

**Tempe City Council and SouthEast Valley Regional
Association of Realtors' Government Affairs Committee**

Joint Meeting

Tempe Transportation Center

Don Cassano Room

200 E. 5TH Street

Tempe, AZ 85281

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Members of the City Council may attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. SouthEast Valley Regional Association of Realtors' Government Affairs Committee Policy Statement in Review***
- 3. Local Community Highlights: What Tempe has to Offer***
- 4. Character Areas Update***
- 5. Partnership between the City of Tempe and the SouthEast Valley Regional Association of Realtors' Government Affairs Committee**
- 6. Adjourn**

*Background Material Included

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2014 SEVRAR GAC Policy Platform

REALTORS® are in the business of selling communities, not just homes. We understand better than most what people care about and what the formula is for a strong, vital community. We want a strong economy, good schools and parks, safe neighborhoods and the ability to conduct business free from onerous local rules, regulations and ordinances.

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) of the SouthEast Valley Regional Association of REALTORS® (SEVRAR) hereby adopts the following **GUIDING PRINCIPLES** and **POLICY STATEMENTS** for the purpose of safeguarding our community, our profession and our quality of life.

Principle #1: Protecting Property Rights

REALTORS® believe that private property rights are fundamental to our free-market economic system and a cornerstone upon which this nation was founded. The United States and Arizona Constitutions recognize and protect the natural right to own property. *A strong economy depends upon preserving the right to freely own, use and transfer real property.*

Policy Statement #1: SEVRAR will monitor local municipalities¹ to ensure private property rights are upheld.

Policy Statement #2: SEVRAR will closely monitor AND scrutinize the use of eminent domain by local municipalities.

Principle #2: Ensuring Economic Vitality

REALTORS® believe a strong economy with full employment for our citizens is the key to our quality of life. *A healthy economy sustains vibrant communities for living and working. Commercial, industrial and residential growth, in turn, sustains a healthy economy.* Economic development brings new opportunity and improved quality of life for citizens by increasing job opportunities, the availability of goods and services, and offers community revitalization and improvement. A managed and sustainable tax base is essential to local government's ability to deliver necessary services, new amenities for neighborhoods, and maintain infrastructure that serves the needs of the community.

Policy Statement #1: SEVRAR will monitor municipal economic development and provide professional real estate advice when applicable. We will review existing

economic development strategies to determine alignment with Principle #2 and offer amendments or additions to achieve alignment.

Policy Statement #2: SEVRAR will OPPOSE any attempt by the region's governmental bodies to increase fees or taxes on REALTORS®, real estate activities, and real property that is deemed detrimental to the industry.

Principle #3: Ensuring Housing Opportunity and Choice

REALTORS® believe home ownership is the cornerstone of the American Dream and deserves a preferred place in our system of values. Home ownership contributes to community responsibility; civic, economic, business and employment stability; family security and well being. *Every citizen has the right to safe, decent and affordable housing near where they work and live, and that choice in style and location is critical to increasing home ownership.*

These objectives should be met through market-driven approaches that foster a wide-range of urban, suburban and rural housing choices at all price levels to suit a diverse population. Accommodating growth relieves pressure on housing prices and provides increased opportunities for homeownership.

Policy Statement #1: SEVRAR will monitor local municipalities' policies and processes with regard to growth and development and provide professional real estate advice when applicable.

Policy Statement #2: SEVRAR will monitor work monitor municipal general plans and updates, and provide professional real estate advice when applicable.

Principle #4: Preserving the Environment

REALTORS® recognize the incredible gift that Arizona's natural environment offers to our citizens. We also recognize the importance of parks, open space and the environment to our quality of life and the marketability of surrounding property. REALTORS® support policies and programs that encourage conservation and the wise use of natural resources.

Policy Statement #1: To protect the environment effectively, SEVRAR will monitor local municipalities and make certain accommodations are made for quality commercial, industrial and residential growth through the implementation of sustainable growth techniques that are economically viable.

Principle #5: Building Better Communities

REALTORS® believe communities flourish best when they offer a high quality of life at a reasonable cost. Livable communities offer a variety of affordable housing choices, nearby employment opportunities, an economically viable commercial sector, good

schools, quality public services, ample recreation and park areas, open space, efficient transportation systems and infrastructure.

Policy Statement #1: SEVRAR will work to promote livable communities and a high quality of life by ensuring municipalities accommodate quality growth through policies embracing property rights, economic vitality, housing opportunities, and the environment.

