

## Memorandum



City of Tempe

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**Date:** September 14, 2016  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Thru:** Andrew Ching, City Manager  
**From:** Elizabeth Higgins, Chief of Staff to the Mayor and Council  
**Subject:** The Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument

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Councilmembers Kuby and Keating would like to give the Council an opportunity to sign on to a letter in support of the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument. This letter is addressed to President Barack Obama and asks that he use the power granted to him under The Antiquities Act of 1906 to proclaim the 1.7 million acres of the Grand Canyon a national monument.

The Inter Tribal Association of Arizona, comprised of 21 Tribal Nationals, recently passed a resolution in support of this designation. The resolution stated that the designation will help to protect the environment and the numerous location of religious and cultural importance, as well as ban new uranium mining claims within the 1.7 million acre monument. Other public uses would still be allowed, including livestock grazing, hunting, and camping.