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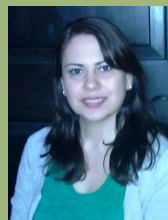
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Ward 6 – Newsletter

MARCH 7, 2012

A Message from Steve

Grant Road Overlay Zone

The opportunity to participate in the plans for the zoning changes relative to the RTA Grant Road project is here. Here are the dates/times/locations for upcoming meetings:

- Wednesday, March 7th - 5:30 until 7:30pm – Donna Liggins Rec. Center (2160 N. 6th Ave.) - Jefferson Park area plan
- Thursday, March 22nd - 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Ward 6 Office (3202 E. 1st) - Catalina Vista/Blenman Elm segment.
- Thursday, March 29th – 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Ward 6 Office – Grant/Alvernon segment
- Thursday, April 12th – 5:30 – 7:30pm at St. Cyril's Parish in Dougherty H (4725 E. Pima) – Arcadia/Alamo segment.

The entire Project will extend from Oracle Road out to Swan. These meetings are significant opportunities for you to let your concerns and preferences be made known. While Grant Road is a major community arterial, the impact of the decisions made with respect to the alignment and how the areas along the route are zoned will touch the neighborhoods immediately north and south of Grant. While actual construction is no where near to being imminent, the decisions made coming from these meetings will inform much of what we will see along that corridor once the Project begins to unfold. Mark your calendars – these are important meetings.

And please don't be hesitant to drill down on questions related to what is really being funded by the RTA, and what is being offered to you as "eye-candy," but is not really intended to be in their scope of work. For example, there are concerns rising from comments made by the consultant that if landscaping is something the neighbors would like to see as a part of the overall project, the burden shifts to the property owners to submit a landscape plan, including a long term maintenance plan, the cost of which is possibly not being covered in the project costs, and the construction of which might be contingent on the property owner opting into the overlay standards.

Ask questions – do not assume that just because you see a picture that it's automatically a part of the actual design, or that it is covered in the RTA project costs. The City is the "lead agency" on RTA projects so anything that costs over the RTA contribution to the work must be funded by the City – you – and we're not rolling in the



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

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cash right now.

What I tell the architects and design teams with whom I work is to design to the budget. If we cannot afford what is being presented, there's no reason to lay it in front of us.

Outside Agencies

Two years ago M&C set aside a chunk of cash in the budget to be used for funding various functions, many of which used to fall under the budget category "Outside Agencies." We put into place an RFP system, broken down into three categories (Arts, Human Services, and Economic Development) and have different groups making recommendations to us relative to funding allocations.

On Tuesday we had a report from our Economic Development team. They receive roughly \$500K and allocate it to Business Development, Job Training and Civic Events. The money is allocated 45% each to the first two categories and 10% to Civic Events. I think changing those percentages is needed. So did other Council members – we just differed on the amounts.

Under the Business Development category are functions that fall under the purview of TREO's mission. For example, attracting business in key industries such as logistics, biotech and aerospace/defense. We're already paying TREO over \$1/2 million annually to do exactly that. So, I suggested we reduce the percent in that category from 45% to 30%, do not put any money towards those "key industries" but allocate all 30% to support of small business development. Then, take that extra 15% and reallocate it to Civic Events. Those are economic generators for our City, and if we don't help them thrive more effectively, we're going to lose them (think tennis and golf tournaments, spring training, Copper Bowl, Hog Rally, and more). Take Tucson Meet Yourself for an example:

- TMY's biggest sponsor last year was the Pascua Yaqui Tribe at \$55K cash contribution through Revenue Share. The Tribe also provided contacts and support for traditional dancers, artists and exhibits throughout the festival.
- Second biggest sponsor was Pima County at \$35K through the Communities Putting Prevention to Work "obesity" grant and the additional contribution of \$25K in-kind support to produce "Pima County Meet Yourself" exhibit area which provided TMY with programming in a key link area of the Festival. Pima County provided In-Kind support via free use of the facilities at Old Pima County Courthouse and Pima County Administration Plaza. Pima County Probation provided a crew to collect garbage all weekend.
- TMY's biggest expense line item was the City of Tucson at **-\$37K** for facilities rental, equipment rental, electricity, and police security. Indirectly, they spent another **\$14K** on generators for electricity that the city couldn't provide, **\$1,300** on mats to protect the park facilities from grease drippings, and more.