¹SEVRAR serves those cities and communities representing the territorial boundaries defined by SEVRAR'S jurisdiction in Article III of the SEVRAR Bylaws

THE ARIZONA WE WANT 2.0

The City of Tempe is responding to the demands of a changing Arizona while reflecting our community values in our vision for the future.



Education

Prepare Arizonans of all ages for the 21st Century workforce.



The City of Tempe recently partnered with the Tempe Union High School District, Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Mesa Community College, Rio Salado Community College and the University of Advancing Technology to create College Connect.

College Connect aims to help graduating high school students with any questions that they may have about college. This free workshop gives students and their families the tools necessary to get into the post-secondary institution of their choice.

Students get help with the college application process and answering the bigger questions of how to pay for college once they are accepted, whether it be through a scholarship or by securing financial aid.

Thus far, this program has been highly successful and has helped a number of students navigate the college application process.

WHAT CITIZENS WANT?

- Graduate high school students who are “college and career” ready.
- Align graduation requirements to national and international standards.
- Customize education to meet student goals.

Key Gallup Findings:

- 19% of Arizonans rate their community highly for the quality of its public schools.

TEMPE AND ITS PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER TO ADVANCE EDUCATION.

DROPOUT PREVENTION

- The City of Tempe provides dropout prevention counseling services at each of the 7 high schools in the high school district to keep kids in school.
- The life of a teenager can be even more difficult when they feel like they don't fit in. That's why the City of Tempe helps support Teen Resource Centers at 2 of its high school campuses. These centers allow students in need to get needed clothing for free.
- The City of Tempe partner with Tempe Union High School District to support its Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Program, which provides support and education to pregnant and parenting teens. This program provides a safe and nurturing environment to the children of the teens in the program.

- In order to make sure that children and teens alike are able to get to school on a daily basis, the City of Tempe provides free transit passes from residents ages 6 to 18 years old.

ENSURING A LOVE OF EDUCATION EARLY

- The City of Tempe recently became a *Read On City* and is working with its partners to make early literacy a priority in the community.
- Before and after school programs are vital for children and parents alike. Tempe partners with Tempe and Kyrene Elementary Districts to provide Kid Zone, a safe and enriching program at 18 local elementary schools.
- The City of Tempe provides grant funding for Commitment to Schools and Experience Corps which work with students to improve educational opportunities.

NEXT STEPS FOR TEMPE

- The City of Tempe is hiring an Education Coordinator to better collaborate with its education partners.
- Tempe and the Mayor will continue to work with partners, including the Mayors Education Roundtable to try and tackle the issue of high school dropouts to keep more kids in school.
- Continue to work with business partners and legislators to invest in schools.



Another successful new business to the Tempe area is **Reputation.com**, a web based service made up of researchers focused on helping people control their lives online. Their cutting edge technology will monitor the web 24/7 for an individual's private data, finding and removing it from dozens of sites. Their publishing team creates custom profiles and other content for individuals and business to build a positive online presence. Reputation.com works with clients to push down or suppress any negative content that may show up high in a search result. This Silicon Valley- based company is projected to bring over 150 employees to the City of Tempe.



Job Creation

Create quality jobs for all Arizonans.

WHAT CITIZENS WANT?

- Increased job opportunities.
- Job training programs for all ages.
- Lower business taxes.
- More investments in renewable energy.

Key Gallup Findings:

- 96% of Arizonans do not rate their community highly for economic conditions.
- 76% do not believe the next generation will have a higher standard of living than we have today.

HOW IS THE CITY OF TEMPE RESPONDING?

The City of Tempe is a net importer of jobs.

- Everyday, Tempe's workforce population increases by 50%. Logistically, this means that population of the City of Tempe nearly doubles.
- In 2013 alone, Tempe added over 5,300 jobs, infused \$700 million of capital investment, and developed or absorbed 3 million square feet of Class A office space.
- Tempe Town Lake is establishing itself as an economic engine, with the recent announcement of the regional headquarters to State Farm. This development, at almost 2 million square feet is the largest office development built at one time in Arizona. It represents a \$600 million commercial investment.

- The City of Tempe's Economic Development team provides a wide range of services designed to support any sized business, from 'mom and pop' shops to Fortune 500 corporations.
- Tempe has the advantage of an educated workforce, one of the smartest in the state, with more than 40 percent of our population 25 years and older holding a Bachelor's degree or better.
- Tempe has an impressive list of colleges and universities with Arizona State University, the University of Advancing Technology, the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, the University of Phoenix, Ottawa University, Rio Salado Community College, Western University and others, all providing opportunities to improve job skills.

