

Today's message is relatively short, as I wanted to make sure we alerted you to a fun, free special event Downtown this weekend that my staff had a hand in creating, and to give you an early notice of an upcoming Town Hall at the Ward 6 office on the topic of the City's 2010-2011 budget.

In a few days, I will send out a longer message covering some of the many issues that have faced the City Council in the last few weeks.

First, as you know, the City of Tucson once again faces a serious budget crisis as we move into Fiscal Year 2011. The City Manager has submitted his plan to the Council, and before we adopt a budget next month, we want to hear from you as to your priorities as we choose from an array of difficult policy options.

Ward 6 is hosting a **Budget Town Hall on Thursday, May 27, from 6:00 to 8:00pm**, here at the ward office at 3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Please tell your neighbors and friends and encourage them to come down and share their views with me and my staff.

Tomorrow evening marks the debut of a new monthly special event series called **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays Downtown**. Ward 6 was pleased to work with several Downtown merchants to plan and launch this free series. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays will start at 5:00pm on Saturday, May 8, and end at 10:00pm. There is free parking at the Pennington Street Garage at the corner of Scott and Pennington, and on-street throughout Downtown.

There will be lots of free entertainment, from the Fox Theatre, which is hosting the Portland Cello Project, to Scott Avenue between Congress St. and Broadway, where several local bands will be performing on-stage, all the way to the east end of Congress. Vendors and street performers will enliven the Congress side of the Ronstadt Transit Center, as well as the sidewalks and parking spaces all along Congress.

Restaurants, shops, and bars will open early and stay open late, and many will offer special 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays discounts. Several vacant storefronts are being activated with "pop-up" retail and arts activity. Pop-ups range from Tucson Meet Yourself to KXCI Community Radio's Local Music Store to retail members of Local First Arizona to Jim Click Automotive. The empty lot on the south side of Congress will be the site of a giant Beatles Rock Band "guitar hero" competition.

We invite you to come to the event and to shop, dine, and play at any of the many businesses along 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and in Downtown.

For more information, visit the website for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays:

[www.2ndSaturdaysDowntown.com](http://www.2ndSaturdaysDowntown.com).

We hope to see you there!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Kozachik".

Council Member Steve Kozachik