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Ward 6 Newsletter

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A Message From Steve

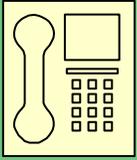
This November there will be several State-level propositions on the ballot. While the general theme of these newsletters is going to be City Council-related material, I thought I'd take this opportunity to just give a very brief synopsis of each of the ballot propositions to hopefully prompt you to do some deeper research into those that are of particular interest to you. The descriptions I'm sharing are going to include quotes from the ballot measures—not statements of my own position on any of them. None of this is intended to urge you to support or oppose any of them, but is intended to only be informational. Language in the ballot measures that seems to be obvious (or confusing) on its face might warrant spending some time reading the pros and cons to see how others are interpreting the propositions.

Before I start, though, did you know that an election costs the City of Tucson 75 cents for every registered voter? That is, we pay Pima County that amount regardless of whether or not the person votes. With that thought in mind, if you're not planning to vote - don't register. More importantly though, register and vote / now, on with the background that will hopefully get you interested enough to get to the polls in a few weeks.

Prop 106 - A law or rule shall not compel any person, employer or health care provider to participate in any health care system. A person or employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and shall not be required to pay penalties for paying directly for such services.

Prop 107 - This State shall not grant preferential treatment to, or discriminate against any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting. This does not prohibit bona fide qualifications based on sex that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, education or contracting.

Prop 109 - The citizens of this State have a right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife lawfully. No law shall be enacted and no rule shall be adopted that unreasonably restricts hunting, fishing and harvesting wildlife or the use of traditional means and methods. Lawful public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.



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

Development Services

791-4505

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

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Prop 110 - Public lands shall not be sold or leased, except to the highest and best bidder at a public auction. No sale or contract for the sale of any timber or other natural product of such lands shall be made, save at the place, and after the notice for sales and leases of the lands themselves. Nothing shall prevent leasing of such lands for grazing or agricultural purposes for 10 years, mineral purposes for 20 years or exploration and production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons for 20 years.

Prop 111 - The executive department shall consist of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction (changes the title of Secretary of State to Lieutenant Governor.) Terms are limited to 2 consecutive, and in the General Election, candidate for Governor from each party runs on a ticket with the candidate for Lieutenant Governor from that same party who has survived his/her primary contest.

Prop 112 - Preserves the right of the people to propose laws and amendments to the constitution at the polls, independently of the legislature through initiative and referendum. Once enacted by a majority of the voters, neither the Governor (by veto) nor the Legislature (by repeal) may reject that majority vote. Amending either the initiative or referendum passed at the polls may only be to further the intent of the voters, and may only be accomplished by 3/4 vote of each house.

Prop 113 - The right to vote by secret ballot for employee representation shall be guaranteed where local, State or Federal law permits or requires elections, designations or authorizations for employee representation.

Prop 203 - Allows for the dispensing of 2.5 ounces per week of marijuana to people deemed to need it on a medical basis. Permits local jurisdictions to establish zoning controls on the location and operation of dispensaries. Sets criteria for who may prescribe the drug and who may receive it, and places conditions on when and under what circumstances it may be used. Allows for home grown pot where dispensaries are not located in close proximity to the residence of the patient.

Prop 301 - On the effective date of passage of this proposition, the balance of the monies in the Land Conservation Fund reverts to the State general fund.

Prop 302 - The Arizona early childhood development and health board terminates on 12/1/2010 and monies levied and collected pursuant to that fund shall revert to the State general fund and shall be appropriated for health and human services for children.

And remember to attend our Ward 6 Town Hall tonight at 6:30pm to hear presentations on Proposition 400 (sales tax) and Proposition 401 (Charter Amendments).

Sincerely,



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Things to Do in Ward 6

Come Downtown next weekend for the sixth annual HoCo Fest, "Arizona's Solar Music Festival". The east end of Downtown will be alive with great music on stages powered by the sun. HoCo Fest features local and national music acts on Friday and Saturday nights, and local arts and cultural activities and performances on Sunday in partnership with Tucson Pima Arts Council and other local arts organizations.

September 24, 25, and 26

www.HoCoFest.com

"Shift Arizona" campaign to launch October 1

The Local First Arizona Foundation is preparing to launch "Shift Arizona", a campaign aimed at strengthening the local economy, increasing civic pride, and changing consumer buying patterns to increase the economic and cultural sustainability of this region. During this economic downturn LFAF has identified a plan that will assist in economic recovery. It will also improve our environment, create jobs and enhance community development.

A study recently completed in Grand Rapids, Michigan examined the spending patterns of residents and businesses there. The study determined if all 600,000 people in Grand Rapids simply shifted 10% of their spending from national to local businesses, the result would be 1,600 new jobs, an additional \$130 million in the local economy and an increase of \$50 million in local wages in one year. Local First Arizona is proposing to replicate the study's findings in Arizona, using the metrics that came out of the Grand Rapids study to set goals and create measurable results.

LFAF will present its plan at Maynards Market in the Historic Depot on Toole Avenue in Downtown Tucson, October 1 at 10:00am.

U of A Sports

Football Az vs. Iowa at 7:30 Saturday night. **Volleyball** Az vs. Pepperdine at 7pm on Friday night.