighborhood reinvestment is needed in older areas of town (midtown), not out in relatively recently developed areas. That's not a hard concept to grasp. Making the allocation 'contingent' on an equal distribution makes no sense. Areas get what areas need. We're not asking for "Open Space" bond money to be allocated to midtown areas. Neither do unincorporated areas need 'neighborhood reinvestment' dollars in the same way we do in midtown. Older neighborhoods need reinvestment dollars.

I'd also point out that the reference to \$25M being more than was allocated a decade ago is irrelevant. The needs are greater now, inflation has occurred, and so what we voted to approve back in 2004 has nothing to do with what we're considering now. Here's a chart that was shared with me by Tres English. It shows the percent of houses built by decade in each City ward. The infrastructure servicing the homes is equally old.



I've submitted a statement to the Bond Advisory Committee that advocates for even more than the \$30M originally proposed. I know that amount can be effectively invested in midtown neighborhoods alone, and I know there are deserving neighborhoods in surrounding wards. I encourage you to write the Board of Supervisors and let them each know these dollars are needed for safety, quality of life, and attracting businesses into the areas. If they're serious about investing in economic recovery, then investing in the rehabilitation of neighborhood infrastructure cannot be ignored.

Two final notes on the Bond package in general. The County would run the ballot measure. It's intended to have a little something for each of the surrounding jurisdictions. What people need to realize though is that regardless of the size of the ultimate package, because of debt limitations being tied with a reluctance to increase taxes, the recent experience is that

about \$50M +/- in bonds are issued annually. If the whole package ends up being in the \$650M range, which is what's being discussed, individual items on the list may not be funded for up to a decade. I just want this whole topic to be publicly aired with all the cards on the table so nobody enters the voting booth with a false impression that their favorite piece of the list is immediately going to be done.

The second point is on process. The system that has evolved includes the City ceding the authority to decide which of its projects end up on the ballot. We also have allowed a process to develop that gives the County Administrator the authority to decide when our individual projects will be funded. Neither of those conditions is acceptable. Before I'll be supporting a Bond package this year, the rules of the game need to be changed. Otherwise, we can look for alternative ways to fund our infrastructure needs.

Performing Arts Center

Also on Tuesday, we heard an update on the Performing Arts Center. It is another one of the City-proposed Bond items. There has been movement on that which holds some promise of a way forward.

The PAC (formerly All Saints Church) is owned by the City. Using 2004 Bond money, some structural upgrades were performed on the building. The approximately \$700K spent was insufficient to bring the building up to a usable condition, and so for several years it has been sitting vacant, surrounded by a chain link fence. It is two doors down from the Arizona Theater Company, in the middle of a returning downtown arts district. Having it in this condition is unacceptable.

Here's the full text of the most recent Bond report on the building issued by the County Administrator. He runs the Bond Advisory Committee, so his 'recommendations' are generally given considerable weight.

Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation

Prior to the Committee's November 7 meeting, I asked that this City of Tucson project be continued to provide time for the City and County to reach an agreement. The City of Tucson owns this downtown facility. \$682,000 in 2004 bond funds were spent on the facility in 2008 for structural repairs. An Intergovernmental Agreement requires the City to maintain those improvements. In addition, a preservation easement was deeded to the County requiring the City to maintain the improvements and the overall historic architecture of the building. The building has since been vandalized and the City has fenced the facility to prevent additional vandalism, however they have not repaired the vandalism or done anything else with the facility to make it a usable space.

The Mayor and I discussed this project in November and I have since provided additional requests to Interim City Manager Martha Durkin. The City has requested \$1 million in additional bond funding from the County, but there had been reports from City staff that the actual cost was more. I have asked for (1) written confirmation that the City will repair all vandalism that occurred after the County's initial 2004 bond funded investment; (2) confirmation that \$1 million of additional bond funding is enough to make the building usable from a building code/safety perspective, along with an itemization of how the \$1 million will be spent; and (3) confirmation that since there is no known tenant at this time, the County bond funds would not include tenant specific improvements.

To date I have yet to receive any information from the City and therefore I recommend

against this project. City staff recently informed the County that the Performing Arts Center bond proposal was to be discussed by the City's Bond Committee on December 22nd and by Mayor and Council on January 6th. If these discussions result in the commitments requested, I will change my recommendation.