NEXT STEPS FOR TEMPE

- Continue to work with fellow cities and economic development non-profits to find solutions to funding infrastructure and education in order to help boost economic development.
- The City's Economic Development staff is moving forward with a new outreach program that will explore partnerships with ASU and Maricopa Community College/Corporate College, offer space and free mentorship to entrepreneurs and innovators in the community, and identify additional programming to help small businesses get off their feet.



Environment & Water

Protect Arizona's natural environment and water supplies.

In March of this year, the City of Tempe worked with SRP and Solar City to complete the largest solar project at a city facility to date. This 924-kilowatt project is located at our South Water Treatment Plant. With over 3000 solar panels, it will produce more than 1.6 million kilowatt hours of electricity and supply 15% of the plant's energy needs. In fact, the city expects to save more than \$25,500 in utility costs during the first year, with anticipated savings of \$2.3 million over 20 years. The energy produced equals removing the equivalent of 235 cars from the road each year!

WHAT CITIZENS WANT?

- Water management plans for all regions of Arizona—statewide, regional and municipal.
- Policies that balance population growth with preserving open space.

Key Gallup Findings:

- Of 14 quality of life features, Arizonans rate the state's natural beauty, outdoor parks and trails as its greatest assets.

HOW IS TEMPE WORKING TO PUT SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN PLACE?

- The City of Tempe recently adopted a resolution requiring the city to adopt a goal to provide a minimum of 20% of the energy that the city uses from renewable sources by 2025.
 - In order to meet this goal, the City of Tempe is investing in solar.
 - Recently, Tempe worked with SRP and Solar City to complete the city's largest solar project at a public facility to date. This facility is in addition to a number of solar panels on park ramadas, transit shelters, multi-use paths, and the Household Products Collection Center.
 - The City of Tempe is currently looking to expand our solar project by installing panels atop the Police/Courts building parking garage and at the Johnny G. Martinez Water Treatment Plant.

- The City of Tempe also recently adopted a resolution requiring the city to reduce energy use in municipal buildings 15% by 2025.
 - The City of Tempe recently retrofitted 600,000 square feet of city buildings to realize \$550,000 in annual cost savings. These retrofits will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 4,200 metric tons, the equivalent of taking 833 cars off the road.
 - The city also replaced 2,000 high pressure sodium streetlights with induction streetlights. This simple change will reduce the annual energy cost of these lights by 35 to 50%. It will also eliminate 726 metric tons of carbon emissions, the equivalent of the amount of energy used to power 88 homes in a year.
 - Tempe's vehicles have also been upgraded to be more sustainable and green, with 90% of the transit fleet and 25% of the city vehicle fleet using liquefied natural gas.
 - To maximize energy-efficiency, the City of Tempe has also changed the way that its water treatment plants treat water by instituting off-peak pumping and other optimization methods.



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TEMPE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INSTITUTING GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS.

- The City of Tempe was one of the first Valley cities to institute a curbside commingled recycling program when the program started in February of 1993.
 - Residents can simply throw all of their recyclables in their recycling containers. These materials include plastic, glass, aluminum, tin, cardboard, paper, newspapers and magazines.
- Recently, Tempe started a citywide composting program that collects green waste from residents and city parks and facilities. The city provides a green bulk pick up where residents can have their green waste turned into compost, significantly reducing landfill waste.

- Tempe was the first city in the Valley to build a facility for the removal and proper disposal of household hazardous waste from residents. The Household Products Collection Center collects paint, expired prescriptions, appliances, household cleaning and automotive products. Since 2005, the Center has collected over 322,000 pounds of waste.

WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.

- The City of Tempe has been working over the last decade to reduce residential and commercial water use as part of its larger water conservation goals.
- Since 2000, the City of Tempe has experienced a 23% reduction in residential water use.
- The City of Tempe encourages residents to use water smartly by offering rebates for converting landscaping to low-water-use and rebates for low-flow toilets.
- Tempe offers conservation classes to residents and offers guidance on how to collect gray and rain water.

NEXT STEPS FOR TEMPE.

