

# Memorandum

City of Tempe



Date: January 5, 2012  
To: Mayor and Council  
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Through: Charlie Meyer, City Manager; Jeff Kulaga, Assistant City Manager  
Subject: 2012 State Legislative Principles

The Second Regular Session of Arizona's 50<sup>th</sup> State Legislature begins on Monday, January 9, 2012. The municipal boundary of the City of Tempe encompasses legislative districts 17 and 20. District 17 is represented by Senator David Schapira and Representatives Ed Ableser and Ben Arredondo. Senator John McComish and Representatives Jeff Dial and Bob Robson represent District 20.

Numerous state statutes and rules impact daily municipal operations. Each year the State Legislature considers thousands of legislative proposals to amend existing statutes and create new laws. Because of the broad responsibilities held by a municipal government, many legislative proposals have the potential to impact the City's operations.

Staff is engaged and working with our locally elected legislators, party leadership, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, and other regional partners and stakeholders to ensure that the City is represented. Additionally, as issues develop we plan to utilize the City Council for policy guidance and as advocates when needed.

Please see the attached 2012 State Legislative Principles. Staff is seeking your input, discussion, guidance and possible acceptance of the principles outlined in this document.