

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**GREEN ORGANICS PROGRAM UPDATE**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2016**



# Background

- ❑ 2013-2015: Compost pilot program with consultant
- ❑ 2014: Staff compost certification
- ❑ January 2015: New seasonal schedule began
- ❑ January 2016: Scale house added to yard



# Where we're at

- 2016 green organics tons collected: 1,310
  - ▣ One ton equals three yards of certified compost
- 2016 yards of compost returned to community: 1,420

Over one round trip to NYC



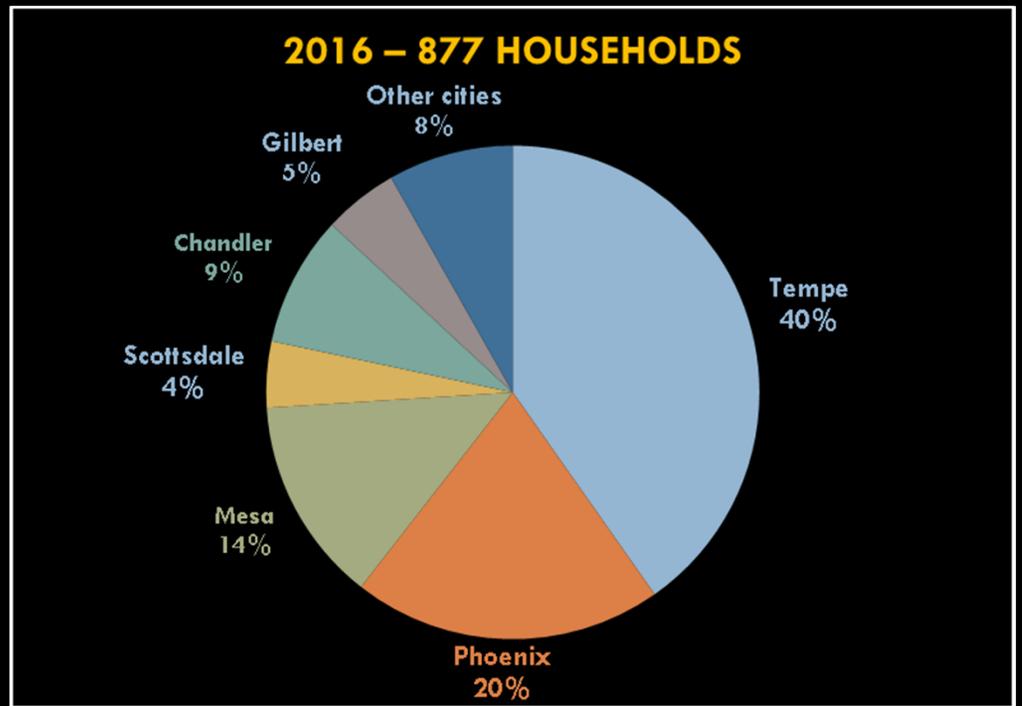
- 65.5 fewer trips to landfill
- 5,200 fewer miles driven
- 2,096 gallons of gas saved
- 46,908 lbs. CO2 emissions reduction

# Returning compost to the community

- ❑ Community gardens & school gardens
- ❑ Sports fields, parks & Ken McDonald & Rolling Hills golf courses
- ❑ Open weekdays for Tempe residents
- ❑ Other municipalities when compost is available



# Regional giveaways



# Where we're headed

- City Council Strategic Priority #4 (diversion goals)
- January 2017: Resident drop off
- ADEQ site permit
- Pilot program for third curbside container

