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Love Letters to Tucson

I'm opening with this upbeat item for a reason. There is the tendency during a political season to begin to hear a lot of negativity. We have a lot to be proud of, and this blog site champions who we are and what people have to say that's positive.

Rachel Miller puts the blog site together. She solicits input from community members and posts them up as a way of celebrating our unique and special qualities. You won't find any negative energy on the site. My post came about in the aftermath of some recent comments made in a Star article related to the Garden District. They painted a less than charitable picture – Rachel wanted me to share some thoughts in response. By clicking on this link, you can see what I offered – and access her site.

<http://www.loveletterstotucson.com/steve-kozachik-rincon-heights/>

Every community / every person has room to improve. And every community and every person has good qualities that can and should be recognized and respected. Thanks to Rachel for finding a way for those of us who live, work and play in Tucson to share some of the positive.

Streetcar Testing

Here's an example of a "story" that many of the uninformed tried to turn into a negative, adding derisive commentary. Last week, we began testing the first streetcar that arrived in town. On the second night of testing, some electrical issues were discovered that resulted in the need to make some repairs.

I work in project management for the Athletics Department. We just opened the new north end zone addition to Arizona Stadium. Until you get 50,000 people into the facility and put it through its real paces, there will be some items you cannot anticipate. We're still making some adjustments. It's how construction goes.

In the case of the streetcar, count on more issues popping up during the testing phase. The reason is pretty basic – you can't test the construction under load until you have cars to run on it. That's what we're doing. It's how construction goes.

When I was interviewed by the Star I spent quite a little while on the phone with the reporter talking about how punch lists come at the end of construction – they're lists of yet-to-be completed work. I spent a while explaining that we can't know flaws without running the cars on the lines. More issues will be discovered. It's to be expected. Neither I, nor any of the project managers are overly concerned.



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance

791-3154

Planning and Development

Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

One part of the article that I take exception to – they referred to me as “a frequent critic of the streetcar”. In fact, when on radio or in interviews with people who want to blast the project, my answer is simply that the voters approved it back in 2006. It’s now our obligation to manage it well. I have “frequently” raised issues related to delays in getting the fence lines down so the businesses could recover, I’ve met with staff and walked segments of the project late at night to identify issues where merchants’ lighting was being impacted, spoken about delays from Oregon Iron Works in getting us the cars, and some phasing of the construction that resulted in larger impacts to businesses than what was reasonable. I’ve also made the point that we have to find ways to fund O&M once the cars are finally up and running. Those are critiques of the way the construction, and eventually the budgetary challenges we’ll face have been, and will be managed. They’re not being a “critic of the streetcar”. My concerns come out of my work in project management.

I’d like writers to be more careful in how they craft their work.

The streetcar is un-arguably at the very least partially responsible for much of the new development we’ve seen along the corridor. That will yield back tax revenue to us – not enough to cover the operations, but it’ll be money we will need to help offset those costs. Our job is to manage the system and mitigate the financial impacts. And to manage the system in a way that supports those who live and work along the corridor. They’ve gone through a lot already during construction.

I’ll continue to bird-dog how the rest of the work, and eventually how the system is managed. You’ll also continue to hear me talk about the private sector development that has resulted from the streetcar. That’s the glass half-full part of this, and since the voters told us that they want the system, we might as well not focus on the half-empty part of the glass.

Consistent with Rachel Miller’s site – there’s a good side to the story. For every flaw in the construction that we find now, it’s one less inconvenience that a paying customer would have had to experience had it not been fixed now. Its how construction goes.

Ballot Propositions



I want to give a brief update on the status of the ballot propositions that may or may not appear on the ballot this fall (some in 2014.) I’ve written about many of them before, but signature gathering has changed the fate of some.

Spending Limitation

First, since the streetcar item above mentioned costs and revenues, I’ll start with **Prop 401**. It’s the spending limit proposition.