The memo holds some promise of a way forward. First, \$1M will not bring the building up to code. Everybody who has been in the space and kicked the tires knows that, including Mr. Huckelberry. On Tuesday, we moved forward a recommendation for \$1.5M for the code work. I don't think that's a realistic number and made it clear to staff that we need a legitimate cost estimate – one that's verifiable, defines the scope of the work accurately, and that we know will get the building into the shape it needs to be in to bring in a private operator to do tenant-specific improvements to the interior. Let's get the number right the first time and not send a false message to the taxpayers.

Since this building became a topic of Bond discussion, I've met with two different groups who have expressed an interest in possibly operating it if it appeared on the Bond ballot and after it receives the facelift. I know at least one of those groups has also met with the County Administrator to make a pitch, so his change of heart isn't totally without some background knowledge that he's not letting onto in his memo.

This week, the Southern Arizona Attractions Alliance is honoring Bob Shelton, former operator out at Old Tucson and the possessor of years' worth of movie memorabilia. Bob, along with some local film guys representing Picture Arizona, met with me down at the PAC, toured the building, and have now written letters of support for its restoration to the City Economic Development folks. Those letters will become a part of the file made available to the Bond Advisory Committee. Their interest is in using the space both as a museum of the Shelton artifacts and as a teaching and working facility for film production. Their challenge, as it will be with any group that would want to lease the building, is to present a business model that demonstrates the capacity to keep it open if the taxpayers are asked to fund the Code related restoration. The tenant improvements would be the responsibility of the tenant, whoever that would be.

The caveat in Huckelberry's memo is that the County take ownership the building if it's rehabilitated. To that point, I care more about getting it back into use than I do about who owns it but, at the same time, I don't appreciate anybody leveraging the voice of the people against who holds the deed for the place. We'll continue that conversation. But with more than one possible tenant, each working on a business plan, we may be successful in getting the space reactivated if the Bond package overall is approved. There are still steps ahead, but there's room to talk productively about the direction they're headed.

El Parador

This is a good place to also mention the meeting we're having with the development team that purchased El Parador. The purpose of the meeting will be for them to describe what's intended in terms of new development. I suggested we meet on site so anybody who's concerned about the demolition of the existing structure can get a visual of its condition before locking in on a position. I've been to multiple events there over the years, but haven't seen its current condition.

What I know is that the building has a bunch of asbestos that will need to be abated, regard-

less of the eventual fate of the structure. What I recall is the interior also has multiple load-bearing walls that will affect any proposed floor plan for a new use. I've been told that the general plan is to reduce the footprint of the current building, move it closer to Broadway, and look for a retail tenant.

The meeting will be on Thursday, January 22nd at 5:30pm. The address is 2744 E Broadway.

Another Neighborhood Issue

During the winter months, we've got an estimated 5,000 people living on the streets. Some are here all year and others are transitory, moving to cooler areas when summer hits in the Southwest.



In the past couple of weeks you may have seen some stories in the Star about the City and its efforts to deal with the issue, specifically in one downtown area park. The issue isn't about that park or about free speech. It's about how we take on the problem of finding a humane way to provide shelter for the needy, and at the same time do it in a way that respects the quality of life in areas around the 'camps.' It's not an easy issue that comes with clear solutions.

I've met with some of the leadership who claim to represent the interests of the homeless group. I've also reached out to some of the nonprofits that provide shelter. I've spoken with City staff to see what resources we might have to share toward addressing the issue. With so many moving parts, it's going to take a combined effort to make an impact.

In the weeks ahead you'll likely see more on this subject. I only raise it here to let you know that there's more going on than you can see in the occasional article in the newspaper. Stay tuned.

Downtown Loop

Back on December 9th, the M&C gave direction to staff to adopt the bus operations recommendations we got from the Transit Task Force. One of those was to eliminate the Downtown Loop. On Tuesday, we moved forward with that recommendation. It'll be effective on February 15th. I want you to have this heads-up now.