If we don't put ourselves in the position of being able to help events such as this more effectively, they'll end up leaving. The rest of Council preferred to allocate 60% to Workforce Development and keep the civic events at 10%. What we learned today was that the percentages are targets, and the actual allocations have not matched those figures. Civic events in fact only got about 2% of the funds distributed last year. So, I agreed with the



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McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Gabrielle Giffords
(D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th 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
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infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

reallocation suggestion, of course contingent on money actually being available after we go through the budget process, but made the point that we need to get to the 10% in reality. I'm hopeful that this will help to preserve some of our home-grown events, as well as those that bring in outside dollars.

HB2416 (Painted Hills Water Legislation)

This could be one of the most important issues to confront our region in years.

Last week the Council voted to move forward with the County in trying to protect the Painted Hills area from significant housing development, and to preserve our Charter driven ability to make water policy by which our region grows. That action came in response to HB2416, a bill that was originally aimed at both Pima and Maricopa counties (I addressed what a farce that was in last week's newsletter) but with an amendment by the sponsor of the bill, the language ended up targeting just Pima County. Here's the amendment:

STEVENS FLOOR AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2416

(Reference to the GOVERNMENT Committee amendment)

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2 THOUSAND PERSONS ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT UNITED STATES DECENNIAL
CENSUS"**

The only County in the State that falls under that population threshold is Pima County. On Thursday of last week, the Bill failed to get out of committee. Interestingly, the sponsor of the Bill voted against it, even after he had amended it to target Pima County. The vote was 28-30. There were two voting members who were absent. Immediately after the vote, Stevens moved to have it reconsidered on March 7th. So this issue continues.

If you believe the State should have the right to tell jurisdictions to whom they must provide water through their infrastructure, you'll love this bill. If you believe that those decisions should be made at the local level, by the people who rely on the water in their region, and by the people who are paying for the infrastructure, you'll oppose the bill. Either way, this is a very big deal to our area.

The M&C are united in opposition. We may express it in different ways, and we may propose different strategies for achieving its defeat, but we share the same goal. On Tuesday our lobbyist offered encouragement that there is growing opposition to the bill.

West University Overlay District

Just a brief update on the overlay zone we adopted last week. By way of refresher, this is the zoning change that will facilitate density and mixed use development in the area between Park and Euclid, and from Speedway to 6th Avenue.

The West University Neighborhood Association has decided to work towards placing a Referendum on the '12 ballot to allow the voters to decide whether or not they believe this is appropriate zoning for that area. They have until 3/30 to get approximately 8,500 valid signatures, and if they do, we can either revisit it at the Council level, or let it go to the ballot.

Chapter XX of the City Charter certainly gives them the right to pursue this option. It's a part of our civic process and I'll be interested to see how the community responds to the exercise. I've covered the zoning in previous newsletters, and if you've followed the discus-

sion you'll know that the M&C voted 6-1 to approve the plan. And yet, reasonable people can disagree, so you won't hear me objecting to the group using this legitimate means by which to try to secure change they believe is appropriate from working within our Charter system.

I suspect that you'll be hearing from both the advocates and the opponents in the next few weeks. Guard against hype / consider the facts – from both sides. If the claims that are being made sound incredible, they're probably being overstated.

Chamber Music at Leo Rich

For the remainder of this week, the Arizona Friends of Chamber Music will be concluding a series of concerts down at the Leo Rich Theater / adjacent to the TCC. The non-profit has been around for 64 years in one form or another, and has been presenting varieties of concerts that whole time. You can find their activities at:

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

Included in those you'll also note an extensive and free educational outreach program for youth in the community.

The remainder of this week the shows are at 7:30pm on Wednesday and Friday, and at 3pm on Sunday.

Larson Camouflage

Another hidden jewel in Tucson is the Larson Camouflage company. Because we're all using more and more technology (smart phones with all of their new capabilities) there is a growing need for cell tower antennae. What Larson has done is to take that need and combine it with a variety of camouflage elements so the cell capacity can be increased without an evident increase in the visual blight that would otherwise be caused by bare towers.

They make the cell camouflage in the form of pine and palm trees, church crosses, water towers and just about any other urban application you can think of.