- Continuing to explore how the city can finance solar projects on city property and make it easier to residents to add panels to their own rooftops.
- Look at ways to expand the city's green waste and recycling plan to residents and businesses in the city.
- Work to protect our water resources by expanding Tempe's current water conservation projects to serve more residents and more land.



The City of Tempe in collaboration with Valley Metro, chose a new streetcar route in order to better meet our community's needs and expectation and to better fit new federal funding criteria. The three-mile route is Rio Salado Parkway from approximately the Marina Heights development west to Mill Avenue, downtown loop on Mill and Ash avenues and south to Apache Boulevard, then east towards Dorsey. The recommendation is a combination of the two route options studied over the past year by Valley Metro and the City of Tempe.



Infrastructure

Build a modern, effective transportation system and infrastructure.

WHAT CITIZENS WANT?

- Mass transit systems that connect communities throughout the urban regions of the state.
- New highways and roads to reduce congestion.
- Improvements in airports and rail systems to support trade.
- Statewide high-speed broadband.

- The City of Tempe has one of the Valley's most robust public transit programs with Metro Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, and our neighborhood circular, the Orbit System. There are over 12 million boardings on public transit each year in the City of Tempe.

Key Gallup Findings:

- 22% of Arizonans rate their community highly for its highways and freeway system.

NEXT STEPS? WHERE IS TEMPE HEADING?

- Recently, the Tempe City Council supported a new route recommendation for the proposed streetcar project. The new route combined two previous route choices in order to fit federal funding criteria and our own community goals.
- Construction on the new dam for Tempe Town Lake was finalized at the beginning of the summer by the City Council. The city is now starting the construction of the world's largest hydraulically-operated steel-gate dam.
- Working with state, federal and local partners to study the possibility of high-speed passenger rail from Tucson to Phoenix and the possible alternative routes that the passenger rail line may take through the City of Tempe.
- The city is currently working on an adaptive reuse ordinance that will help property owners with infill projects to that Tempe continues to grow smartly.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TEMPE?

- The City of Tempe is improving the look of Tempe by enhancing the streetscapes of three busy arterials. Improvements focus on improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities and include public art, landscaping and ADA improvements.
- The city's extensive 175 miles of bike and pedestrian pathways is receiving nearly \$1 million in maintenance and Tempe is investing in new pathways throughout the city.
- \$25 million in funds are being reinvested into the city's streets over five years.
- Tempe is investing \$17 million over the next five years in our city parks, with the funding going to improve ballfields, playground equipment and lighting.



The City of Tempe offers a major metropolitan feel but with a small town atmosphere. There are plenty of amenities for our young people to utilize, a diverse economy to benefit from and fun and happening vibe to enjoy.

Arizona State University has more than 60,000 students on the Tempe campus, many focused on the tech jobs of the future. Tempe is the place for these young people to live, work and play once they graduate.



Young Talent

Make Arizona “the place to be” for talented young people.

WHAT CITIZENS WANT?

- Quality jobs.
- More “places” where young people can gather.
- Protection for the environment.
- Culture of openness and opportunity for all.

Key Gallup Findings:

- Only 6% of young Arizonans believe their community offers good job opportunities.
- 19% rate their community highly for its nightlife; 20% believe it’s a good place to meet people.
- 42% of young Arizonans give high marks to the state’s open spaces.
- Young Arizonans believe leaders need to be “willing to listen.”

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TEMPE?

- Tempe is a high-tech haven, with 20% of all our businesses focusing on technology. These companies, like Microsoft, Clear Energy, and Lifelock offer great opportunities to students graduating from Arizona State or the University of Advancing Technology and give them the option of staying in our community.
- Tempe and Arizona State work together to ensure that young people in our community have the safest college and work experiences we can provide.

