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**City of Tucson
 Compassionate City Resolution**

WHEREAS, compassion is a unifying value and ideal that guides and compels people of all backgrounds, perspectives, creeds, and cultures to treat all living beings with equity, civility, respect, and justice; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge our responsibility to make compassion a clear and empowering force for children, families, neighborhoods, and communities; and

WHEREAS, compassionate actions and policies produce positive benefits in all sectors of civic and community life, including safety, education, religion, public health, business, politics, and international relations; and

WHEREAS, Tucson residents are a diverse spectrum of racial, ethnic, cultural, social, and religious groups of all ages who demonstrate compassion in their homes, schools, businesses, community organizations, and border areas; and

WHEREAS, Tucson’s compassion and resilience was never more powerfully expressed than in the tragedy caused by the shootings of 19 of its citizens on January 8, 2011; and



**Important
Phone Numbers**

Ward 6 Office
791-4601

Tucson Police
Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned
Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood
Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental
Services
791-3171

Park Tucson
791-5071

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care
Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector
Control
Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve

WHEREAS, there are still many instances where individuals and groups fail to live compassionately and with civility thus reaffirming our commitment to broadening compassion in all sectors of our community; and

WHEREAS, Tucson and Arizona have previously demonstrated their commitments to compassion through the 2011 Tucson Mayor's Accord for Civility adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Arizona congressional delegation, and through the 2003 resolution of Arizona as a Golden Rule State by the Arizona legislature; and

WHEREAS, the International Campaign for Compassionate Communities Initiative is a global network of 258 cities, including Washington, D.C., that challenges its partners to make the ethic of reciprocity (i.e., Golden Rule) the central moral principle in all sectors of public life including government, education, religion, business, law enforcement, healthcare and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, joining the Compassionate Communities Initiative deepens the quality and commitment of Tucson in affirming and stimulating compassion in community services, projects, and policies,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tucson City Council and Mayor hereby affirm the Charter for Compassion and authorize Tucson to be registered with the International Campaign for Compassionate Communities Initiative in which citizens, government, and institutions work together to embrace and apply compassionate solutions and encourage community service to meet the needs of families, friends, communities, and neighbors.

Last year we adopted that resolution – placing ourselves as a formal Compassionate City. In light of the divisive political season we just ended, and hearing concerns about what values it reflects, I wanted to share the text of the resolution, as a reminder to myself, and to any who would find some comfort in knowing this city isn't defined by the politics of the day.

Some of the divisiveness is reflected in the consistent series of gun related killings we see every week. Last week, on Election Day, a gunman who was armed with an assault rifle killed one man and wounded two women when he went on a shooting spree across the street from an LA polling place. The police eventually found the guy dead in his apartment following an exchange of gunfire with a SWAT unit. The two women are in critical condition.

The Ward 6 flag was again at half-staff in respect of a Show Low police officer who was shot and killed while on duty. That happened the day after the elections. Officer Reed had been with the Show



Low police department for 10 years. His wife, two children, and the community of Show Low will sorely miss him.

Add this: last Wednesday, two Pennsylvania police officers were ambushed and shot while they were responding to a domestic violence call. I've shared before that those are the ones cops consider the most dangerous. Here's an example. The guy opened fire when they arrived. One of the officers died. The suspect had also killed his wife (found inside the house). He eventually turned the gun on himself.

On Friday of last week, we held the police/civilian interaction forum at The Loft. It followed the screening of Do Not Resist. I'm grateful to Chief Magnus, NAACP President Doris Snowden, and ACLU representative Allesandra Soler for their roles in the event. Getting the variety of voices we had on the same stage to talk about a challenging item like that is necessary for growing together as a community.

Thanks to The Loft staff for making that forum available to Tucson. We have got to make room for these hard conversations and not pretend the issues don't exist.

And thanks to Peg Johnson and the Loft crew for agreeing on short notice to screen Miss Sloane. It's a show documenting the tough lobbying that goes on surrounding the whole gun control issue in D.C. We'll have the film's director John Madden on hand to talk about the movie. The mother of one of the victims of the Aurora theater shooting will also be here to screen the film. It'll be her first time in a movie theater since her son was shot in that incident.

Please join us this Friday, November 18th at 5:30 PM at The Loft. Mr. Madden will speak before the show begins, so don't be late or you'll miss that important part of the evening.



On election night I was happy to join Bryan Sanders and American Babylon to give a pre-election interview at Tap & Bottle. If you'd like to see some of the American Babylon work,

check them out at www.americanbabylon.net. On election night, I gave what sadly proved to be a series of incorrect predictions. I don't think I was alone in that, though.

But the point here is to highlight **Tap & Bottle**. They're this week's **Local Tucson** item. Scott and Rebecca opened the place in 2013 and it is thriving. Located at 403 N. 6th, they've got a full array of local brews and a fun ambience.

