



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, September 04, 2020

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Chamber Business News Memo
- 4) Formation of a Desert Conservation Commission Subcommittee Memo
- 5) Ironman 70.3 and Ironman Arizona Update
- 6) Community Services Department Update
- 7) Engineering and Transportation Department Updates

City Council Events Schedule

September 02, 2020 thru October 20, 2020



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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed	Sep 02	Noon–1:00 p.m.	Rio Salado and Beach Park Master Plan WebEx Public Meeting tempe.webex.com Event number: 146 510 0687 Event password: Rio Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 510 0687
Thu	Sep 03	3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Ribbon Cutting for Tempe Community Action Agency Oasis Drop-In Center Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcemuqjkiH9UMxZ-Azq9xBqfAl3W5yTGp?
Thu	Sep 10	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Maricopa County: Housing Leaders Roundtable Zoom: https://newamerica.zoom.us/j/98660343136
Fri	Sep 11	5:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m.	Healing Fields Virtual Event: TBD
Wed	Sep 16	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Water Line Replacement Project WebEx Construction Kickoff Meeting tempe.webex.com Event number: 146 335 1739 Event password: Water2020 Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 335 1739

Tue	Sep 22	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Water/Wastewater Rate Adjustments WebEx Public Meeting</p> <p>tempe.webex.com</p> <p>Event number: 146 810 6014 Event password: Water Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 810 6014</p>
Wed	Sept 23	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Country Club Way Bike and Ped improvements WebEx Public Meeting</p> <p>tempe.webex.com</p> <p>Event number: 146 490 4988 Event password: CCW1 Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 490 4988</p>
Thu	Sept 24	12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Transit Service Reductions WebEx Public Meeting</p> <p>tempe.webex.com</p> <p>Event number: 146 665 2684 Event password: Transit Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 665 2684</p>
Sat	Sept 26	9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Country Club Way Bike and Ped improvements WebEx Public Meeting</p> <p>tempe.webex.com</p> <p>Event number: 146 687 3401 Event password: CCW Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 687 3401</p>
Sat	Sept 26	11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	<p>Transit Service Reductions WebEx Public Meeting</p> <p>tempe.webex.com</p> <p>Event number: 146 068 4929 Event password: Transit2 Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 068 4929</p>

Wed	Oct 14	5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	<p>37th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards</p> <p>Location: SRP PERA Club 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, AZ 85281</p>
Tue	Oct 20	11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	<p>Valley Metro Clean Air Campaign Awards</p> <p>Online Virtual Event: TBD</p> <p>For more information: https://www.valleymetro.org/valley-metro-champions-clean-air</p>

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: September 4, 2020
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

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

- USCM Federal Updates
- CDC Order to Halt Evictions
- FEMA New Declaration Policy
- Big 7 Letter to FEMA, COVID-19 Reimbursable Expenses
- Virtual League Annual Conference
- Governor's Executive Orders
- Cox Business Update
- Grant Opportunities

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.

USCM Federal Updates

Via US Conference of Mayors Staff, 9/2/20

Emergency Fiscal Assistance to State and Local Governments on the Congressional Agenda Next Week

It's September and Congress is coming back next week. Reports indicate that the Senate will offer a bill to secure a new round of Coronavirus aid to help the badly-needed recovery.

Unfortunately, the Senate and the Trump administration want a scaled-back version of a virus bill, much less for state and local governments which have been pushing to prevent more layoffs and furloughs.

White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows has said that the negotiations between the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the White House are showing progress but "the biggest stumbling block that remains is the amount that would go to state and local help."

The National Governors Association continues to push for \$500 billion. Earlier, the officers of the National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors agreed on a sum of \$250 billion for all cities – large, medium, and small population size.

As reported earlier, we worked with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her office to have a formula included in the House bill, the HEROES Act, that would include funding for cities of all sizes. This was essential due to the fact that the previous CARES Act only provided funding for cities with a population of 500,000 and larger. That left thousands of cities that did not get one red cent and they haven't received direct funding since the pandemic hit which caused this economic disaster for the operational budgets of cities.

Mr. Meadows is saying this week to the media that the Trump administration supports \$150 billion in new money. In addition, he says the administration supports more flexibility on how the first \$150 billion can be spent from the CARES Act that went out to the states and 38 cities last March. He questions the needs and requests from the state and local government organizations. He says, in the opinion of the Trump administration, that state and local governments' need is around \$300 billion.

State and local government organizations – the National Governors Association, the United States Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties – are all saying much more than \$300 billion is needed. The groups, together and individually, continue to advocate that the original amount requested is needed now more than ever to prevent further layoffs and furloughs of frontline workers.

President Donald Trump, faced with no deal between the House and Senate, has issued a number of executive orders. The results of the executive orders to individuals are mixed. Mainly, focused on individual payments, nothing has been done to get money to state and local governments.

Our leaders on the emergency fiscal assistance issue, Conference Vice President Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley and Arlington, TX Mayor Jeff Williams continue to be in contact until all cities – large, medium, and small receive assistance as we have not let up on our push for this emergency assistance needed now.

FEMA New Declaration Policy

Via Van Scoyoc Associates, 9/2/20

FEMA released important new policy related to public assistance performed on or after September 15th. Included below and available at [this link](#).

Coronavirus Pandemic Response: FEMA Releases New Policy for Declarations

WASHINGTON -- Today, FEMA released an interim policy to clarify eligible work under the Public Assistance program as part of the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The interim policy "[COVID-19 Pandemic: Work Eligible for Public Assistance](#)" is applicable to eligible applicants only and is exclusive to emergency and major disaster declarations for the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy applies to work performed on or after September 15, 2020.

