



## **City Council Weekly Information Packet**

Friday, May 12, 2023

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Updates & Grant Opportunities
- 3) EnVision Center Update
- 4) Apache Central RFP Update
- 5) Community Services Department Update



# City Council Events Schedule

**May 12, 2023 thru November 11, 2023**

The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

Fri	May 12	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Jet’s Pizza Ribbon Cutting  Location: Jet’s Pizza 1835 E. Guadalupe Road, Suite D111 Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 12	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Veteran Charity: Mother’s Day Gala & Fashion Show  Location: FBC Tempe 4525 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ
Mon	May 15	7:15 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Tempe Police Department Police Week 2023 Memorial Ceremony  Location: Tempe Beach Park 80 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ
Mon	May 15	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Farewell Party  Location: Pedal Haus Brewery 730 S. Mill Avenue Tempe, AZ
Tues	May 16	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	AARP Experience Corps End-of Year Tutor Appreciation Luncheon  Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 17	12:00 p.m.	Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 Draft Release Virtual Meeting  Zoom Link: <a href="https://tempe.gov/2050">tempe.gov/2050</a>
Wed	May 17	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Tempe Tomorrow: General Plan 2050 Draft Release Open House  Location: Tempe History Museum Community Room 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 19	10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Business Excellence Awards

			Location: Doubletree by Hilton 2100 S. Priest Drive Tempe, AZ
Fri	May 19	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Boards and Commission Appreciation Event  Location: Omni Hotel 7 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ
Wed	May 24	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Central Arizona Project Annual East Valley Cities & Towns Dinner  Location: Board and Batten Modern Bistro 4012 E. Palm Street Mesa, AZ
Thur	June 1	10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Read on Tempe Literacy Event in Partnership with the Tempe Public Library  Location: Tempe Public Library 3500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ
Fri	June 9	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Moov Technologies Grand Opening  Location: Moove Technologies Office at 100 Mill 100 S. Mill Avenue Suite 1600 Tempe, AZ
Thur	June 15	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Lily's Pad Grand Opening  Location: Lily's Pad 3320 S. Priest Drive, Suite 4 Tempe, AZ
Sat	June 17	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration  Location: Tempe History Museum 809 E. Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ
Sun	June 18	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Juneteenth Celebration  Location: Arizona Heritage Center 1300 N. College Avenue Tempe, AZ
Fri	June 23	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Arizona Theatre Company: Partnership Stakeholder Dinner  Location: Tempe Center for the Arts 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway Tempe, AZ

Tues	Sept 12	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<p>MYAC Kick-Off Retreat</p> <p>Location: Tempe History Museum 2500 S. Rural Road Tempe, AZ</p>
Wed	Sept 27	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<p>40<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards</p> <p>Location: SRP Pera Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ</p>
Sat	Nov 11	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p>Diwali and Veterans Day Assembly</p> <p>Location: Kyrene Del Norte Dual Language Academy 1331 E. Redfield Drive Tempe, AZ</p>

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# MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council  
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager  
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer  
DATE: May 12, 2023  
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- State Legislative Update

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

## State Legislative Update

Today is the 124th day of the 2023 state legislative session and 1,671 bills have been introduced. Of the 224 bills that have passed, 129 have been signed into law, and 66 have been vetoed.

This week, the state budget bills were introduced and passed. The bills were transmitted to the Governor yesterday. There are still a number of items remaining, including the Proposition 400 extension authorization language, as well as harmful bills that are still viable, including SB 1131, which eliminates the revenue from business engaged in residential rental. Both of these items are highlighted in the section below.

The bills of interest to Tempe will be added to lists (described below). Bills of significant interest will be highlighted in memo summaries as the proposals are amended in the legislative process.

### **Bill Lists**

Staff is analyzing legislative proposals as they become available. The lists will be adjusted to reflect the latest available information. Bills that have failed to meet deadlines or have not received sufficient votes will be noted as “Dead”.

To note, based on lack of significant bill status updates this week, the tracking lists are similar to earlier weeks’ lists and can be found at [this link](#) in the 4/14/23 Weekly Memo. Highlights of the budget

The tracking list that follows the 4/14/23 memo includes the summaries of bills that may be of interest to Tempe. These lists are not exhaustive, and as more analysis is done, comments will be included. Readers can use the search/find tool (keyboard shortcut: press “Ctrl” and the “F” key) to search for terms of interest, like “fireworks”, “rentals”, “zoning”, “safety”, etc. Readers can also search the list by department to quickly be brought to the header under which there is a sublist of bills that may impact a specific area of city operations, for example: “Community Development” or “FMR”.