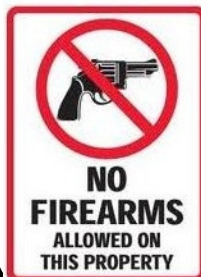
Right now they've got a dozen local employees who put together the elements that hide the towers. I'm certain that you've driven past some of their products without even knowing it. This is an example of a local business that is making a hidden, but important impact on our community. If you'd like to see what they do, send them an email

@ info@larsoncamo.com and I'm sure they'd love to give you a tour of their facility. It's very interesting.

UA Faculty Senate Adopts Resolution Opposing Guns on Campus

SB1474 was passed by the Arizona Senate Judiciary Committee. If passed into law, [Senate Bill 1474](#) would allow people with state-issued concealed-weapons permits to carry those weapons onto the UA campus. The University could still maintain buildings as "gun-free" zones, as it currently does, but in order to do so gun lockers would have to be installed at the University's expense. The cost for that has been estimated at \$6.5M in one time costs, and an additional \$700,000 per year for personnel.

The Faculty Senate adopted a resolution on Monday of last week opposing laws that would allow guns on campus. Coincidentally, that was



the same day that a bill proposing to do just that was passed by the Arizona Senate Judiciary Committee.

Here's the text of the motion adopted by the UA Faculty Senate:

"As the elected representatives of the faculty, the University of Arizona Faculty Senate strongly opposes SB 1474 or any other legislative attempt to expand the number of weapons on the University campus. Further, the Faculty Senate encourages the legislative authors of such bills to commit themselves to a meaningful dialogue with the University community on this issue."

The resolution passed unanimously. In adopting that resolution, the Faculty Senate joined UAPD, the President of the University, faculty and every student I've either spoken with or seen interviewed on the topic.

The UA is a major research institution. We stand to lose top notch professors and researchers if this bill is adopted. That's hundreds of millions of dollars lost to the local economy, the prestige that the UA brings to our community and a step backwards in our role as a leader in fields such as astronomy, medicine, optics and geological engineering – and others.

Note to the Legislature: Fund the UA, don't arm it.

Taxing the Internet

Senate Bill 1338 is a piece of legislation that I think makes sense. Really! What it does is cause companies that have warehouse or distribution centers in the State to collect sales taxes at the point of their internet sale and not rely on the consumer to pay it at their end. That's not happening, and it does two things:

First, it creates an unfair playing field for the businesses that operate out of cyberspace, and second, it results in significant losses of income that is due to the State as a result of simple non-payment by consumers.

Here's the main point of the bill, taken from a Senate Fact Sheet I obtained:

1. Expands the definition of *retailer* to include any person who makes sales of tangible personal property that are for storage, use, or other consumption in Arizona if any other person maintains a distribution center, warehouse, fulfillment center or similar place of business within Arizona that facilitates the delivery of property sold by the person to the person's customers. Exempts any mailing service acting in its official capacity.

This bill has strong bi-partisan support and is making its way through the State legislature. It's not often that I can say that. The State needs the revenues – this is not a new tax, it's simply an efficient way to collect that which is due, and it levels the playing field so our local businesses get a fair shake. It has a few more hurdles, but right now there is no significant opposition.

Low Income Housing Plan

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 requires that the City prepare a 5-year plan that shows how we're using Federal Funds towards the goal of getting low income people into housing. The City and Pima County are co-authors of our regional plan. For the City's part, our stated goal is to ensure that 10% of our housing stock is made affordable to

families who are “low income.”

The way we do that is through the work of our Metropolitan Housing Commission. The primary strategies they use are Rental Subsidies, down-payment assistance for home ownership, and funds to rehabilitate substandard housing. On Tuesday, we received an update on their progress.

Is there a need? Well, in 2008 the City opened up the wait list for our Section 8 Housing Voucher program and 5,000 people applied. When we did it again last December, over 11,000 people applied.

Here are a few statistics I found interesting:

- Definition of “Low Income” – households earning less than 80% of the median household income - \$29,142 in Tucson.
- Percent of “Low Income” households in Tucson – 40%
- Percent of rentals in the Tucson market – 47.5%
- Percent of home ownership in the Tucson market – 52.5%
- Average household size – 2.48
- Percent of households with seniors – 22.7%

When 40% of our neighbors are living under 80% of the median income, and nearly a quarter of our households are comprised of seniors, we understand why the number of Housing Voucher applicants more than doubled since 2008. My hat’s off to the people who work within the City on a daily basis taking care that this cohort of our community is not forgotten.