FEMA releases this interim policy as part of the President's March 13 nationwide emergency declaration and subsequent major disaster declarations for COVID-19. Because of these declarations, state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for assistance under the FEMA Public Assistance program.

The interim policy defines the framework, details and requirements for eligibility of work and costs under the Public Assistance Program to ensure consistent and appropriate implementation across all COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations. Only work associated with the performance of emergency protective measures specifically listed in this policy is eligible for Public Assistance in COVID-19-declared events.

Under the new policy, FEMA provides assistance for emergency protective measures in response to COVID-19 declared events, to include the following:

- **Purchase and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** that is directly related to the performance of otherwise eligible emergency work, or is provided to healthcare workers, patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection, and first responders.
 - Funding for stockpiling a supply of eligible PPE is limited to a 60-day supply from date of purchase.
 - Funding for storing eligible PPE is limited to what is necessary to store 60-day PPE supply.
- **Medical care**, in accordance with COVID-19 specific policy – "[COVID-19 Pandemic: Medical Care Costs Eligible for Public Assistance](#), Version 2 (Interim)" policy – being concurrently released or subsequent updates.
- **Purchase and distribution of food**, in accordance with [COVID-19 specific policy](#) or subsequent updates.
- **Non-congregate medical sheltering**, in accordance with [COVID-19 specific policy](#) or subsequent updates.
- **Operation of Emergency Operations Centers** to direct and coordinate resources and response activities for COVID-19 declarations.

- **Communications to disseminate public information** regarding health and safety measures and provide warnings about risks and hazards.
- **Mass casualty management**, including the storage of human remains and mass mortuary services needed to manage mass fatalities caused by COVID-19.
- Assistance for other activities may be eligible when necessary to perform otherwise eligible emergency work listed in the policy; for example, the purchase and distribution of face masks, temperature screening, disinfecting in accordance with CDC guidance, and temporary physical barriers.

FEMA may provide Public Assistance funding to applicants for eligible work under the COVID-19 declarations that may also be eligible for funding under another federal agency's authorities. Potential Public Assistance applicants may have the flexibility to determine which source of funding to use for their costs, subject to the purpose and eligibility requirements of each of the federal programs and funding sources.

The "[COVID-19 Resource Summary Report](#)" is a list of resources provided by the federal government since the start of the response to COVID and is designed to assist with recovery efforts. Partners should directly consult each agency's program information to verify the applicability of a resource.

Big 7 Letter to FEMA, COVID-19 Reimbursable Expenses

The "Big 7" state and local government groups, which include the National League of Cities (NLC) and the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) sent a [letter](#) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expressing concerns about the agency's apparent plan to stop reimbursing expenses for personal protective equipment (PPE) and disinfectants, as well as other proposed changes that would shift costs and responsibilities to state and local governments. The letter calls for FEMA to keep its current guidance on emergency protective measures and asks for clear guidance on eligibility of funding streams from across the federal government.

Governor Executive Orders

The Governor has issued a number of Executive Orders in the past months. They can be found at [this link](#). One Executive Order was issued this week:

- Driver License Renewals for Arizonans 65 or Older, 9/1/20

Virtual League Annual Conference

As noted in earlier updates, the League of AZ Cities and Towns annual conference was held virtually this week. Attached are the presentations from 2 sessions: Legislative Update and Look Ahead and Pundits Session: Reading the Tea Leaves.

Cox Business Update

Cox Communications staff provided an update on recent activities and programs. The update is attached.

Grant Opportunities

Compiled by the U.S. Conference of Mayors

FEMA has a new hazard mitigation grant program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). BRIC is a program designed to aid states, communities, tribes, and

territories to implement hazard/natural disaster mitigation programs as well as bring together private and public sector stakeholders to form partnerships in these communities.

The program has \$500 million in total available funding and applications are due by January 29, 2021. Please note that applicants must apply through the FEMA Grant Outcomes (FEMA GO) system and that local governments should apply through their state government.

According to their website, FEMA will provide financial assistance to eligible BRIC Applicants for the following activities:

1. Capability- and Capacity-Building (C&CB) – activities which enhance the knowledge, skills, expertise, etc., of the current workforce to expand or improve the administration of mitigation assistance. This includes activities in the following sub-categories: building codes activities, partnerships, project scoping, mitigation planning and planning-related activities, and other activities;
2. Mitigation Projects – cost-effective projects designed to increase resilience and public safety; reduce injuries and loss of life; and reduce damage and destruction to property, critical services, facilities, and infrastructure; and
3. Management Costs – financial assistance to reimburse the Recipient and subrecipient for eligible and reasonable indirect costs, direct administrative costs, and other administrative expenses associated with a specific mitigation measure or project in an amount up to 15 percent of the total amount of the grant award. FEMA will also provide non-financial Direct Technical Assistance to communities to build a community's capacity and capability to improve its resiliency to natural hazards and to ensure stakeholders are capable of building and sustaining successful mitigation programs, submitting high-quality applications, and implementing new and innovative projects that reduce risk from a wide range of natural hazards.

FEMA has developed a webinar series so that applicants can receive an overview of the program and the review process. If you think you might be interested in applying for this grant, please check out the following links posted below for more information.