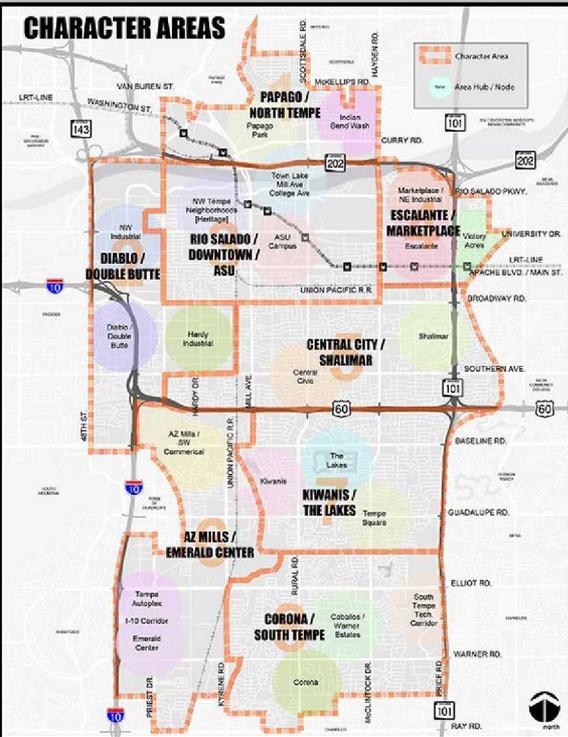
- The City of Tempe offers our young residents an exciting and vibrant community, with a fun downtown and Town Lake area. Nearly every weekend, Tempe Beach Park hosts a run, a concert, or a food or beer festival. All of these options provide nearly any entertainment that our young people could want.

NEXT STEPS FOR TEMPE?

- Tempe is going to focus on developing itself as a leader in “urban living” through sustainable development and public service practices. We are working to keep Tempe the place to live, work, learn and play.
- As part of the General Plan 2040, the City of Tempe is going to work on expanding pockets of urban activity or hubs. These new hubs will focus on attracting new mixed use development that will infuse existing commercial and employment hubs with density and goods and services. These hubs will be appeal to our young talent as a place to settle down.
- Voters also directed the City of Tempe to look at ways to become a “20-Minute City.” As such, the city would look at enhancing connections for pedestrian, bike and public transit to ensure that everywhere in Tempe would be within a 20-minute walk, bike, bus or light rail ride.

Civic & Community Involvement

Empower citizens to build their community and increase civic engagement.



WHAT CITIZENS WANT?

- More citizenship participation in all aspects of citizenship.
- Leaders who understand complex issues and work across party lines.
- A deeper sense of community connection.
- More “neighborliness.”

Key Gallup Findings:

- 10% of Arizonans believe their elected officials represent their interests.
- 24% believe the next generation will have a better standard of living than we have today.
- 37% believe they are treated with respect at all times in their community.

HOW IS TEMPE INVOLVING ITS CITIZENS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

- Tempe voters recently approved the city’s General Plan 2040. 23 residents were chosen to take part in a Community Working Group that formulated the plan and helped with public input. Over 72 pages of public comment were collected after all the outreach was completed.
- The Tempe Community Council (TCC) helps the City of Tempe address its immediate and long-term human services requirements. The TCC’s Board is made up of residents who help to decide how to fund those organizations in our community that help those in need.

- In 1987, Tempe formed one of the state’s first neighborhood programs. Still in place today, it improves neighborhood vitality by fostering public participation by residents in their city government. Each year it also organizes a Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) night, where city officials tour neighborhoods to mingle with residents.
- Tempe’s Volunteer Program connects citizens to their city government by providing opportunities to serve within the city and in other community organizations. Volunteers donate over 100,000 hours annually.

NEXT STEPS FOR WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

CHARACTER AREAS

- Tempe recently embarked on a new project called Character Areas, which will take a more comprehensive look at all of our neighborhoods and how to they want to plan for the future. Character Areas recognize areas or groups of neighborhoods that contain common design, land use and commercial characteristics distinct from neighboring areas.
- With the similarities that these Character Areas have in place, the city can reach out and engage residents to see what aesthetics they would like to include in their area in future planning. This process also allows neighbors to provide feedback about what amenities and services they would like to see in their area, thus allowing the city to attract the businesses to match what is needed.

The City of Tempe has engaged residents in two Character Areas: Kiwanis/The Lakes and Corona/South Tempe. Hundreds of residents have been involved in neighborhood meetings to share their vision for future growth in their area and what it should look like. City staff is putting the reports together for these areas which will then be shared with the public and the City Council before being approved as a guiding document for the area.