Metro Chamber

A few months ago the Metro Chamber of Commerce hired a new CEO, Mike Varney. I’ve met with Mike and his staff on several occasions, in a variety of different settings. They have retooled the Chamber in a very positive way and I’m confident their overall impact on the community business sector will be good.

In the past week, the Chamber has come out with two different initiatives; one with which I am in complete support, and the other in which I find myself on the other side of the issue. It’s unrealistic to expect 100% agreement down the line, but we’re aligned much more often than not.

On the positive side of the ledger is the Chamber’s Five Point Plan for reinvigorating the organization as both a private sector, and a community advocate. Those points include:

1. Support for small business growth,
2. Engaging in government advocacy,
3. Support of our educational system (public and private schools,)
4. Economic development in the form of strategically refining the process of getting businesses up and running, as well as support for an appropriately written local preference purchasing arrangement, and
5. Community affairs; getting out in the community and taking part in improvement projects. At our last M&C meeting Gustav Uhlich (Karin’s dad) gave each of us a copy of a book he authored - “A Practical Guide for Resolving Common Problems.” Included in it is Margaret Meade’s famous quote – “never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world.” Getting out in the community and taking part

in beautification and improvement may not change the world, but it'll change the small place in it that we occupy together.

The Chamber also came out in strong support of basing the F35 at TIA. This is where we parted company. My Five Points on this issue:

1. From the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) basing in Tucson would have a greater negative impact on minority populations than any of the other three sites under consideration
2. From the DEIS, basing in Tucson would have a greater negative impact on low income populations than any of the other three sites under consideration
3. From the DEIS, basing in Tucson would impact the second largest area of square miles in comparison to the four sites under consideration
4. From the DEIS, basing in Tucson would generate fewer construction jobs than any of the other three sites under consideration, and
5. In present value (PV) dollars, this aircraft is already projected to cost north of \$550 million each. They're still in design and testing. Let's assume they get them done for a mere \$600M each (PV, not the real cost at the time they're built over the next 10 years). They're projecting to base 72 of these x \$600M = \$4,320,000,000, (uninflated dollars) at each site at which they end up. That's DOD overspending, plain and simple. If it were any other department in the Federal bureaucracy, we'd hear screams of mismanagement. We need to hold all who spend our dollars accountable to the same standards of responsibility.

So, kudos to the Chamber on their Five Point Plan and we'll have to agree to disagree on the aircraft.

Budget

Speaking of fiscal responsibility, we had another update on the budget on Tuesday. I've shared previously that this year my #1 focus will be on trying to find significant dollars for road repair.

If we took every penny we have available from the General Fund and allocated all of it to fixing our roads, it would take over two years to get the work funded. Our GF budget is about \$440M. Our road problem is bumping \$800M. That's a big number, and it's evident every time you drive around town. We're beyond \$75K for potholes.

The longer we wait to fix on a solution the more expensive the problem will become. We can repair the fan belt now, or replace the burned out engine later on. The fan belt just broke.

At the Tuesday study session I suggested several options for getting a start on this. They included:

- Tapping into our Reserve Fund
- Allocating HURF and/or RTA dollars (more on that in the next item)
- Refinancing our HURF debt (we can realize \$12M this year by doing that, but the rating agencies might lower our credit rating if we go this route.)
- Reallocating dollars from the TDOT "services," "supplies," "contracted services" line items.

We will not be able to get all of the work done from within the budget alone. I'm convinced that at some point we'll need to talk about bonding for some real dollars as a way to get our

arms around this huge problem. Whether those are County or City bonds, and when we'd ask you to vote on that is unclear. But for now, my approach is to find in the \$20M range to get a significant jump on the problem before we ask the taxpayers to think about doing the work through long term debt.

There are issues related to the capacity of work crews, the amount of product and machinery we can allocate at a given time, the timing of issuing bonds vs. the costs involved, and all of that weighed against the fact that the longer we wait, the more costly it all becomes. I mentioned the Chamber of Commerce. Here's another topic on which we can agree. The condition of our roads plays into our ability to attract new business. This is much more than an issue of inconvenience.