General information/eligibility:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=BRIC>

Link to FEMA's YouTube channel with previous BRIC webinar presentations:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL720Kw_OoJlKKwDJQpkCLJ-6v4l_ndNEJ

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Grants compiled by the Cities Thrive Coalition are below.

- **DEADLINE:** The date the application for the grant is due
- **AGENCY/SUB:** The federal agency releasing the grant, as well as the sub-agency coordinating it
- **OPPORTUNITY:** The name of the grant program, as well as the attached link to the application/description
- **COST SHARING:** Some grants require grantees to match or share some of the costs, so this signals if it is required
- **AWARDS:** Outlines how many specific grants will be awarded under this opportunity
- **AWARD AMOUNT:** The floor to ceiling funding for each individual grant award
- **FUNDING:** The total amount of funding available for each grant

Deadline	Agency/Sub	Opportunity	Cost Sharing	Awards	Award Amount	Funding	Local Eligibility	Overall Eligibility	Description
9/25/2020	ONCDP	National Community Anti-drug Coalition Institute	No	1	\$2.5m	\$2.5m	No	Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS	The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Executive Office of the President, is seeking applications from any national non-profit organization that represents, provides technical

								assistance and training to, and has special expertise and broad, national-level experience in community anti-drug coalitions under section 1032 of the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988
11/2/2020	HUD	<u>Lead-Based Paint Capital Fund Program (LBPCF)</u>	No	10	\$10k-\$5m	\$31m	Yes	Public Housing Authorities As authorized under the FY2020 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, \$45,000,000 shall be available for competitive grants to public housing agencies to

									evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards and other housing-related hazards including carbon monoxide and mold in public housing. Provided further, That of the amounts available under the previous proviso, no less than \$25,000,000 shall be for competitive grants to public housing agencies to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in public housing by carrying
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									out the activities of risk assessments, abatement, and interim controls (as those terms are defined in section 1004 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4851b)).
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LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND LOOK AHEAD





SESSION AT-A-GLANCE



- Session lasted 135 days.
- Both chambers recessed March 23 for about 45 days due to COVID-19.
- The Senate resumed May 8 to conclude session, but officially adjourned sine die on May 26.
- The House reconvened May 19 to pass unamended bills, then adjourned sine die May 21.
- 1,607 bills introduced this session – 22% increase in bill introductions compared to last year.
- 90 measures signed into law – a 72% decrease from previous year.
- Effective date was August 25.



STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS; CITIES AND TOWNS



- \$11.8B “skinny budget” included \$50M for COVID-19 response for rental assistance, food banks and small business assistance, among others.
- Package of bills only provided baseline funding for agencies and priorities that are funded year over year.
- Budget priorities outlined by the governor and legislative leaders in January were not included.
- Governor Ducey’s signing letter indicated more work may be needed on budget.



STATE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS; CITIES AND TOWNS



- No HURF sweeps!!
- Continues the \$20.7M assessment on cities, towns, counties, MAG & PAG to fund Department of Revenue.
- \$379M for highway construction
- \$30M for state and local airports
- \$6.5M for sewage discharge remediation in border communities



CITY & TOWN BILLS



- LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS
 - SB 1042/HB 2053 executive session; security plans. (passed)
 - HB 2705 vacant; abandoned buildings; ordinances
 - SB 1554 short term rental enforcement; penalties
 - HB 2144 state liquor board; membership (2019)



CITY & TOWN BILLS



- PREEMPTIONS
 - HB 2313 fire sprinklers; existing buildings; prohibition
 - HB 2499 eminent domain; existing contracts
 - HB 2615 municipalities; utilities; vacant buildings
 - HB 2686 building permits; utilities; restrictions; prohibitions (Passed)
 - HB 2817 airport fees prohibited; ride sharing
 - HB 2841 municipal zoning; housing overlay
 - SB 1459 private attorney retention; municipalities; counties



CITY & TOWN BILLS



TOBACCO/VAPING LEGISLATION

- HB 2826 tobacco; vaping; penalties; legal age
- HB 2853 furnishing tobacco; minors; enterprise penalties
- SB 1400 S/E: electronic smoking devices; retail licensing
- SB 1501 electronic smoking devices; tobacco sales



CITY & TOWN BILLS



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- HB 2348 municipal TPT; residential rentals; limit
- HB 2732 tax credit; affordable housing
- SB 1394 unclaimed property; housing trust fund



TRANSPORTATION



- HB 2899 fuel; electric cars; hybrids; taxes (Campbell)
- Directed projects:
 - SB 1102 Walnut Canyon bridge project
 - SB 1106 Lake Havasu project
 - SB 1153/HB 2243 Gila River Bridge
 - SB 1154 Queen Creek Road interchange
 - SB 1155 Salt River bridge
 - SB 1156 I-10; reconstruction
 - SB 1157 State Route 101
 - SB 1158 I-17; widening
 - SB 1159 Wild Horse Pass interchange
 - SB 1246 Tangerine Road; reconstruction
 - SB 1309 67th Ave; widening; drainage
 - SB 1668 I-10; street replacement
 - HB 2750 loop 101 slip ramp
- League survey identified \$5.6 billion in deferred transportation projects and maintenance across municipalities statewide



CITY & TOWN BILLS



MISCELLANEOUS

- SB 1305 personal delivery devices (Passed)
- SB 1160 firefighters; cancers; presumption; workers' comp
- SB 1333 peace office bill of rights
- SB 1133 public works; contracts; payment
- HB 2389 public nuisance; noise; evidence
- SB 1664 civil liability; gun free zones