TEMPE BY THE NUMBERS

MAYOR MARK MITCHELL
2014 STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



5,300 NEW JOBS
SINCE
MID-2012



3 MILLION
TOTAL NEW SQUARE FEET OF
DEVELOPMENT SINCE MID-2012



1 BILLION +
ESTIMATED RETURN ON TEMPE
TOWN LAKE INVESTMENT

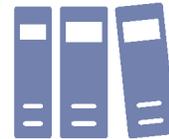
QUALITY OF LIFE

44,000

TEMPE RECREATION CLASS
REGISTRATIONS IN 2013



51
NUMBER OF CITY PARKS



750,000

NUMBER OF ANNUAL TEMPE
PUBLIC LIBRARY VISITORS



175

MILES OF BIKE PATHS

12.1 MILLION

TRANSIT BOARDINGS IN 2013



4,300

FREE YOUTH TRANSIT
PASSES ISSUED IN 2013

SUSTAINABILITY



**3.2
MILLION**

GALLONS OF WATER SAVED IN 2012
BY RESIDENTS THROUGH WATER
CONSERVATION EFFORTS



11,705

TONS OF RESIDENTIAL
WASTE RECYCLED/DIVERTED
FROM LANDFILL IN 2013



415

TONS OF GREEN
WASTE COLLECTED
AND CONVERTED
TO COMPOST
FOR CITY PARKS
IN 2013

TOURISM



3.9 DAYS

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR VISITORS

\$1.8 BILLION

TOTAL GROSS HOTEL RECEIPTS
IN TEMPE SINCE 1988



850,000

SPECIAL EVENTS ATTENDANCE IN 2013

DOWNTOWN TEMPE



72

NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS

97%



OFFICE SPACE OCCUPANCY

82%



RESTAURANT/RETAIL OCCUPANCY

EDUCATION



62,599

ASU ENROLLMENT
IN TEMPE IN 2013

12,796



TEMPE CAMPUS DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2012-13

NEIGHBORHOODS



NUMBER OF
REGISTERED
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATIONS

79

NUMBER OF
REGISTERED
HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATIONS

129



3,530

CODE COMPLIANCE CASES RESOLVED
WITHIN 30 DAYS IN 2013

CITY SERVICES



88%

RESIDENTS WHO RATED THE
OVERALL QUALITY OF CITY
SERVICES AS "VERY SATISFIED"
OR "SATISFIED" IN 2013



5.5 MILLION

NUMBER OF PAGEVIEWS ON
WWW.TEMPE.GOV IN 2013

148,347

VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED IN 2013

WORTH AN ESTIMATED
\$328,440



1,600

NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS
OF THE TEMPE 311 MOBILE
APPLICATION IN 2013



80,380

NUMBER OF CALLS TAKEN BY
TEMPE 311 CONTACT CENTER IN 2013



13,299

NUMBER OF SERVICE
REQUESTS CREATED
THROUGH TEMPE 311
IN 2013



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EVER THOUGHT ABOUT...

- Remodeling your kitchen?
- Expanding your master bedroom to create a master suite – with a larger closet and master bath?
- Adding on a “mother-in-law suite?”
- Enclosing your carport to create more living space – or that garage you’ve always wanted?



BEFORE



AFTER

...BUT FELT OVERWHELMED BY THE PROCESS OR DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

Relax! Tempe's Home Improvement Planning Program (HIPP) encourages residential improvements by providing homeowners with:

- **An ombudsman** – a single point of contact to help you through the process (think of it as your personal HIPPster)
- **Design ideas** – assistance developing conceptual design ideas compatible with your needs and your home's character
- **Technical information** – helpful documents and information, including:
 - Aerial of property
 - Setbacks/zoning process
 - Standard details

- **Probable upgrades** – help identifying probable upgrades that may be required with your project (e.g., water meter, electrical)
- **VIP Treatment** – Got your plans ready? Skip to the head of the line to get your plans checked at our counter.
- **Save Money** – full rebate of plan check and building permit fees for eligible applicants

HIPP BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY BY:

- Facilitating and encouraging reinvestment in neighborhoods
- Increasing property values
- Improving the appearance of neighborhoods
- Improving quality of life
- Keeping residents in Tempe
- Providing more lifestyle and living options

ELIGIBILITY:

- Only single-family residential properties are eligible
- Homes must be owner-occupied – not rental properties
- Homes must be at least 20 years old
- To qualify for a rebate on plan check and building permit fees, you must also pass a final inspection from the City of Tempe within one year of their building permit issuance and fill out a Residential Improvement Rebate application

RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT FEE REBATE PROGRAM



The Program

The program provides a 100% rebate for all building safety fees on improvements completed on existing single family residential properties that are over 20-years old in the City of Tempe.

Projects must be completed and receive a final building inspection approval within one-year from the issuance of a building permit to qualify.

This includes all residential additions, alterations and home improvements normally reviewed and permitted by the Building Safety Division.