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)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

We can't spend revenue we receive above a level that's set by a State driven formula unless we go to you and ask for permission. That's what this proposition is doing. What it is not doing is asking to raise your taxes. We're asking you to increase the formula based limit so we can take advantage of the revenues we're seeing as a result of successful private sector growth.

Staff predicts that by 2015 we will exceed the formula cap. When that occurs, any revenues we receive above the limit will sit on the counter until the next fiscal year. We will not be allowed to use it for then-current needs (such as O&M on the streetcar.)

Where do the new revenues come from? Largely from the successes we've had in bringing in new private sector development. Hundreds of millions of dollars in private sector growth has, and will continue to yield tax revenues back to the City. When they exceed the cap – they sit, unless you approve the limit increase. I hope you do so the work we've done to grow our economic pie doesn't go to waste.

Plan Tucson

You'll also see a Proposition asking to approve our General Plan. This is another item that'll be on the ballot as a result of the State imposing itself on local jurisdictions. We're required by State law to update a General Plan every 10 years. That's what this is.

Our staff invested hundreds of hours of their time in putting this Plan together. The public process involved was immense. There were charettes, public hearings, neighborhood meetings and more as they developed the Plan. It's a 30,000 foot view of how we want to see the region develop. What it does not do is give specific policy guidance for how that growth will occur. That'll be up to future governing bodies and how they interact with the public. You can read it on-line by going to the City web site, or come by the Ward 6 office and we'll let you sit and browse through it while you're visiting.

The Plan highlights so many of the positive elements of who we are, and where we're headed that it also fits in with this salute to Rachel Miller's spirit as I open this newsletter. We have a lot to celebrate. I'm proud to be a part of it, and I'm proud of those of you who actively participate in making ours a great place to live.

I'm supporting the passage of Plan Tucson.

Prop 201 – Pension Reform

Sticking with the good news theme, this one likely won't appear on the ballot. That's what happens when the hired guns who were trying to get it there use people who are not-qualified to pass petitions to gather their signatures. The court threw a yellow hankie



– 5 yards for illegal procedure – enough to disqualify the measure from going to the voters.

The people who were passing the petitions can still go to the Arizona Supreme Court, but I'm going to go out on a limb and predict that even if the High Court takes the case, they won't overturn the ruling.

This proposition was the one that would have ended our current pension program and implemented a new one. I've written about the differences in previous newsletters; Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution. With the very mature pension plan that we have, the change would have imposed a significant financial burden on the General Fund with the natural result of our having to reduce core services. While the concerns over the financial integrity of our plan have some level of merit, pulling out all of the employees who fund the existing obligations isn't good policy.

We have some underfunded liabilities as a result of some uncontrollable factors. For example, when the market dropped a few years ago, the value of our asset pool did, too. We don't control the market. When the economy tanked, we stopped hiring, and in many cases didn't replace workers who left. That means fewer workers paying into the system, despite the on-going obligations to current retirees. The market will improve, and we'll start to hire workers again. But neither of those will occur to the extent we'd need to fully fund our obligations.

So, we have to make some changes. We'll have those discussions. What we don't need to do is undercut the revenue stream into the system by pulling workers out of it. If the Federal government did that with Social Security, I suppose they could print money to pay the recipients. We can't do that. So we'll talk about "spiking" (another item I've mentioned in previous newsletters) and other possible measures we can take to support our plan.

As a quick aside, those "other possible measures" come to us from staff through their work with trustees and a board of community members who are formed to come up with a menu of alternative policy changes. I have previously mentioned my concern over using people who stand to directly benefit from proposals we vote on as the same people who are deciding which options we ultimately see. When you're in a fiduciary capacity, wearing two hats is a tough concept to sell when the issues are openness, transparency and ultimately making changes in the system that may have a financial impact on the people proposing the changes. I've called for the establishment of an outside committee that would pull together options for us to vote on. My hope is that that'd defuse criticisms of Conflict of Interest on the part of those who are crafting what we see and vote on. More on that to come.