The hours are:

Mon-Wed: 2 pm – 11 pm

Thu: 2 pm – 12 am

Fri-Sat: 12 pm – 12 am

Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm

If you have questions, give them a call at 344.8999.



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542

Tucson Office: 520-
881-3588

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

Governor Doug
Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
520-791-4201

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maps.tucsonaz.gov
/zoomTucson/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)



Another election retrospective – I'm not sure if it's just election fatigue, or maybe something I said, but my staff seems intent on training a replacement for me at the office. I had to remind them that I wasn't on the ballot last week and haven't announced anything yet related to next year, so they're stuck for a while.

First 100 Days

A couple of days following the election last week we received a summary of possible implications from our D.C. team. One section listed what the president-elect has declared he'll do during his first 100 days in office. Here's what we're watching out for:

- a) Investing in infrastructure improvements / roads and bridges primarily
- b) Repeal of the Affordable Care Act
- c) Revoking several Federal regulations – named were the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States
- d) Getting the Keystone pipeline under construction
- e) Eliminating restrictions on the production of oil, natural gas, 'clean' coal, and shale
- f) Cutting taxes for the middle class and businesses
- g) Moving funding we committed for UN climate change programs to pay for our infrastructure needs
- h) Fund and build the border wall
- i) Establish mandatory two to four year prison sentences for people who are caught illegally re-entering the country if they have multiple prior deportations or if they have felony convictions
- j) Allow caregivers of kids and the elderly to deduct care costs from their taxes
- k) Lifting sequestration from defense spending

He will not get that done in 100 days. Much of it he won't get done at all. Many of us will be interested in watching the response of those who believed him during the campaign when he committed to those things.

There was hidden away in our briefing a list of things Tucson might benefit from as a result of the election. Much of the list is dependent on the new president being able to perform on some of the list you see above. It includes getting money for our own infrastructure needs, saving the A-10 at DM, the tax breaks for caregivers mentioned above, seeing some funding for a taskforce on violent crime, and expanding vocational education funding. What happens to other education funding and trade with Mexico will be longer term issues to watch.

One thing everyone agrees on is that this election was unique. If nothing else, it will be interesting to see how things develop during and after the transition of power.

Negative Partisanship

Barbara Norrander is a professor at the UA School of Government and Public Policy. She recently commented on the election, and referenced the voters who voted ‘against’ an opponent, rather than voting ‘for’ their choice on the ballot. She termed it ‘negative partisanship.’ Here’s some of what she had to say:

Recently, political scientists and pollsters have documented a phenomenon that they call "negative partisanship." People haven't changed their minds about their own party, but they have become increasingly negative toward the opposition party. This has led to starkly different evaluations of presidents across the parties, as Democrats rate President Obama highly while Republicans rate him negatively, with the partisan pattern reversed in evaluations of President George W. Bush. The partisan divide in evaluations of President George H.W. Bush in the 1980s was only half as large as the cross-party differences in evaluations of our two most recent presidents. Explanations for this increase in partisan hostility center on an ideological sorting across party supporters, with conservatives moving into the Republican Party and liberals into the Democratic Party; a geographic divide, with Democrats residing in cities and Republicans more prevalent in suburbs and rural areas; and more partisan streams of information on radio, cable TV and the internet. Since 2000, candidates also have switched to more negative campaigning to mobilize their base rather than trying to appeal to a shrinking number of swing voters.

Catherine Tornbom from the **Center for Community Dialogue** and I are teaming up to host a forum in which we hope to gather community participants from various political perspectives. The goal – heal from the election and find a way to engage each other productively as we move into this new administration. This will be totally bi-partisan. Otherwise, what’s the point?

I’ve already gotten commitments from two TUSD winners, two state legislative winners, and am working on getting the two I’ve got in mind from the Board of Supervisors. We hope to walk away from the discussion all having at the very least agreed on working cooperatively for the good of the community going forward, and setting both the election and partisanship behind us.

For now, please set aside the evening of December 7th for this important community-building experiment. I’ll share the details as Catherine and I get them hammered out.

Enough on the election... last week I asked people to share examples of streetscapes we have around town that are inviting and good examples of how Tucson takes care of itself.

This one is on Campbell near Elm. Nothing spectacular – but plenty of shade, well maintained. Even though it’s on an



arterial, it's a comfortable and well-lit place to walk or bike. That's the point – Tucson has plenty of good examples of streetscape and we should be highlighting the good that we have.

Send in your examples. I'll be happy to include them in these newsletters. Oh, and just for the record, Campbell at this location is 6 lanes, 2 bike lanes, a median and turn lanes, and is 96' wide. Think 'Broadway' widening at over 120'.