In addition to the bills on the tracking lists, the city also has monitored and engaged on proposals in areas including the following:

- State Budget Bills
  - The Appropriations Act (also referred to as the feedbill or approps bill) and the Budget Reconciliation bills (referred to as BRBs) were introduced, passed through both legislative chambers, and were transmitted to the Governor all in this week.
  - Attached to this memo is a document prepared by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns with a summary of items of city interest in the budget bills.
- Taxation Proposals
  - SB 1131 now has a strike-everything amendment that revives the tax break for those in the business of residential rental. The city is opposed.
    - Mayor Woods joined other Arizona mayors in signing a letter to the Governor to highlight the significant negative effects of removing the tax on residential rental businesses. The letter is attached.
  - Earlier proposals:
  - The city opposes the tax break proposals for entities that are in the businesses of residential rentals and for businesses that sell food for home consumption, which have been introduced as HB 2067/SB 1184 and HB 2061/HB 1063/HB 1089, respectively.
    - This would result in a combined revenue loss to the city of over \$26 million annually, and would give a tax break to specific interests that would exclude them from contributing to the transaction privilege taxes that are remitted by other companies doing business in the city. These revenues fund programs, capital investments, infrastructure projects, public safety, and services including affordable housing construction and rental assistance.
    - HB 2067, SB 1184, HB 2061, and SB 1063 passed out of their respective initial committees on party line votes.

- SB 1184 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1184 on 2/23/23. Governor's Office press release is at [this link](#) and the veto letter is linked [here](#).
  - SB 1063 passed out of the Legislature and the cities and other organizations urged a veto. The Governor vetoed SB 1063 on 3/28/23. The Governor's veto letter is linked [here](#).
  - Fiscal notes are available (and linked) on the following: [HB 2067](#), [SB 1184](#), [HB 2061](#), [SB 1063](#).
  - The League of AZ Cities and Towns has distributed materials noting the issues with these bills and those documents were attached to earlier memos.
  - Tweet with the video illustrating the important revenue streams is at [this link](#).
- Proposition 400 Extension Authorization
  - As of this writing, there are a number of proposals that have been introduced on the topic of the extension of the Proposition 400 regional half-cent tax that supports transportation projects and programs in Maricopa County.
  - The city supports the development of legislation that will allow the voters of Maricopa County to vote on a proposal that would, if passed, enable the implementation of the unanimously-approved regional transportation plan.
  - As of this writing, discussions on this item continue.
    - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 1102, which has funding allocations and non-germane language that does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. This bill could be favorable with future amending language that brings the statutory language in line with the . regionally approved transportation plan. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
    - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 1246, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was advanced out of its House committee and the city looks forward to continuing the conversation to adjust the allocation language in the bill.
    - The city supports HB 2527, which reflects the regional transportation plan which was unanimously approved by the elected representatives serving on the Maricopa Association of Governments, including Mayor Woods. This bill is dead.
    - The city currently opposes the strike-everything amendment on HB 2031, which has funding allocations that do not reflect the unanimously approved regional plan. However, the other components of the bill mirror the needed language, so this bill could be favorable if the allocation proportions are updated. This bill was not ultimately voted on in committee. This bill is dead.
    - The city opposed SB 1122, which does not reflect the unanimously approved regional transportation plan. A previous memo included a summary of the bill from Valley Metro, the region's transit agency of which the City of Tempe is a member. Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams represents Tempe on the Valley Metro Boards. This bill failed.
    - SB 1505 has favorable language but has not met the deadline to be heard in its chamber of origin.
- Local Zoning Issues
  - *Current existing bills are bolded in the bulleted summary points below. The bill text for the bills are hyperlinked.*
  - The city opposes the strike-everything amendment on SB 1117, which includes preemption language that would upend the city's voter-approved General Plan and aim to remove transparency and public access from planning activities. The bill also does not include any language that advances policies for guaranteed affordable housing.