Eligible Projects Include

- Room additions
- Building alterations
- Patio covers
- In-ground pools
- Plumbing, electrical & mechanical alterations
- Photo Voltaic Solar Systems
- *Bedroom additions on rental properties DO NOT qualify*

Potential Savings

- 200 sq. ft. building addition: \$400
- Backyard Patio cover: \$150
- New Custom Pool: \$250
- Bathroom Remodel: \$300
- Typical Patio Enclosure: \$500
- Enclosed Entry: \$100
- Typical Kitchen Remodel: \$375
- Excludes planning & engineering fees*

Fees Not Eligible for Rebate

- Investigation fees
- Pool demo
- Permits issued for construction performed without permits
- Renewal fees
- Fees for Engineering, Fire, or Water & Sewer

How to Apply for a Rebate

- Make sure your permit was issued AFTER June 30, 2007
- Make sure your residence is over 20-years old
- Make sure your project receives a FINAL inspection approval within one-year of permit issuance
- Fill out a [rebate application](#)

Submit your rebate application by fax, mail or in person
Allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing



WHAT ARE CHARACTER AREAS?

Character Areas are areas of the community that have achieved distinctive, recognizable, character that is different from neighboring areas. These differences may be the result of:

- **TOPOGRAPHY** PAPAGO BUTTES DOUBLE BUTTE HAYDEN BUTTE
- **AGE + STYLE OF HOUSING** HISTORIC DISTRICTS LOFTS STUDENT HOUSING SENIOR HOUSING POST-WAR
- **BUILT ENVIRONMENT** BUILDINGS STRUCTURES INFRASTRUCTURE ROADS BRIDGES UTILITIES
- **RETAIL, RESTAURANT, RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES** CHANGING HANDS BOOKSTORE OREGANO'S MARKETPLACE
- **LAND USE PATTERNS** INDUSTRIAL PARKS RESEARCH PARKS RETAIL CENTERS
- **LANDSCAPE TREATMENTS** ARID DESERT LAKE DEVELOPMENTS GRASSY KNOLLS MEDIANS
- **STREET / TRANSPORTATION PATTERNS** LIGHT RAIL / STATION AREAS BIKE LANES BUS STOPS / SHELTERS
- **OPEN SPACES** REGIONAL PARKS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS CORPORATE PARKS TRAILS CANALS
- **STREETSCAPES** STREET TREES SHADE MEDIANS NEWSRACKS SIDEWALK FURNITURE





CHARACTER AREA 7

CHARACTER AREA 8



CHARACTER AREAS

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- Distinguishing the Tempe Community
- Guidance for Design Review Commission
- Road Map for Character Area
- Opportunity for residents, workers, students + businesses to define / preserve / enhance / celebrate their qualities





CHARACTER AREAS



MAYOR MARK MITCHELL



* INCLUDES PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITY / EVENT

PLANNING PROCESS TIMELINE



CHARACTER AREAS

AREA PROFILE



Access the profiles online at Tempe.gov/characterareas.

WORKSHOP 1 ATTRIBUTES + GAPS



What is good?
What is missing?
What should we preserve?



WORKSHOP 2 VISION + CHARACTER



Character-defining Words

Dotocracy Voting

Visual Preference Survey

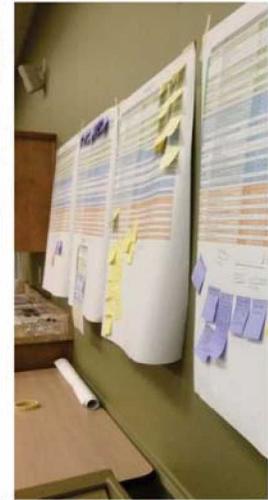
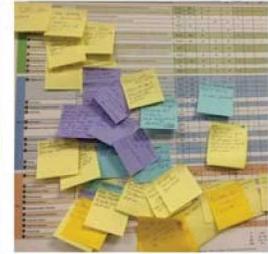
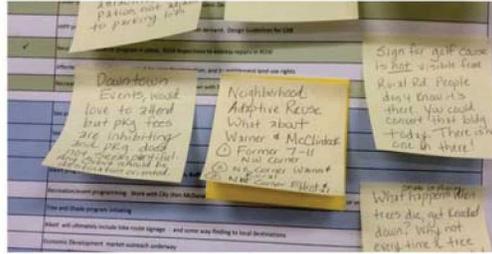


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Is it accurate?

What did we miss?