The Downtown Loop has been a free service offered to downtown transit users. It generally connects various community services, government offices, the courts, and downtown businesses. When the streetcar opened, much of what was covered by the Loop became redundant to what's offered by SunLink.

On February 15th, the Loop will stop running. To fill in some of the blank spots left with

discontinuing that service, Route 22 will be expanded to serve the Bonita area. It should be noted that any cost savings we'd have realized by stopping the Loop will be chewed up by expanding Route 22, so this isn't a way to help the General Fund, and few riders will be inconvenienced by dissolving the Loop.

Coming this spring will be the transit visioning process led by Jarrett Walker, under the direction of the PAG folks. All of us will be interested in what comes from that series of presentations.

Sunday Star

...in case you don't receive the Sunday Star, this is an op/ed I wrote for them that appeared last weekend. It speaks to the value many of you place in community engagement, and the difference it makes for expressing who we are.

I am grateful to be representing a community that cares enough about our shared quality of life that it gets involved in constructive problem solving. Those who spend countless hours simply complaining are just white noise. The meaningful voices are those who join in embracing tough issues and working towards solutions. Tucson has a ton of those people.

Reflecting on the past year, several examples of community engagement in challenging issues come to mind. Early in the summer, we saw hundreds of Central American families being dropped off at our local bus depot. They were fleeing abject poverty, as well as unspeakable physically abusive conditions. In transit many had suffered continued physical abuse, robbery and hunger. This community stepped up and offered food, clothing, shelter and medical care. And this community served as a conduit between the home these families were leaving, and their new homes at some distant location in the States. Through a combined effort of several non-profits, and private individuals opening their homes and their hearts, the migrant families who passed through Tucson this year will remember a welcoming and giving people.

As Tucsonans, we share a common bond when it comes to addressing the complex issues surrounding gun safety. In the past year I have had the privilege of facilitating forums that touched on many of those issues. The community came out to listen to, and participate in discussions about the mental health component. We learned together about the groups who are offering Mental Health First Aid training for free throughout the City. We heard from behavioral health professionals about the treatment options we have available, and those for which we need to continue to fight for funding. We heard from law enforcement their support of gun safety measures such as universal background checks, and data sharing between agencies. And in the past year, a combined effort from many in the community resulted in Arizona finally joining 31 other States in collecting violent death data to submit to the Centers for Disease Control for the purpose of forming policy from a public health perspective. Individually, these are small steps. Combined, they show Tucson as a community willing to stay engaged in the gun safety issue, and able to address it from a variety of angles. In this past year we have also seen much of the mid-town come together to address safety and quality of life concerns related to impact of student housing on adjacent neighborhoods. Student behavioral issues hit a crescendo when it became known peoples' lives were being endangered when bottles and other objects were being tossed off from student housing balconies onto the street below. Adding to that were actions that suggested particular

groups were being targeted based on religious affiliation. And the impact was widened when open air concerts were held at the top level of one of the privately owned student towers. I have participated in multiple large scale meetings to address these issues. Those meetings have also included TPD, the City Attorney's Office, the University Dean of Students and Community Relations Office, as well as multiple affected neighborhood and religious groups who represent the area surrounding campus. Tangible outcomes have already been witnessed. The issue is not solved, but we have it front and center with a mutual goal of providing relief for all who have been negatively impacted.

None of these are easy issues. And yet in each case, when asked to engage, Tucsonan's have stepped up and gotten involved. It's that willingness to work towards solutions that makes serving on the Tucson City Council a rewarding position. My staff and I look forward to another year ahead working with the residents of this great City, finding ways to protect and preserve the quality of life we all enjoy.

TCC Remodel



This is a shot of the “new” east entry that probably should never have been built. It assumed the \$200M downtown hotel that we struck down back in 2010. The east entry was one of the last Rio Nuevo projects approved under the former regime of City/Rio, prior to the State taking the reins out of the City's hands.

On Saturday, several people took part in a ribbon cutting to open the newly remodeled arena. Some of them actually had some role in the project. The work was primarily interior, with the exception of a facelift being placed on the vestibule that separates the arena from the administrative offices and exhibit space. Rio Nuevo and the City combined efforts for about \$10M in upgrades.