Medicaid Expansion

Here's another one that won't be on the ballot. The people who were trying to get it there had to get 86,000 signatures by last week. They came up at least 5,000 shy of that so the measure is dead. Had it gotten to the ballot, thousands of people would have lost their health care coverage.

The measure might be dead as far as the ballot is concerned, but the group who is pushing to stop the expansion is still pursuing other legal options through a lawsuit being filed by the Goldwater Institute. The basis for the suit is the contention that the charges being applied to hospitals to cover some of the costs to the State associated with adoption of the expanded Plan are a "tax". The Governor has called them an "assessment". If the Court decides they're a tax, then the program may be deemed to have gotten out of the Legislature illegally. It takes a 2/3 majority of the Legislature to adopt a tax increase. They didn't

get that level of support to send it to the Governor. If the Court decides it's an assessment on the hospitals, the Plan goes into effect.

There's chance the suit will prevail. If it does, the result will be to eliminate 65,000 low income people from health care coverage, including 5,000 cancer patients and 2,000 mentally ill patients, regardless of whether or not they've begun treatments. If the suit fails 300,000 childless adults will be eligible, people earning 133% of poverty (about \$15,000 annually) will be eligible for continuing coverage, and we'll receive over \$2B in Federal assistance. That'll reduce the amount of uncompensated care many of our local hospitals are absorbing. You're paying for it.

I mentioned above the Proposition on pension reform and how the proposal would kill the patient in order to cure the disease. Those who object to Medicaid expansion have no answer to the question about what they'd have done to provide coverage to the needy, other than the impractical and costly suggestion that has them use an E.R. if they have a sore throat.

Health care costs are rising so we have to work at all levels of government, finding ways to bridge coverage gaps. Recently we adopted the Tucson Access to Care policy in which we'll be passing through Federal dollars to local hospitals to help them pay costs for those who come into their facilities and do not have the financial ability to pay for the services rendered. While you won't see the elimination of Medicaid expansion on the ballot, you will continue to see this M&C work on behalf of the least among us in terms of access to care.

Voting Procedures

Last legislative session in Phoenix, they adopted HB2305. It's a four-part voting bill. There was a successful effort put together to challenge it on the 2014 ballot.

The four parts include the following:

- a) If you're on the Permanent Early Voting List and you don't vote for two consecutive voting cycles, your name will be removed from that list. There are procedural steps the Recorder will have to go through prior to removing the name, but the burden is on the voter to communicate his desire to stay on the early voting list once the two election cycle threshold has been passed without any voting activity.
- b) You may not collect ballots from voters to return to the Recorder if you are a member of a paid political group or committee, including Precinct Committeemen if they have been directed by the Party to collect ballots.
- c) If you're turning in petitions for getting Propositions on a ballot, you will be held to the standard of "strict compliance" with the requirements of how the petitions are presented. This has to do with mandating that facsimilies of the exact language on a date stamped copy of the proposition/initiative/referendum being proposed must be attached to each petition, and signatures, dates, petitioner information, etc will be scrutinized to ensure they are accurate to the letter, not substantially in conformance with what a reasonable person would expect to ensure clarity.
- d) Changes to the number of signatures a candidate is required to collect in order to appear on the ballot. The basic change is that third party candidates will be required to collect approximately the same number of signatures as candidates for

the two major parties.

The effect of (a) is that people will be removed from the PEVL if they don't exercise their franchise for a couple of cycles. This may tend to have a disparate impact on people who have trouble getting to the polls, or who might have a language barrier that causes some confusion in their ability to understand the process.

The effect of (b) is potentially again on disabled people who may rely on their PC's for collecting ballots on election day.

The effect of (c) is that it will make it more difficult for people to get measures onto the ballot.

The effect of (d) is that third parties will be virtually shut out of the system.

The net effect of HB2305 is that voters will tend to be disenfranchised from the process, whether that be voting, or the Initiative/Referendum process. Unless there are real demonstrable examples of voter fraud, I tend to default to the 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' mode.