FEDERAL ADVOCACY



SHIFT IN FOCUS

- After the premature suspension of session staff needed to change our focus to federal efforts
 - White House
 - Congress
 - National League of Cities
 - FEMA



FEDERAL ADVOCACY



CARES (CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND – CRF)

- \$139B For state and local governments
 - Per capita distribution w/ a minimum of \$1.25B per state
 - Cities, towns, and counties w/ populations above 500k (using 2019 census numbers) would receive direct distribution from US treasury
 - States not required to distribute funds to local governments below 500k in population



FEDERAL ADVOCACY



CARES (CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND – CRF)

- Lobbied US Treasury for:
 - A requirement the state distribute funds directly to local governments
 - Treasury guidance suggested 45% of the state portion should be distributed to local governments
 - Maximum flexibility in utilization of funds allowing for local budget support
 - Allowed all public safety costs to be presumed as related to COVID-19 creating some flexibility

CARES DISTRIBUTIONS

- Not required under CRF for 88 of 91 cities
- Secured \$440.7M to local governments, \$349.5M for cities & towns
 - Credit to the Governor's office for finding a mechanism to provide local governments with maximum flexibility for AZCARES money
- \$150M in Express Pay program to reimburse local governments for costs related to personal protective equipment



FEDERAL ADVOCACY 2.0



NEXT COVID RELIEF PACKAGE

- Since the passage of the first covid-19 package securing money for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and state and local assistance it was presumed a second package would be needed because of the depth of the economic impact
- League provided letters, economic impact analysis, municipal survey data, and created a social media campaign to advocate for cities and towns
- No package has been agreed to yet

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.@AzCities surveyed our 91 cities & towns on the impacts of #COVID19 on their budgets & local econ. With more than \$1B in losses local govts are considering cuts to pub safety, capital & infrastructure. Add'l \$, in #HEALSAct will help spur AZ's economic recovery. #CitiesAreEssential

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f @senatemajldr came out w/ his proposal for an add'l #COVID19 relief package & it didn't include assistance to state & #localgovs. On May 27, 78 of our 91 #AZ mayors called on our state delegation for add'l support. #HEALSAct #CitiesAreEssential

May 27, 2020

Legislative Session of the Senate Employment Disruption

The COVID-19 relief package proposed by the Senate Employment Disruption bill is intended to provide relief to local governments and businesses that are experiencing economic hardship due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill provides for the following:

- A \$1 billion grant to local governments for essential services.
- A \$1 billion grant to local governments for infrastructure.
- A \$1 billion grant to local governments for public safety.
- A \$1 billion grant to local governments for capital projects.

3:16 PM · Jul 29, 2020 · Twitter Web App

Kyrsten Sinema and 9 others

Arizona League @AzCities · Jul 28

@AZCities and mayors from across the state encourage our congressional delegation to support additional state & local funding in the HEALS Act. Strong cities, infrastructure, & essential services provide a foundation for Arizona businesses to #ReturnStronger #CitiesAreEssential

Additional funding for cities and towns in the HEALS Act is vital to ensure that our local and state economy can survive and flourish unimpeded lines. The coronavirus package released yesterday, July 27th, by Senate Majority Leader Mark McCortell fails to address significant challenges faced by local governments in Arizona. Arizona cities and towns appreciate initial CARES Act allocations & those monies throughout Arizona by investing in homelessness, eviction, food, small business, and many other assistance programs.

Our cities and towns continue to struggle to meet municipal needs for public safety, local services, and enterprise funds while also to avoid layoffs for local employees and cancellations or delays of infrastructure projects integral to maintaining Arizona as an economic engine.

From mid-March through June more than 783 thousand Arizonans applied for first-time unemployment benefits, local tax revenues fell 70% across the state, amusement tax revenues were down 65%, and restaurant tax revenues were down more than 25% all while all essential municipal services increased.

Flexibility of CARES Act dollars is insufficient. We strongly encourage the entire Arizona congressional delegation to support additional to local governments to ensure the Arizona economy remains strong.

Tom Balala
Executive Director
League of Arizona Cities and Towns

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Fed Chair Jerome Powell, @USChamber, & others have called for more assistance to state & #localgov. @washingtonpost reports 74% of local govts were making job cuts & delaying capital projects. @roundsconsult analysis identified why #CitiesAreEssential for #AZ's economic recovery

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Economic experts agree, Arizona's economic recovery depends on support for #AZ cities and towns in #HEALSAct. #CitiesAreEssential #stateandlocalrelief @roundsconsult

"Arizona's economy is poised for a strong recovery. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS will ensure workers keep their jobs and infrastructure and capital projects will continue. LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE WILL ALLOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO THRIVE AS WE EMERGE FROM THIS CRISIS. Each of these actions will have a net multiplier effect of nearly two to one on the Arizona economy."

League of Arizona Cities AND Towns

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WHY CITIES ARE ESSENTIAL

League of Arizona Cities AND Towns

“The coronavirus has forced many municipalities to halt or cancel major purchases and infrastructure improvements, according to new data from the National League of Cities.”

A 3 MILE \$7.5M ROAD PROJECT Results in **\$14.64M** economic output.

FOR EVERY 1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT JOB KEPT **1.8 jobs** are maintained in the local economy.

FOR EVERY \$1 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALARIES **\$2.80** is generated in economic output to the community.

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROVIDED BY ROUNDS CONSULTING. FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.