Hand-Held Mobile Device Ban

On Wednesday we took another step toward adopting our ban on the use of hand-held mobile electronic devices while driving a car. The vote was 6-1 in favor of directing staff to continue working with surrounding jurisdictions to come up with a common template. The goal is to have a regional ordinance in place so you don't have to figure out where the ban is in effect and where it isn't.

Here's the language of the draft we now have as a working document:

Prohibited Use of Handheld Mobile Telephone or Portable Electronic Device

No person shall, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, use a mobile telephone or portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle upon a street or highway, unless that device is specifically designed or configured to allow hands-free listening and talking and used in that manner while operating a motor vehicle.

DEFINITIONS

"Hands-free use" means the use of a mobile telephone or portable electronic device without the use of either hand by employing an internal feature of, or an attachment to, the device.

"Operating" means being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle on a highway or street and included being temporarily stopped because of traffic, a traffic light or stop sign or otherwise, but excludes operating a motor vehicle when the vehicle has pulled over to the side of the road or off an active roadway and has stopped at a location in which it can safely remain stationary.

"Handheld mobile telephone" and **"portable electronic device"** means a wireless communication device that is designed to engage in calls, receive and transmit text, images, messages, global positioning data, and any other data and requires being held in one hand.

This section shall not apply to:

(1) The use of a mobile telephone or portable electronic device for the sole purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an immediate emergency situation:

An emergency response operator;

An ambulance company;

Fire district and rescue service personnel;

Law enforcement personnel;

A hospital; or

A physician's office or health clinic.

(2) The activation or deactivation of hands-free use, as long as the mobile telephone or portable electronic device is securely configured and attached to the vehicle or integrated into the vehicle.

First Responder exception:

This section does not apply to an emergency service professional using a mobile telephone or portable electronic device while operating an authorized emergency vehicle in the course and scope of his or her duties.

That language is the result of several jurisdictions and public safety agencies working in concert to put this plan in place. There should be very little left to change. As it now stands this will be a civil offense with fees imposed as follows:

1st Violation - \$50

2nd - \$100

3rd - \$200

If violations result in a collision – minimum \$250 fee

We have the option of adopting this as either a primary or a secondary offense. The difference is with a primary offense, the police may pull you over specifically for the act. If it's a secondary offense, they have to have another reason for pulling you over, but if you're also on the phone, they can cite you for that in addition to the real reason for the stop. We're proposing this as a primary offense. It's the only way enforcement makes any sense.

In 2014 there were over 3,000 drivers killed in the U.S. as a result of distracted driving. The number of accidents in which there were injuries short of death are innumerable. On Thursday of last week, I received an email from a trauma coordinator over at Banner UMC. She advised me that the State Emergency Nurse's Association supports a statewide initiative similar to what we're doing regionally. So do I – but if the state won't act, we should. She agrees. Here's a part of the email:

Mr. Kozachik, as the trauma outreach coordinator here at BUMCT, I have been active in working to decrease distracted driving. I understand that you are working to create an ordinance regarding this. I would be glad to come and speak at a council meeting and work with you on any committee you have addressing this issue. Distracted driving is the leading cause of teen driving fatalities but it is 100 percent preventable. Because text messaging requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the worst distraction. Adults are the role models for this behavior so education needs to be done, not only with our youth but with everyone in the community.

Thank you for your dedication to this important issue.

We gave direction to staff to continue working regionally and to bring back the final draft before the end of the year. We'll also work with our regional partners to come up with a common implementation date, including a period during which warnings will be issued.

It's a significant move in the direction of not just a city ordinance banning the use of handheld cell phones while driving, but a regional effort. We're seeing more and more examples of collaboration among jurisdictions. It's a change from not too many years back.

More Regional Collaboration

The Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) held this year's Common Grounds Award ceremony a couple of weeks back. As is normal, they recognized 20 projects that had some significant level of cross-jurisdiction collaboration or some sort of teamwork involved. In the majority of them you'll note city/county/Rio Nuevo collaboration. That can only be good for the region.

Here's the list of the winning projects. I'll asterisk those in which we partnered with the county and/or Rio, or worked with other stakeholders to get the work done:

- *Banner UMC construction (Ward 3 and Ward 6 Offices)
- UA Garden to Cafeteria
- *La Estancia Master Planned Community (Ward 4 Office)
- *Mainstreet Transitional Care Facility (Ward 6 Office)
- Making Action Possible Dashboard
- *Park Tucson Smart Meters (Mayor and Council)
- Pima County Multi-Species Conservation Plan
- *Steps to Success (Mayor's Office)
- *Tucson Roadrunners (Mayor and Council)
- Tucson-NYC non-stop air service
- Pima County South Rillito West Central Interceptor Rehab Project
- *Sale of City Civano Property (Ward 4 Office)
- Colossal Cave Road Project
- *Marist on Cathedral Square (Mayor and Council)
- Building Our Workforce through ESTEAM
- Sahuarita Farms Land/River Master Plan
- *Paseo de Las Iglesias; Santa Cruz River Bank Protection (Mayor and Council)
- Clearwater and Common Ground Storage, Recovery Partnership
- *Urban Agriculture Text Amendment (Mayor and Council)
- *World View HQ (Mayor and Council)