Voting Costs

Finally, this isn't an initiative, Proposition or new Bill, but just a head's up. If you vote by mail and you actually send in your ballot, it costs about \$2 to process it. If you hand carry your ballot into the polling place on Election Day and have to have it counted as a provisional ballot, the processing costs jump to about \$15 per ballot.

The message is simply that when you get your ballot in the mail, you save the system money by returning it by mail. It also speeds up the counting process if the Recorder doesn't have to verify signatures and hand count your ballot on Election Day.

Cell Towers

In the recent past, we've had to rule on whether or not to accept new cell towers in close proximity to residential areas. Some have been approved, some have not. What was troubling to me was that we saw disagreement among our own staff in terms of how the application of our own zoning codes should be applied – and we saw some very divergent positions expressed during public hearings between cell service providers and residents who lived near to the proposed new towers.

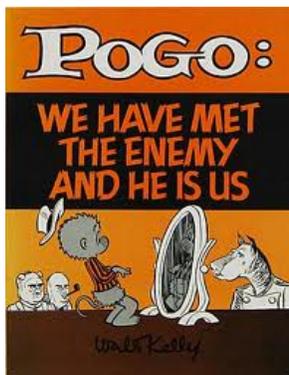
This falls in the category of listening to the variety of voices in the conversation and finding some place of common ground. With that in mind, last week I met with representatives of several cell service providers to educate myself on the challenges they face, and to quiz them on why we don't see more willingness from them on issues such as co-locating antennas on towers in an effort to minimize the number we see near to our homes. I invited members of city staff to attend, and hopefully to learn – that requires an open mind – and the mayor's office was also represented.

Some points of interest that I took away from the meeting.

The most basic point is that the providers are responding to a market-driven demand that we as customers are placing on the system. While we often hear about needing to put in a new tower because there are gaps in "coverage" (dropping calls when you get to Picacho Peak, for example,) the more challenging part of this is that we're putting new strains on the "capacity" demands the systems are forced to provide. We don't only use cell phones for telephone calls. They drive data across the system each time we text, use them to access the internet, send pictures, access apps for a variety of purposes... – and we do so much of that from our homes that the capacity gaps are occurring more and more in and

around residential

areas. As Pogo said,



but that doesn't mean we can't make changes at the margin in our codes to help reduce the visual impact on our neighborhoods.

Some of those might include reducing or eliminating the 1 mile rule that prevents towers from being that close to one another. Doing that might open up some locations that would be less intrusive visually to residential areas. We have some set-back rules that, if adjusted might also open up some new spots for locating towers. In a recent application the City said "no" to locating a tower in one of our regional parks. That forced the provider to propose a location in a residential area. The City plays a role in mitigating the impacts, too.

The issue of height also comes up with many of these. Larsen Camouflage is the local business who provides mono-palms and other structures that "hide" the antennas in what are to be naturally looking alternatives to simply putting up an uncovered tower. Our code is inconsistent with the heights the providers are needing to use in order to address the coverage gap issue they face. Using some of the Larsen products and allowing 65' alternate structures has been the basis for some exceptions granted to our code based 50' limit.

I asked the industry representatives to put together some ideas for us to consider in terms of modifications we can make to our code that would keep us both out of court, and out of residential areas. Right now, we're in both. They've sued us, and we have multiple towers being proposed in areas directly across the street from single family housing.

This is another of those issues where no single proposal will amount to "solving the problem". But I felt it was important to hear from the industry, have our staff do the same, and let the conversation go forward in a way that's more productive than lawsuits and contentious public hearings.

Walmart and the State Liquor Board

Brief review – the City recommended denial of the Walmart liquor license. Walmart appealed to the State Liquor Board. They held the hearing in Tucson (thank you) and the Board upheld the denial. That decision was based on several factors, some of which involved Walmart not having worked closely enough with the surrounding neighborhoods and finding common ground on issues of contention. Those included hours of operation, selling beer/wine and not liquor, sale of guns and ammunition, and others.