LOOK AHEAD TO 2021



- Special session before end of 2020?
 - Liability protections
 - Economic recovery
 - Limiting executive authority
 - Pass priority legislation that was stalled due to COVID-19
- Elections
 - Democrats bullish on taking majority in the House and picking up more Senate seats
 - New caucus leadership elected
- Policing reforms
- Unemployment benefits
- Civil asset forfeiture?
- Pass 2020 infrastructure investment priorities?
- League Legislative Agenda





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CITIES & TOWNS

PUNDITS PANEL

Thursday, September 3, 2020





PARTICIPANTS

Moderator: Nick Ponder

Pundits: Chuck Coughlin

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Chad Campbell

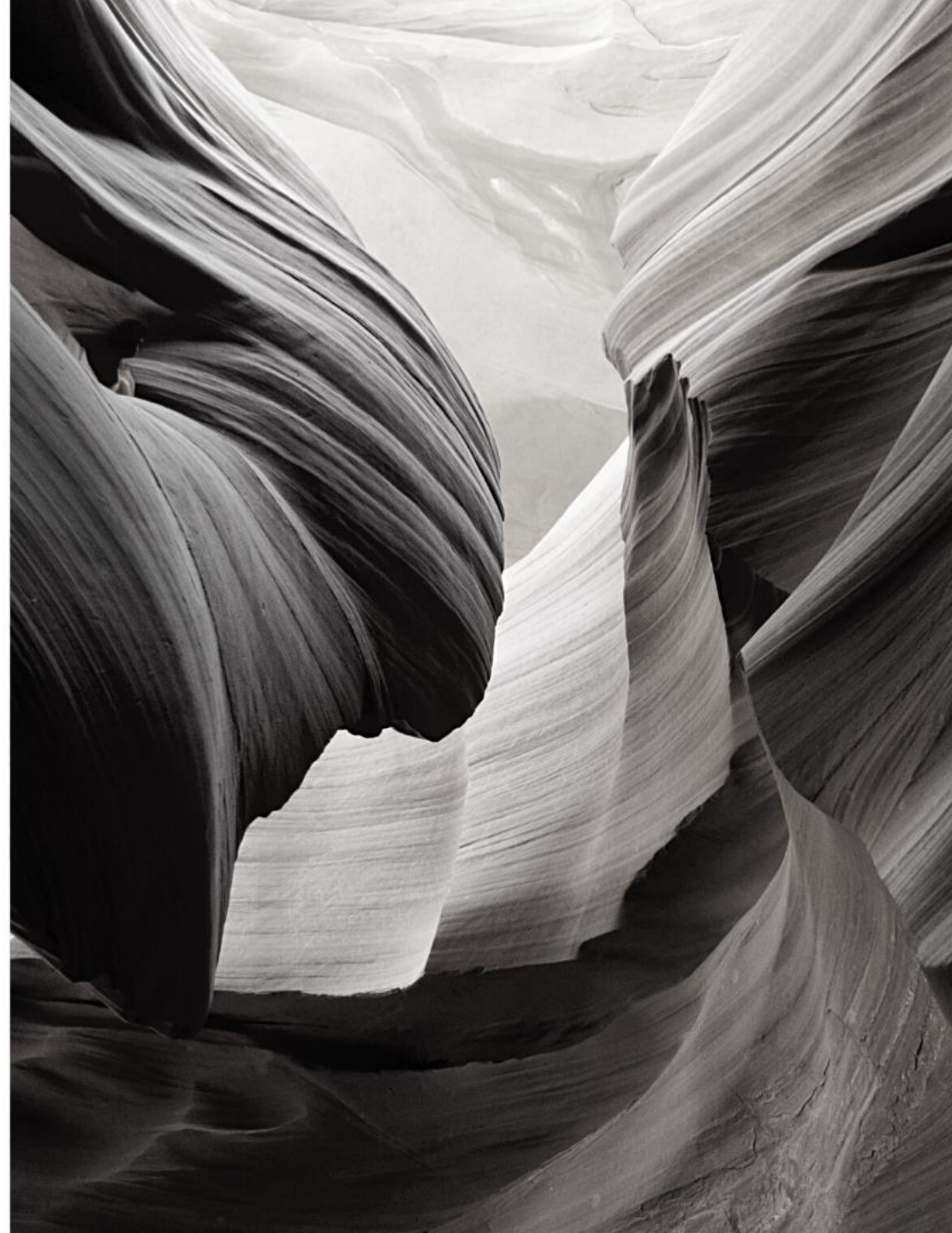
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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