Another budget issue is the TCC. We've got to fund the TCC renovations. I've called for staff to stop sweeping the ticket surcharges that are supposed to be going into the TCC facility fund. And I've suggested that we reduce the allocation to the MTCVB via the bed tax, combine that with the ticket surcharge and come up with \$1M p/yr that is earmarked to facility improvements for the TCC. I also want a very public and open discussion with the entire Rio Nuevo Board specifically related to how we're going to jointly address the TCC. I've written it numerous times – there is bond money sitting waiting to be invested into the TCC. If they're not interested, maybe my earlier speculation that this whole mediation thing is pointless is in fact accurate. Let's bring this conversation out into the public and work together on what is one of the few items on which we agree.

The TCC is the "Primary Component" of the District. Let's fix it, together.

The City manager has suggested a 1% across the board salary increase for all City workers. I understand that it has been too long since increases were given. But we're still digging out from the economic mess we've been in for the last few years. If anybody gets an increase, they shouldn't be making six figure salaries. Identify a pay grade, the midpoint of which is in the \$50K-\$60K range and give those employees, and below an increase.

The rest of the money he had targeted for pay raises, put it to road repair.

USPS Closures

Last week, Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez drafted a letter to the USPS in opposition to closing our local Postal substation. Here's a link to her letter

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/3-7-12usps-doj.let-pimacty.pdf>

I did not support the all-mail voting process, but the majority voted it in, and so now the goal is to avoid disenfranchising voters who rely on the postal service to participate in our elections. That's the point of F. Ann's letter, and she makes it in a compelling manner.

There are still three pieces of Federal legislation being kicked around that may save our local postal service. With our County Recorder's input, I'm still hopeful that our Federal delegation will do the right thing and find a way to keep the local service up and running.

Broadway Widening/the RTA Discussion Begins

On Tuesday, I joined Council member Fimbres in a discussion centered on the RTA project related to the expansion of Broadway between Euclid and Country Club. The reason I asked for this to be placed on the agenda is that I believe we have got to take a hard look at the RTA projects (and County Transportation bond projects) to ensure we know their

costs, funding sources, and quite simply whether or not they're necessary to spend your money on.

Here's a little background on Broadway:

- The 'need' to widen the road to 8 lanes was justified by a 1987 traffic projection – the numbers have never come close to being realized.
- The project was adopted by the voters in the 2006 RTA transportation package. It was sold on the basis that traffic volumes would necessitate the widening. As noted already, that's not the case.
- The project cost was assumed to be roughly \$71M. The RTA was only going to fund \$42M. The County was to fund the remaining \$29M, but to date the COT has received just under \$1M of that \$29M. As with all RTA projects, the City is the "lead agency." That means we are responsible for funding whatever the RTA does not. You can see the gap we're already looking at. (note: over the weekend a former English teacher upbraided me on my grammar – I know the rule is to never end a sentence with a preposition. In this case, it's simply colloquial so allow me that informality.)
- And the project is still in early design. That means we don't know the final project costs.

If the project were to be adopted as it was originally conceptualized, it would result in the razing of dozens of historic structures, dozens of small businesses and create a 150' wide roadway, plus additional buffer space that is not justified based on traffic volume data. There is significant opposition to the plan that is coming from a variety of neighborhoods along the proposed alignment. There are legitimate questions from numerous taxpayers across the valley as to why in the world we'd spend \$71M of your dollars on something that isn't needed.

It would be nice to be able to take the \$42M in RTA dollars and do some alternate mode lanes, beautification of the roadway landscaping, lighting and buffering – but that will require that we find a way to slow the bureaucratic inertia that is driving this project forward.

There will be a citizen's task force formed this month, the purpose of which will be to meet with the project team to discuss what's to come. I wanted to make sure this item had a public discussion prior to those meetings starting so that staff understands there are significant issues that need to be considered surrounding the process that's being followed.

Actually, think about the way that's phrased – "the process that's being followed." We should be driving the process, not following it without some level of intelligent conversation about the legitimacy of the original project, and the way to pivot (if that's the will of the public) to a design that might make more sense, and that we might be able to afford.

On March 27th, this same sort of conversation will take place with respect to the remaining RTA projects. And circling back to the item with which I opened this newsletter, the Grant Road overlay discussions have begun – don't assume your voice is an irrelevancy in these projects. It only is if it's not heard.