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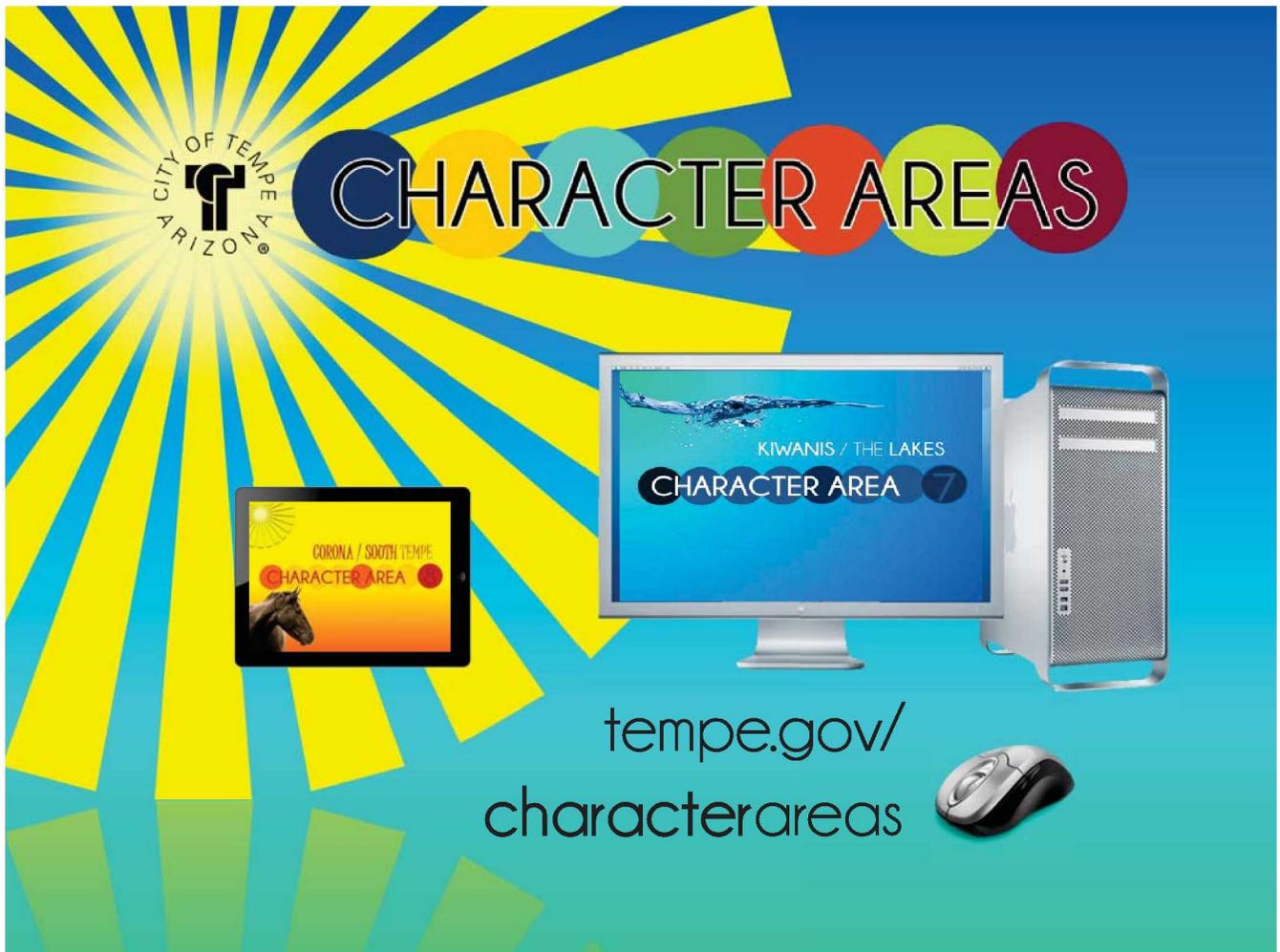
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<p>Kiwanis / The Lakes DRAFT PLAN REVIEW + FEEDBACK</p>	<p>Tuesday, 21 October 2014 6:30PM Aguilar Elementary School</p>	<p>Thursday, 23 October 2014 6:30PM Fuller Elementary School</p>
<p>Corona / South Tempe DRAFT PLAN REVIEW + FEEDBACK</p>	<p>Monday, 20 October 2014 6:30PM AZ Community Church</p>	
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