2020 ELECTION CYCLE

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PRESIDENTIAL RACE

US SENATE RACE

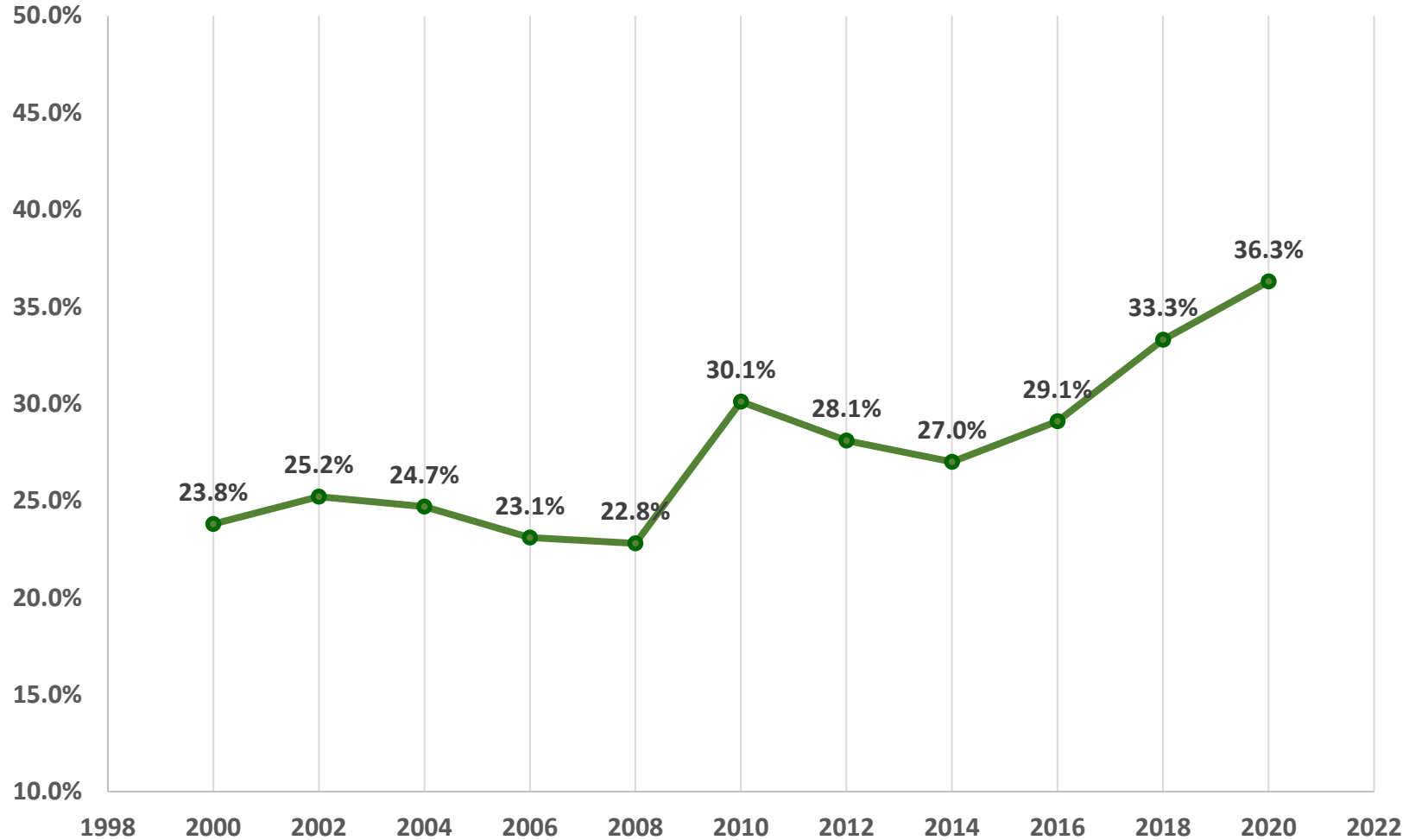
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STATE LEGISLATURE

“RECORD” TURNOUT FOR 2020 PRIMARY

<u>Primary Election</u>	<u>Turnout</u>	<u>Turnout Percentage</u>	<u>Cycle</u>
2020	1,446,274	36.3%	Presidential
2018	1,208,220	33.3%	Gubernatorial
2016	989,754	29.1%	Presidential
2014	877,270	27.0%	Gubernatorial
2012	870,875	28.1%	Presidential
2010	933,650	30.1%	Gubernatorial
2008	638,348	22.8%	Presidential
2006	584,526	23.1%	Gubernatorial
2004	602,888	24.7%	Presidential
2002	557,437	25.2%	Gubernatorial
2000	486,836	23.8%	Presidential

"RECORD" TURNOUT FOR 2020 PRIMARY



THE "SURGE"

	GOP Ballot	Dem Ballot
2020	752,223	694,891
	51.8%	47.9%
2018	672,452	526,574
	55.7%	43.6%
2016	606,755	377,074
	61.3%	38.1%
2014	549,423	320,239
	62.6%	36.5%
2012	533,536	333,413
	61.3%	38.3%
2010	600,998	326,830
	64.4%	35.0%
2008	360,894	274,698
	56.5%	43.0%
2006	333,604	246,876
	57.1%	42.2%
2004	379,906	219,673
	63.0%	36.4%
2002	320,090	234,084
	57.4%	42.0%
2000	290,637	193,433
	59.7%	39.7%