I like this quote:

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone". ~Neale Donald Walsch~

Join in these community discussions and support staff in stepping out of the comfort zone that is simply reflected in moving ahead without questioning prescribed directions. With

regard to Broadway, the conditions on which the item was sold to the taxpayers are 25 years old. Certainly that calls for reconsideration, even if the result ends up being continuing in exactly the same direction as we are now. But let's have the conversation before spending \$71M of your dollars.

Central Business District

Last week at our call to the audience, John Burr asked a question about whether designating an area 'slum' or 'blighted' would reduce the protections against demolition of historic structures that fall within the boundaries of the area. His question came on the coat tails of our having given direction to staff to form the perimeter of a Redevelopment District, within which we'd place a Central Business District for the purpose of being able to offer property tax incentives to builders.

One of the criterion for the designation of an area as a Redevelopment District is that it be deemed to be 'slum' or 'blighted.' As I noted last week, those are legal words of art.

I spoke with the man who authored the original ARS statute by which the Districts are formed. What I learned is that the designations 'slum' or 'blighted' do not open any new doors for demo of historic structures. But, what is true is that the simple designation of an area as a Redevelopment District gives the City the right to engage in a condemnation process and under eminent domain, demolish property in the District and sell it off for private development. Had that information been offered by staff initially, I believe our entire discussion would have taken a different direction.

Major parts of our community are still reeling from a similar process by which historic barrios were leveled to make way for the TCC. On Tuesday, I told staff that I do not want a single Ward 6 neighborhood or historic structure included in the proposed Redevelopment District map they bring back until this issue is clarified. If we can write into any proposed Ordinance explicit language that binds the hands of the City in terms of condemnations for the purpose of development, I'll look at that. But opening the door to a replay of the TCC experience isn't something that will get my support.

Thanks to John for his sneaking suspicion. It was close enough to sniffing around the edges that I was able to connect some dots that should have been made clear much earlier in the process. As it stands now, staff will be sending us language that will be intended to provide the protections many of us are after. If it's not tight enough to avoid the possibility of another TCC Urban Renewal episode, the perimeter of the Redevelopment District map will either exclude Ward 6 neighborhoods, or it won't get my support.

A good attorney can use the words "shall" and "shall not" effectively. They'll need to be a part of what they bring back to us.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6

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Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Thursday, March 8, 8:00pm. "Deadmeat Tour with Steve Aoki". All ages.

Sunday, March 11, 5:30pm. "Asking Alexandria". All ages.

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Thursday, March 8, 7:30pm. "Ed Asner as FDR"

Friday, March 9, 7:30pm. "Stand by Me"

Saturday, March 10, 7:00pm. "Five Way Street"

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Tucson Convention Center

Tucson Arena

Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10, 7:30pm. "Monster Jam"

Music Hall

Saturday, March 10, 7:30pm. "TSO Concert Special – Live and Let Die"

Sunday, March 11, 2:00pm. "TSO Classic Series – Missa Solemnis"

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/eventcalendar>

Leo Rich Theater

March 4-11, 19th Chamber Music Festival. Please visit www.ArizonaChamberMusic.org for more information

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, January 28 and ending Sunday, June 3:

"Frida Kahlo, Through the Lens of Nickolas Muray"

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: **Armando Miguélez: Legislate Crazy**

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

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

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

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday March 3 and runs until March 31

"Arizona Encaustic 2012"

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

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond

Thursday through Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (until 6:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays).
300 E. Congress St.

<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

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

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Wednesday, March 7, 7:30pm. **“Harry Belafonte: Sing Your Song/One Hit Wonders”**

Saturday, March 10, 7:00pm. **“The Totally Awesome 80’s Sing-Along: Hard Rockin’ Hair Band Edition.”**

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

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

Flandrau Science Center

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. Call (520) 621-4516 or visit www.flandrau.org/ for events and information.

Be A Life Saver - Learn to do Chest Compression Only CPR

On, Tuesday, March 13 at the Ward 6 City Council Office, 3202 E. 1st Street, there will be a class to learn the Chest Compression Only CPR. Check in is at 5:15 and the class will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. www.BeALifesaverTucson.org

Also, UA College of Medicine students will be doing "Health Fair Training" to interested people who attend the Gootter Grand Slam Health Fair on March 25.

<http://www.stevenmgootterfoundation.org/ggsproto.php>