After the denial by the State, I contacted both sides in the dispute and suggested that now might be a good time to work together and settle the differences. The leverage for the neighbors was that they had just won, and Walmart was looking at a 12 month gap in their ability to reapply for a liquor license. The leverage for Walmart was that they had a year to correct the deficiencies in their first appeal and put on a more compelling case next year. If they

did, and they prevailed, they'd be in the position of operating 24 hours, and selling liquor, guns and ammunition.

The sides met and they came to an agreement on each of the salient points noted by the Liquor Board when they upheld the denial. That opened the door for Walmart to request a rehearing. The City did not object.

The Liquor Board denied the rehearing. Their justification was that what Walmart was presenting as new information (that's needed for a rehearing) was an agreement that they should have achieved prior to the first hearing.

If I may – that's absurd. Regardless of when the agreement was reached, it was in fact new information that the Board should have respected.

The State approves licenses that we request be denied even when there is outspoken opposition to them in the community. Now they've denied a license where the community and the applicant have worked together to find areas of agreement. So much for the voice of the people being heard and respected by the Board.

In the aftermath of the denial of the rehearing, Walmart issued this statement:

“We are disappointed in the State Liquor Board’s decision to disregard the efforts of the neighborhood associations, the City of Tucson, and Walmart in negotiating a mutually acceptable agreement that respects the priorities and objectives of each party. Their decision essentially nullifies months of good faith discussion, forcing us back to square one. As we evaluate our options, Walmart’s focus remains steadily on our Mid-town customers and offering them the convenience and affordability they have come to expect from Walmart.”

I don't think we're “back to square one”, but I understand the dilemma this places Walmart in. Their choices are:

- a) Wait until next July to reapply for a liquor license
- b) Go to court now and appeal the Board denial

If they wait, they have to decide whether or not to open 24 hours daily. They have that right. When they permitted for the store I'm sure they were counting on revenue streams from both the sale of alcohol and operation 24 hours. They've lost one of those – are they in a position to go for another 10 months without the other? That's a business model decision they have to evaluate.

If they go to court they risk resetting that one-year meter for reapplying. That won't start until they've declared that they're either accepting the present decision, or heading to court. If they go to court and lose, the meter for reapplication doesn't start until that court decision is rendered. That could be months from now. You see the Hobson's choice the Board has placed them in.



None of their choices are particularly appealing.

If they choose to operate at less than 24 hours (as per the agreement with the neighborhoods,) they lose the revenue on which the business model for the store was planned (both alcohol and hours of operation.) If they elect to go to a 24 hour operation, they regain some of those lost revenues, but they may be perceived as acting in bad faith by the neighborhoods who just negotiated the 6am-11pm deal.

Walmart will make that business decision this week. Having counted on the Board respecting the negotiated deal between them and the neighborhoods, they didn't bother to staff up or schedule for a 24 hour operation. If they decide to go in that direction, it'll probably take a couple of weeks before that schedule is implemented.

So, a big "thanks" to the State yet again.



As our friend Stan Laurel would say
"Well , here's another nice mess you've gotten me into!"

One possible result would be for Walmart to simultaneously announce that they'll be going to a 24 hour format with the intention of re-engaging with the same group they just negotiated the deal with early next year so a united front could be presented at their re-application. That'll take both sides continuing to work together.

Pitching Your Creative Film Ideas

There are in many areas in the professional world skills that you develop through experience. One example of that is Grant Writing. Another is selling your ideas to professionals in the trade you're trying to enter.

On Saturday, September 28th from 1pm until 4pm at the UA Marshall Building, you'll have the chance to pitch to top-notch film industry professionals. You'll get feedback, and the first place pitch will win the opportunity to make your pitch to a top Hollywood producer. Some of the pitches may also be optioned with the "Pitch Fest" pros.