During the early stages of design development and budgeting, Diana and I spent a considerable amount of time working with some of the Rio members and City staff on making sure this project came off right. Each meeting came with the message that ‘we’ve only got one shot at this to show these two groups can work together and spend taxpayer money wisely.’ I want to take this space to publicly thank Diana for her work. It's too often that the people cutting the ribbons aren't the ones who did heavy lifting.

The changes to the TCC won't be game changers in terms of making Tucson an “A” market. In the industry we're known as a SMERF market. That is, we attract Social, Military, Educational, Religious, and Fraternal groups, not major corporate conventions. The building has, and will always have, structural deficiencies that'll make getting large scale concerts problematic. What we did in this renovation was to enhance fan amenities so your experience when you go to events will be more pleasant. In the same way that I fought against spending your dollars on the mega-hotel, I'm also committed to keeping a perspective on who we are, not trying to be something that we're not. Let's focus on being the best we can for who we are. That's what drove the design and investment in the recent TCC upgrades. It was money well spent.

Arizona Football

With the end of the football season, it's not too early to look forward towards this fall.

Here's the schedule:

Thu, Sep03	UTSA	Tucson, AZ	
Sat, Sep12	Nevada	at Reno, NV	
Sat, Sep19	Northern Arizona	Tucson, AZ	
Sat, Sep26	UCLA	Tucson, AZ	
Sat, Oct 03	Stanford	at Stanford, CA	
Sat, Oct 10	Oregon State	Tucson, AZ	Family Weekend
Sat, Oct 17	Colorado	at Boulder, CO	
Sat, Oct 24	Washington State	Tucson, AZ	Homecoming
Sat, Oct 31	Washington	at Seattle, WA	
Sat, Nov07	USC	at Los Angeles	
Sat, Nov14	Utah	Tucson, AZ	
Sat, Nov21	Arizona State	at Tempe, AZ	

Season ticket orders can be placed by calling 621.CATS.

Sincerely,



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Events and Entertainment

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Ozomatli: 2015 Concert for Civility, 318 E Congress St

Sunday, January 11th Doors: 6:30 pm / Show: 7:00 pm

A benefit concert for Fund for Civility with Salvador Duran. For more information, visit

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

Tucson Jazz Festival

January 16, 2015 - January 28, 2015

The inaugural Tucson Jazz Festival promises to make musical history during 13 days of jazz music, food, master classes, and festival fun. Artists will perform at downtown Tucson hotspots like Club Congress, The Rialto Theatre, and The Fox Tucson Theatre, with live music throughout the city daily. Special events include the Jazz Fiesta with free concerts on two stages and several indoor clubs downtown featuring more than a dozen local bands playing Dixieland to swing to blues and R&B. For more information visit [http://](http://tucsonjazzfestival.org/)

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Ravinia's Steans Music Institute on Tour Leo Rick Theatre, 260 S Church St

Sunday, January 18th 3:00PM

Ravinia's Steans Music Institute is the Ravinia Festival's professional studies program for young musicians, and the program for singers exists to promote the art of song, focusing upon the central repertoire of German and French art song. Join us for a concert of vocal music performed by rising young vocal stars, accompanied at the piano by music director Kevin Murphy. For more information and for tickets, visit <http://arizonachambermusic.org/pianoEvent2.html>

Beat Back Buffelgrass Day

Saturday, January 24th

Buffelgrass invasion is threatening to transform the mostly fireproof and diverse Sonoran Desert into a flammable and impoverished savanna, affecting both natural and urban areas. On Saturday, Jan. 24, hundreds of volunteers will join the fight against this growing environmental problem for the Annual Beat Back Buffelgrass Day. North, South, East or West we have a location near you! Free. Individuals and groups can volunteer at more than two dozen locations in and around Tucson by registering at <http://www.buffelgrass.org/beat-back-buffelgrass-day-sites>

Ongoing

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

www.loftcinema.com

Tucson Symphony Orchestra 260 S. Church Ave

<http://www.tucsonsymphony.org/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

<http://www.therogue theatre.org/main.htm>

Arizona Friends of Chamber Music Leo Rick Theatre, 260 S Church St

<http://www.arizonachambermusic.org/>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childernsmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>