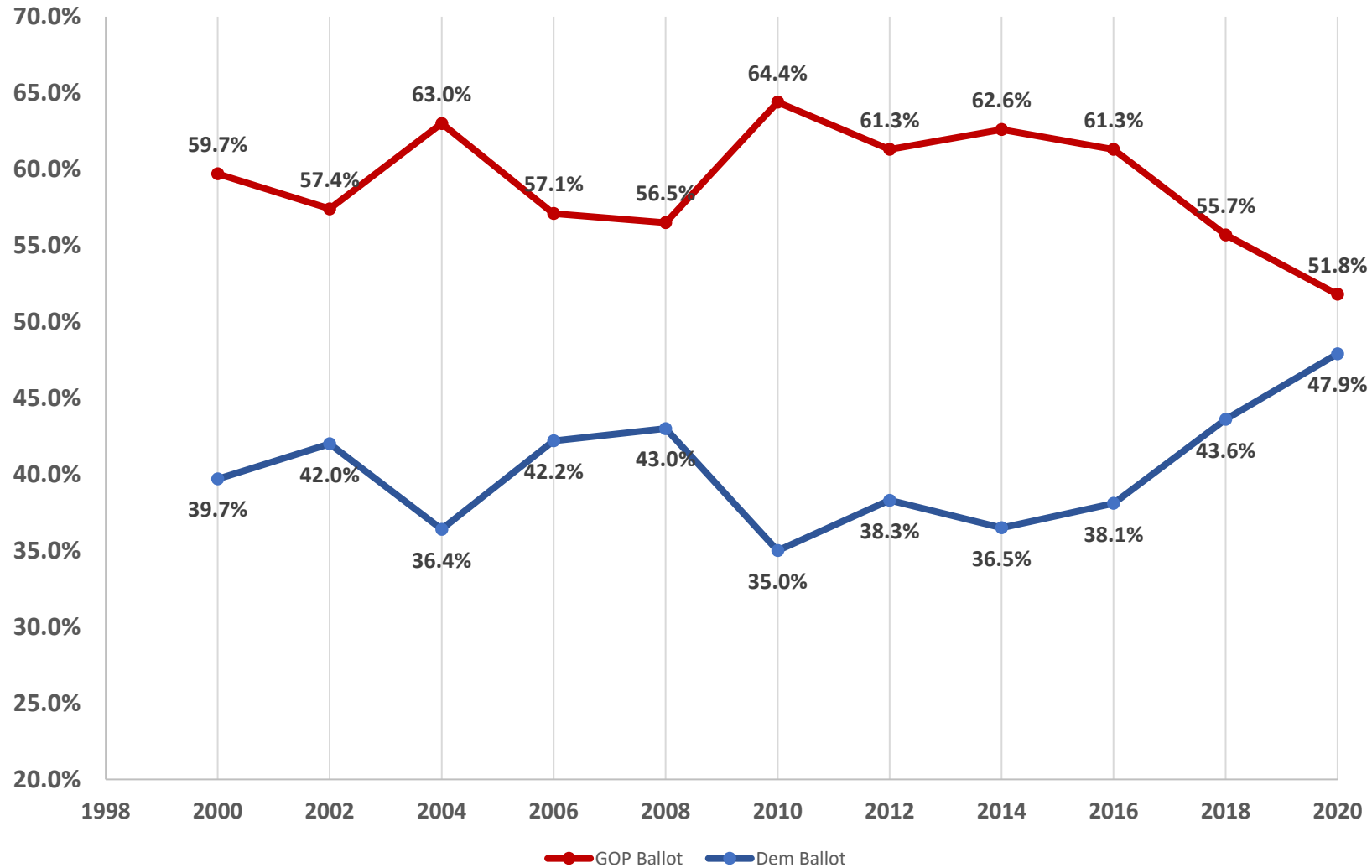
Traditionally, GOP has made up approximately **60%** of primary ballots cast

Democratic primary participation increased **40%** from 2016 to 2018

Democratic participation spiked again **32%** from 2018 to 2020

GOP Advantage Gap narrowed to **51.8%** to **47.9%**

THE "SURGE"



IMPORTANT NOTE

Primary turnout was up across the board

Turnout compared to Registration	<u>2020*</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2016</u>
Republicans	34.9%	32.6%	30.3%
Democrats	38.4%	29.4%	24.7%
Independents & PNDs	9.7%	7.9%	6.1%