- Mayor Woods testified against the bill in the committee (video at [this link](#)), noting that this proposal would have the result of blocking affordable housing developers from building needed guaranteed affordable housing in the city.
- A document from WeSERV Association of Realtors contains the efforts of surveyed cities in approving housing units, leading to a conclusion in the report that “city and towns are, and have been, approving housing permits...Delays [in housing construction] are from several sources, including builders and developers, supply chain woes, labor shortages and commodity shortages.” Article at [this link](#), report at [this link](#), and related tweet at [this link](#).
- An earlier memo included a one-page visual of the average lot size in every US state. It provides an illustration that Arizona is one of the smallest average lot sizes—the 48th smallest.
- SB 1117 bill failed on the Senate floor. However, many of the components of SB 1117 have been included in the strike-everything amendment that has been added to [HB 2536](#).
- The **HB 2536** striker language also fails to contain guaranteed affordability policy and it circumvents public outreach processes for development and standards for how development interacts with public transit and bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Some components of SB 1117 are also found in strike-everything amendments to [SB 1161](#) and [SB 1163](#).
- The city does not support the strikers to these three bills (HB 2536, SB 1161, SB 1163). The stated intent of delivering guaranteed affordable housing is supported, but the methodology in these bills does not achieve that aim while maintaining transparency, public process, and alignment with the voter-approved city General Plan.
- The city does support the housing proposal outlined in the Affordable Housing section below.
- The Governor has vetoed SB 1162, which would have added additional governmental layers and confusion regarding home-based businesses, which are an important part of the economic landscape in the city. The city opposed the bill and appreciate the veto of this unnecessary legislation.
- Affordable Housing
  - As noted in earlier Weekly Information Packet memos, Mayor Woods submitted a list of legislative solutions for consideration in his role as a member of the statewide legislative housing supply study committee. The city will be monitoring and analyzing housing proposals throughout the session and aim to see the solutions shared by Mayor Woods become bill proposals. Unfortunately, of the bills that include these provisions, none have been scheduled for a hearing as of this writing.
  - The city has collaborated with other cities to develop language that could be used as a strike-everything amendment that would include affordable housing components that could be deployed locally.
    - This includes much of the stated intentions of the 3 bills that the city opposes (HB 2536, SB 1161, SB 1163), but this city-supported proposal delivers the policy in an effective way that continues to foster engagement and reflect local needs.
    - Below is an email that went to the members of the state legislature last week from the League of AZ Cities and Towns. The attachments referenced in the message are attached to this memo.

“Members,

On behalf of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, we want to share with you a proposal we have been discussing with Senator Kaiser that we believe presents an opportunity for the legislature to pass compromise housing legislation this session that focuses on efficiencies for developers and requires cities to facilitate middle and affordable housing options without infringing on property rights or granting greater entitlements for developers.



Housing affordability has been an issue on top of the minds of [local elected leaders](#) and voters over the past couple of years, and that is reflected in polling data and our actions at the local level. However, when you break down what constituents are asking for, it's important to note that they seek programs that aid in affordability while still entrusting their local elected officials to facilitate their community's growth. With that in mind, and the experience cities have had dealing with past preemptions related to affordable housing production and [Proposition 207 \(Private Property Rights Protection Act\)](#), we have put forward a housing proposal that is attached to this email. With your support, this bill can provide new, more affordable housing opportunities for housing advocates and streamline processes for developers.

Attached is a summary of the League draft with comments on where the language is derived and a document explaining some challenges we have with HB2536, SB1161, and SB1163. When considering housing this legislative session, local governments want to be partners. We want to find common ground without infringing on property rights or granting new property rights that didn't previously exist.

The League looks forward to working with each of you to find a middle ground that meets the needs of our shared constituents. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments as we continue to move through the session.”