City staff from multiple departments are involved in every one of those project that have "M&C" noted as collaborators. That includes our planners, Tucson Water, Park Tucson, real estate – and of course framing many of the arrangements are the City Manager's Office and the City Attorney.

The region is working well together. That hasn't always been the case. In addition, the

city structure is pulling in some significant new projects that'll benefit the region broadly. In the aftermath of an ugly political season, it's good to keep a perspective on the many wins we really are achieving.

Agua Dulce – Even More Regional Collaboration



Photo: Arizona Historical Society – 1954

That's a historical shot of the Santa Cruz around what is now downtown. We've been making some very positive strides in redeveloping downtown, trying to balance the new with the historic. Now we have an opportunity to turn back the clocks a little and recreate some of what you see in the picture.

Natural water flow in the Santa Cruz ended back in the 1940s. Groundwater pumping caused the water table to drop, and the result is the dry riverbed you see as you drive past downtown. We have a plan to rectify some of that.

If you've been on the Loop between Alvernon and Craycroft, you're familiar with the clear-cutting of vegetation that not too long ago was living in the riverbed. That sediment removal project has certainly gotten people's attention, and in a very negative way. Something similar is being considered for the downtown area of the Santa Cruz. We have an option that many of us on the M&C believe deserves a look.

I wrote last week that I'm strongly in favor of expanding the use of our recycled water supply. Right now, the recycled water that we don't use is simply discharged into the Santa Cruz' riverbed, where it recharges back into the aquifer. Because of a legal quirk, we lose our right to recover most of that water from the ground for use in the future, as we routinely do with the CAP water we send to our recharge basins. The Agua Dulce project calls for us to make better use of that reclaimed water by sending it through our existing infrastructure to a section of the Santa Cruz near downtown. In addition to having the water support vegetation, we'll look for a change in state policy to allow us to retain our right to use the water that recharges into the aquifer in the future if we feel the need. We have enough reclaimed water to both continue irrigating the more than 900 golf courses, parks, schoolyards, and street medians that we currently serve, and to build that river channel.

As part of the project, private money could be used to build our own shorter version of a river walk, a la San Antonio, up on the bank. The area we're considering is in the Rio Nuevo tax increment financing district. They could therefore play a role in developing some business opportunities along the banks. We'll need their buy-in to make this work.

As mentioned, the County Flood Control District is already looking at this area for a sediment removal project. We need the County on board, too, in order to refine that thinking. But with project goals that include riparian restoration in the riverbed and economic development along the banks, right now it feels as though everyone's pulling the

rope in the same direction. The goal is to have a 10 foot wide channel of water flowing in the river, and a corridor of riparian vegetation growing around it as soon as we get the parties to agree on terms, and as soon as we can get the language on the documents signed. We're hoping that will happen within the next two years.

Rio has also committed to investing in Mission Gardens, over on the west side. That project might also become a beneficiary of a deal like this. So we have Rio, the business community, the County, area residents, and the Flood Control District all working to get this plan into effect. When I began this work seven years ago, those parties were all fighting and suing one another. We've cleaned up those messes, and today there's a new can-do spirit we've built – and will continue to expand upon.

Pima Animal Care

Pima County operates the shelter out on Silverbell Road. While there are several contributing partners, we're the largest because we constitute the bulk of the workload passing through the center. Last week they had an outbreak of a couple shelter-related illnesses. To their credit, Pima County jumped on the issue and is taking constructive corrective steps. Some of it may affect you, so I'll share a bit of background and what's happening out at PACC for the next couple of weeks.

Last Friday, Dr. Francisco Garcia (County Public Health Director) sent out a news release that notified the community that PACC had experienced some potentially fatal dog illnesses. They had seven cases of canine distemper and five cases of a strep infection. In order to insure they've got both under control, for the next couple of weeks the shelter will not be taking in new dogs or cats, and they'll also put a hold on adoptions. Their normal mandated functions of law enforcement, following up on cruelty and neglect reports, as well as rabies quarantines will continue as usual.

The dogs showing signs of either illness were isolated from contact with others. The animals that were at the shelter but aren't showing signs are being treated with antibiotics to make sure they don't catch either one. And of course they're disinfecting the kennels. They hope to be back to normal operations sometime near the end of this month.