You'll want to limit your pitch to three, five-minute presentations. They'll give you feedback and the winners will be announced at the end of the event. Here are the details:

Saturday, September 28, 2013

1:00-4:00 p.m.

UA Marshall Building

845 N Park Avenue, 2nd Floor

\$15/FREE for full-time students with ID

If you'd like to hone your skills ahead of the event, on Friday the 27th, there will be an "Improve your pitch" workshop, also at the Marshall Building. It'll run from 1pm until 4pm. The workshop will be taught by former television development executive, Lorna Soroko. As both a writer and producer, she has *Dead Man Out*, and *Trial and Error* on her re-

cent resume. She has also done plenty of miscellaneous crewing, so this workshop will be a valuable tool for those who want to make a serious pitch on Saturday. Here are the event details for the workshop:

Friday, September 27, 2013

1:00-4:00 p.m.

UA Marshall Building

845 N Park Avenue, 2nd Floor

\$40/FREE for full-time students with ID

All of these sorts of opportunities play into the broader theme of getting the film industry back to Tucson and the surrounding region.

Broadway RTA Project

You've read a lot about this project over the past year and a half – now there is scheduled a community open house intended to allow members of the general public to come and see what the Citizen's Task Force has been studying, and some of the current ideas they're considering. A part of the open house will be a workshop in which you'll be given the chance to share your thoughts with other community members. The workshop will include break-out sessions led by facilitators – so it's not a free-for-all. Credit to Jenn Burdick for arranging an organized approach to allowing for input.

Staff is holding three Facilitator training sessions. If you'd like to participate in the open house/workshop in that capacity, you've got three chances to get your name in the hat. They'll also be looking for Recorders, so there are options for you to consider in terms of roles you might play. Here's the information on those training sessions.

Date:	Wed., September 18	Thurs., September 19	Tues., September 24
Time:	5:00-7:30 pm	11 am – 1:30 pm	5:00-7:30 pm
Location:	Rincon Room, UA Student Union 1303 E. University	UA Drachman Institute, Downtown 44 N. Stone Ave.	TEP Headquarters 88 E. Broadway

The open house itself will be held at the Sabbar Shrine Temple, 450 S. Tucson Blvd on Thursday, September 26th from 6pm until 8:30pm. I hope you can attend in some capacity.

Living Streets Alliance Event

On September 25th, join me, Amy and about 200 other riders for this year's Living Streets Alliance "Gary Fisher Community Bike Ride" and film screening. We'll head out from the Trek Bike Shop, located at 1800 E. Ft. Lowell, will wind through midtown and end up out at the Mercado San Agustin. At the Mercado, there'll be a free screening of the classic BMX film RAD. As an added lure, Borderlands Brewery will be out there serving up some of their micro-brewed beer. The event is scheduled to go from 6:00 pm (that's when we'll leave Trek) and last until 9:00 pm.

Kylie Walzak from LSA is organizing the event. Trek is the main sponsor. There will be a raffle for a new Trek bike. You can get 5 raffle tickets by becoming an LSA member. If you'd like to participate, here's the link -

<http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/event/gary-fisher-community-bike-ride-and-rad-film-screening/>

The event is a benefit for LSA. It's not a race (Amy!) – it's a nice leisurely commute that riders of all ages are invited to participate in. It should be fun. If you come, find Kylie and somebody from Trek and thank them for their work.

Palo Verde On-the-Move

Also related to being out / up / and off the couch is the upcoming Palo Verde on the Move series of events. They begin next month with a Street Party on October 26th from 10am until 2pm. It'll begin on Palo Verde, between Pima and Seneca. Included in the event will be free food, live music, bike repairs, face painting, a bike rodeo, books, a jumping castle and transportation information. By going to tucsononthemove.org, you can find the full calendar of events. They're geared to introducing you to, and advocating for modes of transportation that get you out of the car.

There's also an "on-the-move" series of events over at Keeling school. You can also find information about that through the tucsononthemove.org web site.