- The city continues to advocate for policy that advances guaranteed affordable housing without undermine transparency in local decision-making. The city is actively working to advance favorable policies through amending language and/or strike-everything amendments.
- Local Governance
  - Efforts to preempt city charters, the authority for local governance, can be found in SCR 1023 and SCR 1027. The city opposes these anti-charter efforts.
    - Tempe voters have voted on charter provisions for the city of Tempe, and these types of proposals seek to put that into question with voters across the state.
    - A summary page prepared by the League of AZ Cities and Towns is highlights the types of voter-approved restrictions that this type of resolution, if passed, would remove. The page is attached.
    - The bills may be subject to amendments with a population threshold, but the city retains opposition to the concept of the legislature attempting to undermine local voters and the charter authority granted in the Arizona Constitution.
- Short Term Rentals
  - There are a number of introduced bills and referenda regarding short-term rentals this session. Some of these proposals would remove the state preemption on local regulations of short-term rentals, which the city would support. To date, these proposals have not been scheduled for hearings will not move forwarded this session, except potentially in the form of strike-everything amendments onto other bills.
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- Tobacco/Vaping
  - Fireworks
  - Liability Issues
  - Water Policy
    - The city opposes SB 1660, which is similar to a problematic proposal that was defeated in last year's session, that attempts to undermine the regional mechanism for water supply. There is the potential for some industrial water users to be incentivized to extract fossil groundwater, would expand those companies' access to pumping in an unprecedented way, and would threaten the aquifers relied upon by municipal water users. News articles on the bill are at [this link](#) and [this link](#).
    - The city opposed HB 2535, which had concerning language regarding water management of wells in newly incorporated areas. This bill passed out of the legislature and was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor's veto letter is available here. The Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA) authored one of the letters urging a veto. Councilmember Arlene Chin is the city's representative on the AMWUA Board.

The city's framework for responses to legislative proposals is the Council supported Tempe State Legislative Principles, which are available at [this link](#).

May 10, 2023

The Honorable Katie Hobbs  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs:

As mayors of communities across Arizona, we are writing to you concerning SB 1131, which repeals the local residential rental tax. The bill recently passed out of the House Committee of the Whole. Should SB 1131 reach your desk, we ask that you veto the bill just as you did SB 1184 (municipal tax exemption; residential leases), a bill with substantially the same provisions.

As you are aware, local communities use the residential rental tax to keep other taxes low at the local level. This revenue stream is critical to providing municipal services to our residents, keeping the water flowing and the community safe. You know that the poorest Arizonans do not pay residential rental taxes. Therefore, any increased taxes at the local level will only increase the tax burden on those who can least absorb it.

In Arizona, 75 cities and towns rely on these tax dollars. The specific dollar amounts may vary, but they will all face real impacts, estimated by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee to be a statewide impact of \$230 million should the businesses that remit residential rental tax be exempted. Our communities have limited sources of revenue and have unique blends of revenue based on the industries that are represented in their communities. Small communities have even more restricted revenue options and will struggle to increase taxes to meet the needs of their residents. For example, Star Valley – a community of just over 2,500 residents – receives 10.5% of all its sales tax revenue from residential rental businesses. Some of our larger communities have dedicated tax revenue to specific purposes, sometimes through voter approval. For example, Tempe is home to large national companies in the business of residential rental, and \$4.5 million of the over \$16 million of annual residential rental business revenue goes directly into the voter-approved transit fund. Eliminating this tax would not only contradict the will of those voters but also have direct, negative impacts on the quality of life of those subject to the tax.

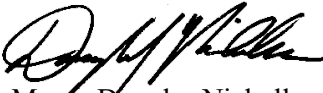
When you vetoed SB 1184 earlier this year, you recognized the deficiencies in the policy. SB 1131 is arguably an inferior alternative as it fails to contemplate any financial offset to the impacted cities and towns. No elimination of a local revenue source can be legitimately considered without including an equivalent ongoing offset in those discussions.


We admire your compassion for struggling Arizonans and the desire to provide relief, and you have astutely observed that bills like SB 1131 and SB 1184 have no real way to ensure the savings reach the tenants. That's why bills like SB 1686 (tax credit; TPT; residential rent) are far more effective because they balance the need to maintain critical revenue for local governments while also providing relief for middle-income earners. Also, the state budget includes a one-time rebate for temporary relief for Arizona families dealing with inflation. Both of these options, we believe, are a better approach to addressing the challenges of inflation our residents are experiencing.


Bills like SB 1131 may look appealing upon first blush, but to savvy policymakers like yourself, these proposals are ultimately wrong for Arizona. They provide no guarantee that renters in the long run will benefit, who may be faced with cuts to local services they rely on or an increased tax burden at the local level to ensure these services continue. There are ways to address this issue without inviting the negative consequences that this lost revenue would bring to the residents of cities and towns across the state. This is why we strongly believe SB 1131 should be vetoed.

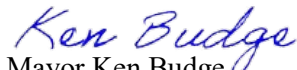
We value our communication with you and your office and look forward to additional opportunities to work with you to meet Arizona's challenges together.