If you need to surrender a pet before they're back online out at PACC, you should call their pet support center at 724.7222.

PACC sees over 20,000 pets pass through its facilities each year. At some shelters across the country, an outbreak such as this would result in the euthanization of all the animals, just to be sure they eradicated all of the threat. The County and PACC administration deserve high marks for avoiding that approach and instead moving quickly to treat the animals appropriately. I'll share information with you as they get themselves through this and back to regular operations.

Capital Needs Open House and Public Hearings

We will be co-hosting an open house with Ward 3 and city staff on Thursday, November 17th at 5:30 PM to talk to you about capital needs and options we're considering for funding them. The meeting will be here at the Ward 6 community room. In addition, M&C will host two public hearings on this issue during our evening sessions on

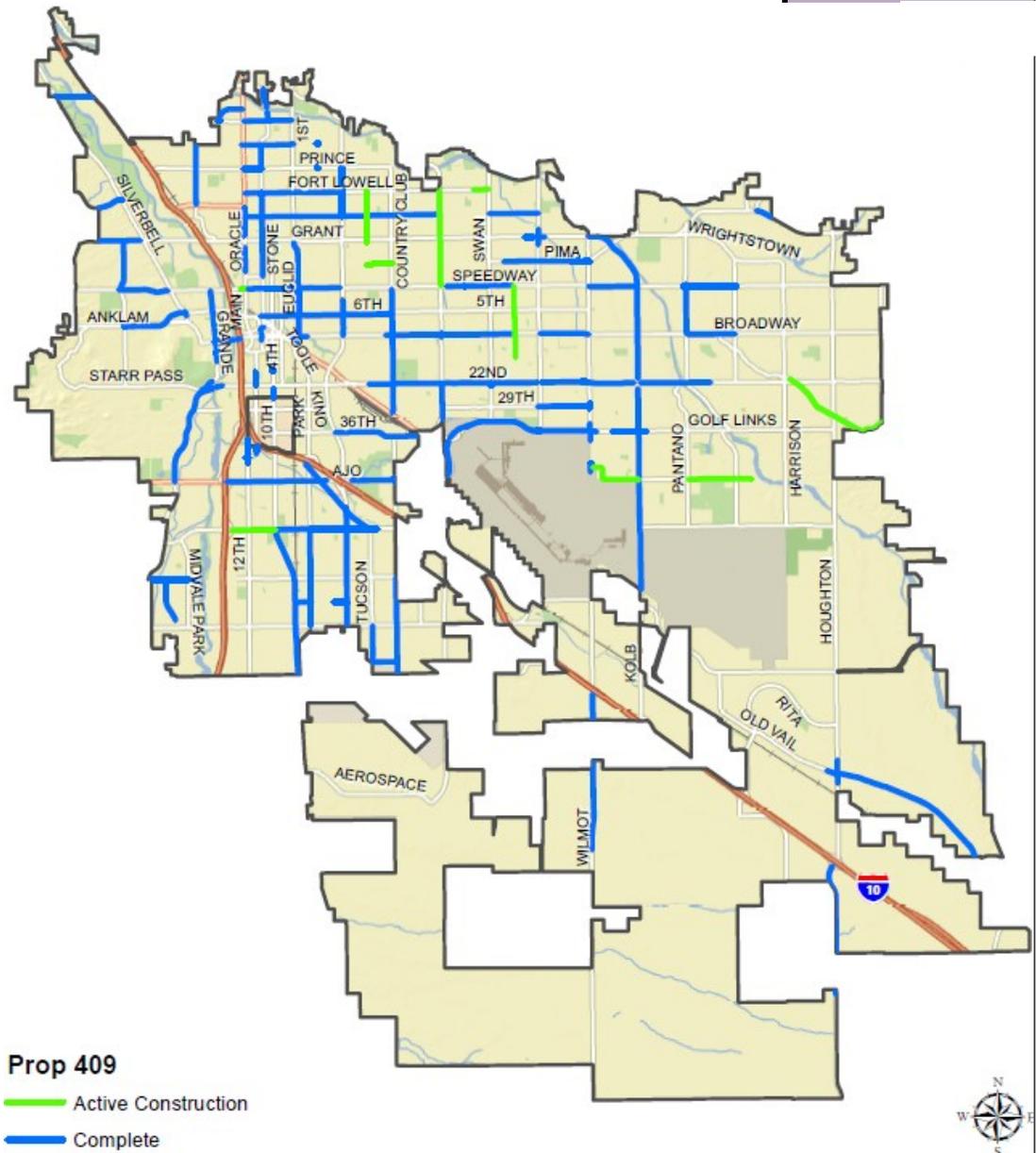
November 22nd and December 6th. We want to provide as much opportunity as possible to hear your input before we decide on what to place on the ballot next May.