Both of these events are put on through the Living Streets Alliance.

Critters in Mid-Town

Just a head's up – in the past week there have been several sightings of bobcats and coyotes in mid-town neighborhoods. I only mention it to encourage you to be alert while out walking your pets – or just walking. I frequently see coyotes on my walks home late at night and have never been bothered by them. But I also don't provoke them to test the issue. Be aware, and be safe.

College Fair

Finally, if you are, or have kids who are thinking of attending college, but haven't selected the school yet, this event might be of interest. On Saturday, September 21st, from 10am until 3pm, a bunch of colleges and universities will be represented out at the El Pueblo Activity Center (101 W. Irvington, Bldg 9.) Some students in attendance will be presented with acceptance letters and scholarship awards. For those interested in learning more about the schools and their enrollment requirements, the representatives will be on hand to answer those sorts of questions. Here's a list of the participating institutions:

- Alabama A&M University: *Alabama*
- Alcorn State University: *Mississippi*
- Arizona State University: *Arizona*
- Benedict College: *South Carolina*
- Central Arizona College: *Arizona*
- Clark Atlanta University: *Georgia*
- Florida A&M University: *Florida*
- Huston-Tillotson University: *Texas*
- Kentucky State University: *Kentucky*
- North Carolina A&T University: *North Carolina*
- Northern Arizona University: *Arizona*
- Paul Quinn College: *Texas*
- Pima Community College: *Arizona*
- Prairie View A & M University: *Texas*
- Southern University: *Louisiana*
- Spelman College: *Georgia*
- Texas Southern University: *Texas*

- Tuskegee University: *Alabama*
- University of Arizona: *Arizona*
- Virginia State University: *Virginia*
- Wilberforce University: *Ohio*
- Wiley College: *Texas*
- Yale University: *Connecticut*

Both Congressman Grijalva and the Mayor will be on hand for the event. If you'd like to pre-register, you can do so through the Congressman's office @ Evan.Wesley@mail.house.gov. But just showing up is also fine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kozachik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail.

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Events Calendar

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

Start Up Weekend Tucson 2013

September 20th, 2013 5:00 pm – September 22nd, 2013 4:00 pm

Gangplank Tucson 100 North Stone Avenue #110

Startup Weekend Tucson is a weekend-long, hands-on experiences where entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs can find out if startup ideas are viable.

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Wednesday September 18 **Ottmar Liebert** (Flamenco)

7:00 pm doors / 8:00 pm showtime all ages

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Sunday, September 22, 2013, 7:00 pm **Stand Up to Stop Violence**

Proceeds benefit Emerge! Center Against Domestic Violence

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Loft Cinema 3233 E. Speedway

Various Showtimes **The Act of Killing**

The highly-acclaimed new documentary from executive producers Werner Herzog and Errol Morris! An unsettling journey deep into the imaginations of mass-murderers.

Every Thursday and Saturday night in September at 7:00pm

The Big Coen Brothers Retrospective

www.loftcinema.com/

Ongoing

Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

“The Importance Of Being Earnest”

Written by Oscar Wilde, Directed by Stephen Wrentmore

September 14 – October 5, 2013

www.arizonatheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition: “Desert Grasslands,” and “Art + The Machine”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S. Stone Ave.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 and Friday, Noon to 3:00pm

Special hours for school and group tours, for more information call 670-9073

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area
Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.
www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world’s largest collection of Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

414 N Toole Ave.
Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/>

Downtown Lecture Series

This fall, the UA College of Social and Behavioral Sciences will present the first annual Downtown Lecture Series - five talks given by UA Faculty exploring topics that shape our everyday lives. In this year’s series, faculty will investigate “happiness” and present research from their diverse fields of study, including sociology, anthropology, psychiatry, philosophy, and integrative medicine which could help us to lead happier – and healthier – lives. All lectures will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 at the Fox Theatre starting October 16.
For more information visit: www.downtownlectures.arizona.edu.

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.org