Sincerely,

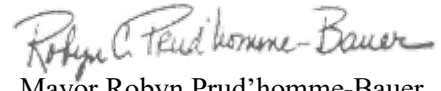
  
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City of Yuma

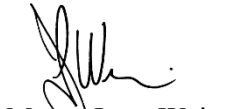
  
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City of Chandler

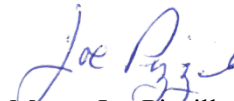
  
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Town of Superior

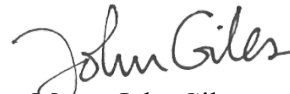
  
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City of Bisbee

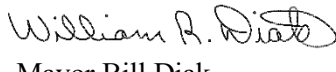
  
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Town of Clarkdale

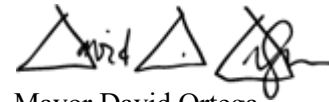
  
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City of Goodyear


  
Mayor John Giles  
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City of Page

  
Mayor Kate Gallego  
City of Phoenix

  
Mayor David Ortega  
City of Scottsdale

  
Mayor Bobby Davis  
Town of Star Valley

  
Mayor Corey Woods  
City of Tempe

cc: Allie Bones, Will Gaona, Jennifer Loreda, Sarah Brown

# City-Related Items in the FY24 State Budget Bills

## Provided by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns

### 2023 Budget Reconciliation Bills (BRB)

#### General Appropriations Act; 2023-2024 ([SB1720](#))

- \$12.2M for Fire Incident Management Fund (pg. 2, line 35)
- \$23.6M for Rural Broadband Accelerated Match Fund (pg. 18, line 29)
  - See the Commerce BRBs, [SB1723](#) (pgs. 1-2) for details
- \$5.0M for senior housing assistance (pg. 30, line 19)
- \$5.0M for fire district grants (pg. 46, line 18)
- \$32M for wildfire mitigation (pg. 46, line 21)
- \$10M for statewide cybersecurity grants (pg. 53, line 36)
- \$8.0M for human trafficking reduction grants (pg. 54, line 11)
- \$150M for Housing Trust Fund (pg. 54, line 36)
- \$40M for Homeless Shelter & Services Fund (pg. 54, line 38)
  - See the Human Services BRBs [SB1728](#) (pg. 4) for details
  - An additional \$20M is included as a supplemental appropriation for the current FY23 (pg. 96, line 20)
- \$5.0M for Mobile Home Relocation Fund (pg. 54, line 39)
- \$84.6K for municipal firefighter reimbursement administration (pg. 55, line 37)
- \$12.2M for local border support (pg. 68, line 22)
- \$1.0M for law enforcement recruitment and retention matching grants (pg. 71, line 29)
- Multiple individual appropriations to cities and towns for a variety of specified purposes

#### Capital Outlay; Appropriations; 2023-2024 ([SB1722](#))

- \$12.5M for SMART Fund (pg. 15, line 7)
  - See the Transportation BRBs for [SB1735](#) for details.
- Multiple individual appropriations to cities and towns for a variety of specified purposes

*Please note that while multiple BRBs (and amendments) exist to appropriate funding to other policy priorities, those above notate fiscal impacts to local governments.*

# MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tim Burch, Director Community Health & Human Services

DATE: May 12, 2023

SUBJECT: EnVision Center Update

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Mayor and Council about the upcoming summer 2023 cooling center operations at the Envision Center, as well as provide background information on the full range of services that will be available in the fall.

## **Update**

The EnVision Center is nearing completion of construction and is expected to receive its certificate of occupancy soon. The next crucial step is to design layout and furnish for the building to ensure seamless daily operations. To accomplish this, Community Health & Human Services (CHHS), the Office of Sustainability and Resilience, Engineering, and SPS+ Architects have embarked on this process. The grand opening of the EnVision Center is scheduled for fall 2023. Meanwhile, CHHS and the Office of Sustainability and Resilience have initiated plans to provide heat relief services starting June 5th, in the eastern wing of the building. This initiative is being made possible through a \$50,000 grant secured from Maricopa County. The heat relief services will operate seven days a week from 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm from June - September.

## **Background**

The community of Tempe will soon have access to a new EnVision Center and Resiliency Hub, opening fall 2023 at 1310 E. Apache Blvd. This collaboration between the Community Health and Human Services Department, the Office of Sustainability and Resilience, and community partners will provide a wide range of programs and resources aimed at improving the lives of residents in the Tempe area.