In recent newsletters, I've shared about the Charter change to our taxing authority we're considering for next year's ballot. We got a little more information on the public safety component last week. First though, this map shows the Prop 409 road projects that we committed to and that we've performed on.

It's important that we be able to demonstrate 'promises made, promised kept' if we're going to ask to renew and extend a commitment to use your money. Road conditions have improved as a direct result of the \$20M annually we've been investing from the Prop 409 measure the voters approved. That funding has one more year before it expires.

One road-related piece of information that had not been made clear – and still hasn't to my satisfaction – is the portion of the tax dollars that making ADA improvements will constitute. That's the federally-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act. With the 409 money, we didn't allocate any of the funds to build things such as ramps or access upgrades. Now we're being told anytime we make road improvements, those are required additions. If they are, we need to know exactly what we're asking the voters to fund and how much that will take from the actual pavement preservation work. Every bit of this has to be spelled out. The message I have been trying to drive home to the city manager is 'no surprises.'

In addition to clarifying the ADA issues, we need to come to closure on what percentage of the sales tax increase will be allocated to roads versus public safety, how much of the road money will go to residential versus arterial streets, and whether or not we sunset the tax



after some period of time. At a minimum, I'd like to see 50% of the sales tax go to roads, 65% of that go to residential streets for at least the first five years, and I see no reason to sunset the tax. Our road repair needs will be ongoing. We might as well put a funding source into place and on the books. Of course, we should continue the citizen Bond Oversight Commission to make sure the selection of residential streets for repair is a function of need, and not of politics.

Public safety needs were a bit more well-defined last week, but there's still a conversation needed before it heads to a ballot. We have demonstrable vehicle needs. Below is a list with the quantity and description of the vehicles the departments are requesting.

VEHICLES

Fire Apparatus

(20) Pumper

(3) Aerial Stick (A basic ladder truck.)

(2) Aerial Bucket

(1) Aerial Quint (Same functions as the aerial stick but has a pump for firefighting activities.)

(2) Ladder Tender

(12) Paramedic Unit (These are the ones you rely on to attend to your medical needs – very important since the vast majority of what TFD does falls into this category.)

(2) Special Rehab (This is a Sun Van style vehicle used during extended events. The unit helps cool, rest, and hydrate firefighters.)

(3) Special APL (Air Power Light - this vehicle is equipped with an air compressor used to fill firefighters' air tanks, and a large generator and light towers to provide power and illumination at the scene of an incident.)

(2) Special Brush (A small firefighting unit designed for fighting brush fires – think monsoon season.)

(1) Special Haz Mat

(1) Special TRT (Technical Rescue Team - a larger vehicle used to transport the special tools and equipment firefighters need to work rescue incidents, like when a building collapses.)

(1) Special Command (This vehicle is a mobile command unit designed to allow fire officers to command large events.)

(2) Special Water Tender

(98) Fire Non-Specialized Fleet (These are general purpose vehicles such as vans and staff cars, emergency response battalion chief trucks, and support vehicles such as maintenance trucks. In this category, we can certainly talk about the number being requested. These aren't the life/safety sorts of vehicles that I'm particularly concerned about.)

(257) Police Department Patrol Fleet (Right now 63% of our marked fleet is beyond recommended useful service life.)

(24) Police Department Motorcycles (Our motorcycle fleet has transitioned from Harley Davidsons to less expensive Hondas. Our oldest Hondas are now due for replacement and will serve as spares in training. This establishes a rolling replacement plan.)

(164) Police Department Unmarked Fleet (80% of the current fleet is beyond its recommended useful service life.)

(5) Police Department Specialized Vehicles (This includes prisoner transport vans for safe transport of police prisoners to City Court and Pima County Jail, and two bomb trucks with secure storage to transport bomb suits, equipment, and investigative material to critical scenes.)

To we civilians, that list of specialized vehicles is an eye-opener depicting the unique nature of public safety and how we provide that service to the region.

We also saw an extensive list of firehouse needs. Those must be well defined as ‘needs,’ and not ‘wants.’ They may be, but more discussion needs to happen before we have a ballot -ready list for you to consider.

Join us this Thursday for the open house if you can, and bring any questions you’ve got. We have to have ballot language ready by early January, so these discussions are time sensitive. The burden is on us to get legitimate answers before we send the City Attorney off to start crafting the language you’ll be voting on next spring.