The Envision Center is a unique facility that provides free resources to the community to support education, career development, financial literacy, volunteerism, and access to technology. The center will offer a variety of programs, including job training, college preparation, and entrepreneurship workshops. The Envision Center is designed to empower individuals and families with the tools they need to succeed. These services will be offered through City of Tempe Community Health & Human Services, nonprofit organizations, and other partners. Importantly, these services will be offered in one centralized location to reduce barriers to accessing assistance.

The EnVision Center is also a Resiliency Hub -- a community resource center designed to support residents in times of crisis. The hub will provide a safe space for individuals and families during emergencies, including natural disasters, public health emergencies, and economic downturns. The Resiliency Hub is also exploring the feasibility of providing essential resources such as food, water, shelter, and medical care to those in need.

For more information, visit our website at <https://www.tempe.gov/government/human-services/envision-center>

# MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Maria Laughner, Deputy Economic Development Director, (ex. 8527)  
THRU: Jeff Tamulevich, Interim Economic Development Director, (ex. 8441)  
DATE: May 12, 2023  
SUBJECT: Apache Central RFP Update

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On March 7, 2023 an RFP for affordable housing with a ground floor grocer was issued for the Apache Central Project. The RFP was out for sixty (60) days and proposals were due May 2, 2023. The City received seven responses from these development teams:

- Community Development Partners
- Copa Health, Inc.
- Gorman & Company, LLC
- The Richman Group of Arizona
- 5 Pillars Tempe, LLC
- Palindrome
- Fairpoint Development/Beau Gilbert McGroder PLLC

Review of the RFPs will commence on May 22, 2023 and interview selections will be made shortly after. We are very excited to see the tremendous response for this project and look forward to selecting the best proposal. Once we have made the selection, staff will present the proposal to Council in executive session.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

May 12, 2023

## THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

This week, the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) partnered with **Theatre for Young Audiences USA (TYA) and Childsplay** to host an international conference and festival that chartered the course for theatre made for children and families. Meeting for the first time since 2019, a local, national and international community of youth and family programming professionals participated in talks, workshops, and performances, inspired by a keynote speaker and young changemakers in the Tempe community.

With the theme **AMPLIFY**, the event highlighted TYA USA's national role as a catalyst to support and inspire multiple generations: young audiences, families, and surrounding communities. Delegates also examined new models of performing arts presenting and touring, and put a spotlight on groundbreaking arts in education practice.

**On Saturday May 13, TCA will be presenting two family shows, *Cencienta* and *Leonardo!* as part of TCA's Family Day.**

Free hands-on art activities that encourage families and kids to explore creativity and self-expression will be available in the Gallery from 10 am to 4 pm.



Photo: Leonardo! By Manual Cinema

More information can be found at [tempecenterforthearts.com](https://tempecenterforthearts.com)



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## TEMPE PUBLIC ART: SUMMER READ

In January, **Tempe Public Art** commissioned artist **Sarah Hurwitz** to work with the **Tempe Public Library** in the creation of an imaginative installation that would engage the public in the Summer Reading program. Since 1897, this program has been hosted by libraries around the country to encourage reading during students' summer break from school. This year's **Summer Reading theme, All Together Now: Friendship/Kindness/Unity**, provided an opportunity for the artist to interpret connection in a unique manner. When dreaming up ideas, Hurwitz kept thinking of the idiom, "birds of a feather flock together." She liked the idea that we all work together to create a library space that works for everyone.

Through her research, Hurwitz found that many birds live in friendly harmony and congregate in flocks. She also learned that flocks are not always a single type of bird - flocks of mixed birds are common. The result of this research includes three-dimensional birds made from old books placed throughout the library, a "bird guide" to help find birds and new books, a Sonoran Desert bird environment in the teen center, and much more.

Hurwitz worked closely with Tempe Public Library and Tempe Public Art staff to create an immersive installation at the library that will be on display June 1-August 1 to encourage the community to participate in the library's Summer Reading programs. Artworks were created by the artist as well as by the library staff and volunteers with the artist's guidance. Artwork installation will begin in late May and be completed after Memorial Day.



Bird sculpture example; Artist Sarah Hurwitz makes a sculpture with a teen volunteer in the teen section of the library