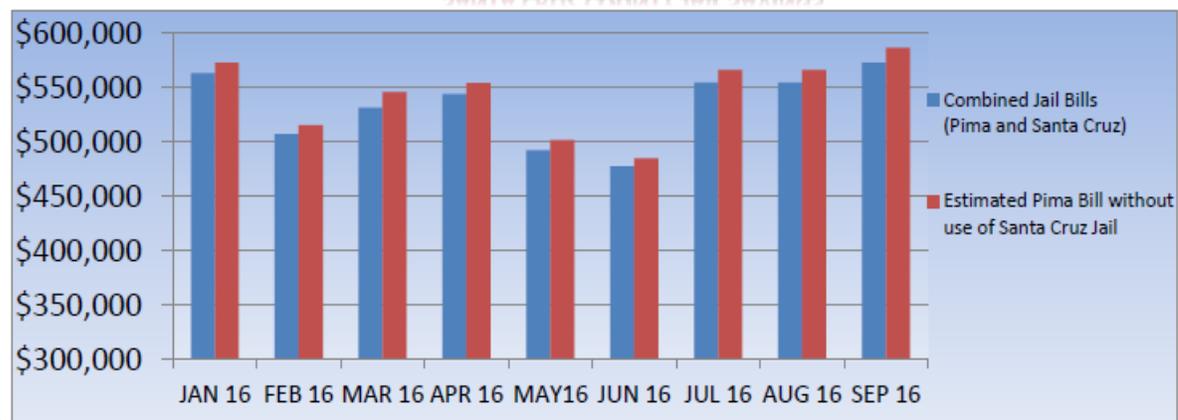
City Court

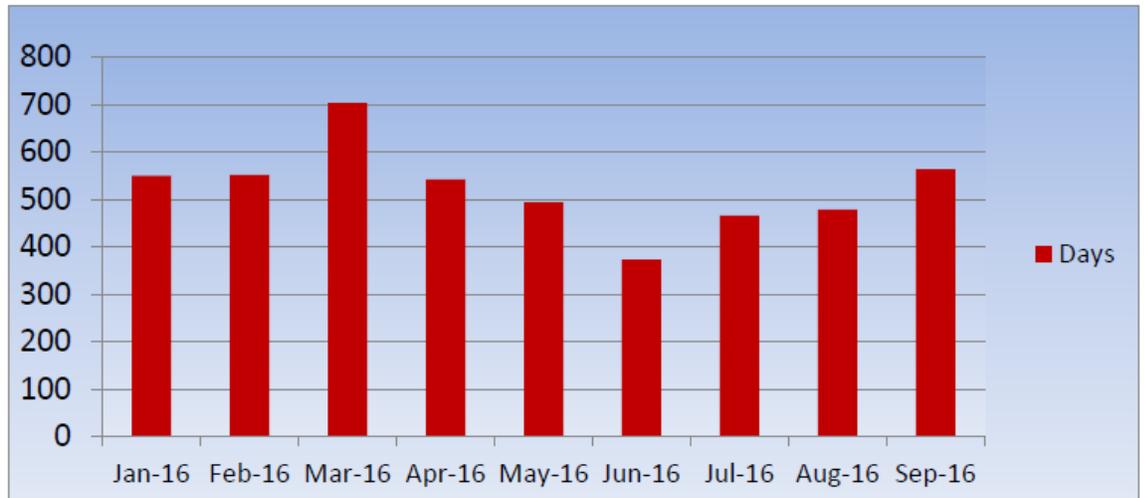
Our court facilities also have capital needs. You may recall a few years back when negotiations went south with the County for our move into the new courthouse building. That’s history. We may be able to resolve those differences, but for now we have what we have.

The courts are the funnel for defendants ending up in jail. That’s costly. We have to make sure we’re not putting people behind bars who do not belong there. That’s for their benefit, and for budgetary reasons as well. From an economic standpoint, we have in place an agreement with the Santa Cruz County jail system that is saving money on the people who are legitimately being sentenced. It applies to defendants sentenced to 10 days or longer. Santa Cruz doesn’t charge us a booking fee, and their daily rate is \$65. The Pima County rate to us is a \$299.53 booking fee for each person and then daily fees of \$89.02. That adds up. At present, we’re saving approximately \$10,000 per month by sending some inmates to Santa Cruz.

Here are some graphs showing how many inmates we’re sending to Santa Cruz, and the comparison in savings versus using Pima County jail.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JAIL SAVINGS



DAYS USED SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JAIL

We're also working on several other ways to reduce our jail-boarding costs. Those include plea offers made at the initial appearance stage, video reviews for defendants, cite and release for appropriate crimes, and alternatives to jail options.

I believe the most effective strategy we should be looking at is overall sentencing reform so we're not in the position of pleading sentences to begin with. That's a state initiative I know the American Friends Service Committee is working hard on up in Phoenix. With the newly seated state legislature, that conversation can once again begin.

UA Campus Master Plan

The UA is updating its Master Plan. That's the long range – and in some cases short range – planning document intended to guide how the University expands while the student population increases. They're looking for public input on issues such as building massing, where the growth should occur, and what sorts of bike/ped considerations you'd like to see them adopt.

Below is a survey the UA planning folks sent to the Campus Community Relations Committee to help distribute for feedback. If you'd like to share your thoughts on how you'd like to see the UA grow and what sorts of design considerations you want them to keep in mind, feel free to use the survey instrument. Send it into Cynthia Ramirez at the email address contained in the text of the document when you're done. The due date is December 1st, so you've got some time to think through your responses.

UA CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS
CAMPUS COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

November 8, 2016

The following planning questions will be addressed during the development of the UA Masterplan Update, in an effort to find innovative, practical, physical responses that will support the goals and objectives of the UA Never Settle Strategic Plan. Please provide any input you may have regarding any of these general questions, to help initiate the dialogue that is needed to assure that all relevant concerns are appropriately considered. Thank you for any assistance that you can provide in responding to these questions.

Please submit responses to the UA Community Relations Office at cynthiaramirez@email.arizona.edu by

December 1, 2016. Please be as brief as you can while still expressing your full opinion.

1. *The UA campus must be prepared to accommodate a reasonable amount of growth over the next 10 years, to meet the needs of the State and local community. What generally beneficial growth strategies should be considered that will be effective, achievable, sustainable, and appropriately considerate of the surrounding community?*
2. *Which urban design concepts should be most considered to help guide future campus growth?*
3. *In what areas of campus should growth be concentrated in the next 10 years? In what parts of campus should growth be avoided if possible?*
4. *What building heights (number of stories) would be appropriate for new buildings on campus? Which areas of campus would be best suited for taller buildings?*
5. *How important is the preservation of open space in an urban environment such as the UA Campus?*
6. *What are the greatest pedestrian and bicycle needs to be addressed as the campus grows?*
7. *What are the greatest traffic circulation and parking needs to be addressed in the future?*
8. *How can the UA best improve its Campus Gateways and Approaches?*
9. *What are the highest priority needs to be met with regard to Student and Greek Housing on and around campus?*
10. *What general planning initiatives would benefit the neighborhoods around Campus the most?*

Submitted By: _____

Address: _____

UA Area Neighborhood: _____

Email Address: _____

TUSD Discipline

I'm going to close with this. Last week I was contacted by some parents of kids who attend TUSD schools. They had concerns about the level of safety that exists on school campuses. In fact, each of them had children who had been beaten up and/or threatened, and their feeling was the administration hadn't acted sufficiently to address it.

I am not on the TUSD School Board, and normally I would simply defer to that body. In this case, the women said they had already tried that, and had also tried connecting with the administration. They had photos and compelling stories.

Valerie Cavazos from KGUN9 has covered the discipline issue extensively. I felt that if she looked at the ladies' stories and felt they had merit, she'd cover it. With her knowledge of the issue, if she listened and thought they weren't newsworthy, she'd let it go.

Last Thursday evening she ran the piece. My part was simply to suggest that it is the responsibility of administration and the governing body to make sure our community has

safe school campuses. I'm hopeful that by Valerie airing these concerns, we'll see a new level of security and safety across the District.

Sincerely,



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Events and Entertainment

Parks and Recreation Spring Activity Guide Available Now

Tucson Parks and Recreation's Activity Guide for spring 2017 has arrived, and copies are available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities. Copies also will be available at the Family Festival in the Park event on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Reid Park or can be viewed online at: www.tucsonaz.gov/parks. The Activity Guide contains complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration and the Discount Program.

Holiday Artisans Market

Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20, 2016 | 10 am – 5 pm each day

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

Discover Tucson's best artisans at the Tucson Museum of Art's annual winter Holiday Artisans Market, featuring more than 100 juried artisans of finely crafted pottery, glass, jewelry, textiles, fine art, and gift items. Saturday and Sunday will feature food vendors and live music by the Tucson Kitchen Musicians. The Museum is free and open to the public during all three days of Artisans Market. www.tucsonmuseumofart.org/events/artisans-market1

El Tour de Tucson

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Held annually the Saturday before Thanksgiving, El Tour attracts over 9,000 cyclists from throughout the United States and beyond who ride 104, 75, 55, or 40 miles around or along the perimeter of Tucson. The Fun Ride offers shorter miles (11, 6 or 1/4 miles) on a generally flat course mostly using the Santa Cruz River path. El Tour is an excellent event for novice, intermediate, advanced, and professional riders. The "alternative" to the road-cycling event is Indoor El Tour. www.perimeterbicycling.com/el-tour-de-tucson

Ongoing

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

"Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life" Exhibit, October 10, 2016 – May 31, 2017

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave |

www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). For guided tours call [520-777-9270](tel:520-777-9270).

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childrensmuseumtucson.org