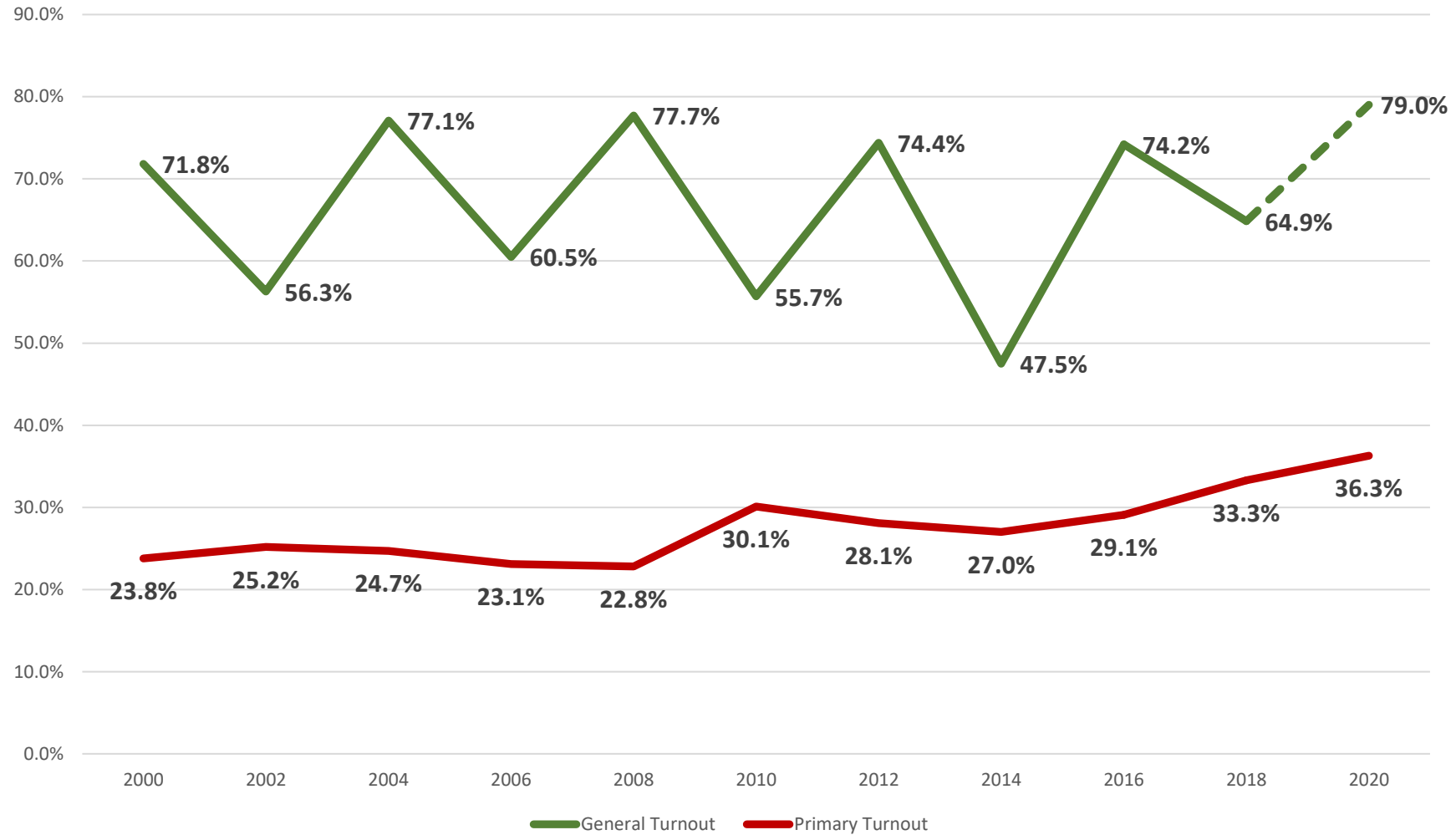
Republicans – 7% increase

Democrats – 30% increase

Independents – 23% increase

Independent primary requests (Maricopa County):
49.6% Democrat, 42.8% Republican, 7.6% non-partisan

Looking Forward to 2020



Looking Forward to 2020

<u>General Election</u>	<u>Turnout</u>	<u>Turnout Percentage</u>	<u>Cycle</u>
2020	3,150,000*	79.00%*	Presidential
2018	2,409,907	64.85%	Gubernatorial
2016	2,661,497	74.17%	Presidential
2014	1,537,671	47.52%	Gubernatorial
2012	2,323,579	74.36%	Presidential
2010	1,750,840	55.65%	Gubernatorial
2008	2,320,851	77.69%	Presidential
2006	1,533,032	60.47%	Gubernatorial
2004	2,038,069	77.10%	Presidential
2002	1,255,615	56.33%	Gubernatorial
2000	1,559,520	71.76%	Presidential

Arizona likely to exceed 3 million voters for the first time in history

That would be nearly 500,000 votes higher than 4 years ago

Near record turnout likely - Highest was 80.1% in 1980

The GOP advantage will be lower than average

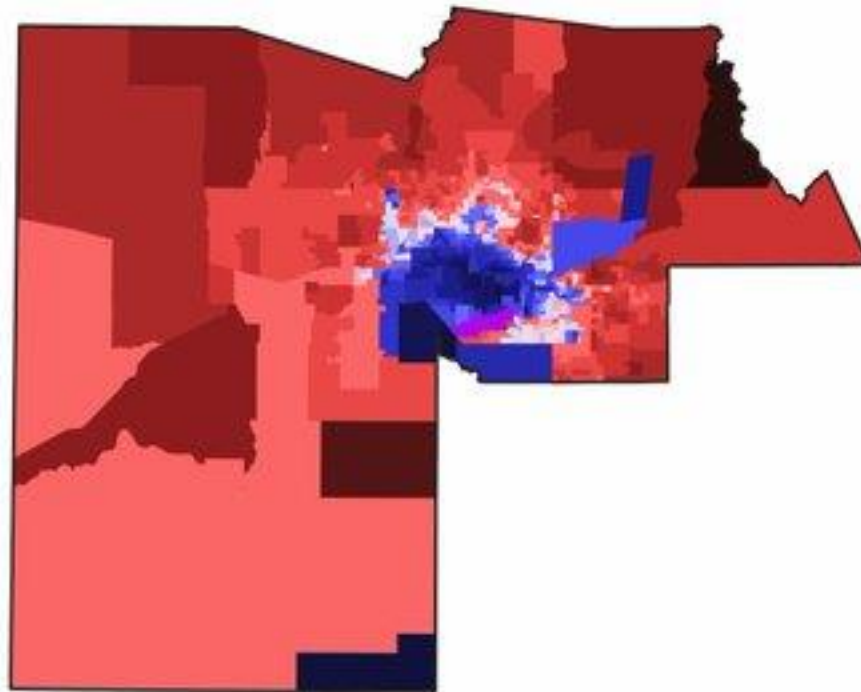
VOTER REGISTRATION SINCE NOVEMBER 2018

	AUGUST 2020	NET GAIN	% GAIN
REPUBLICAN	1,389,960	+101,628	+7%
DEMOCRAT	1,293,074	+141,329	+11%
INDEPENDENT/OTHER	1,273,215	+35,177	+3%
MARICOPA	2,431,029	+171,433	+7%
PIMA	588,285	+28,664	+5%
GREATER ARIZONA	969,900	+65,867	+7%

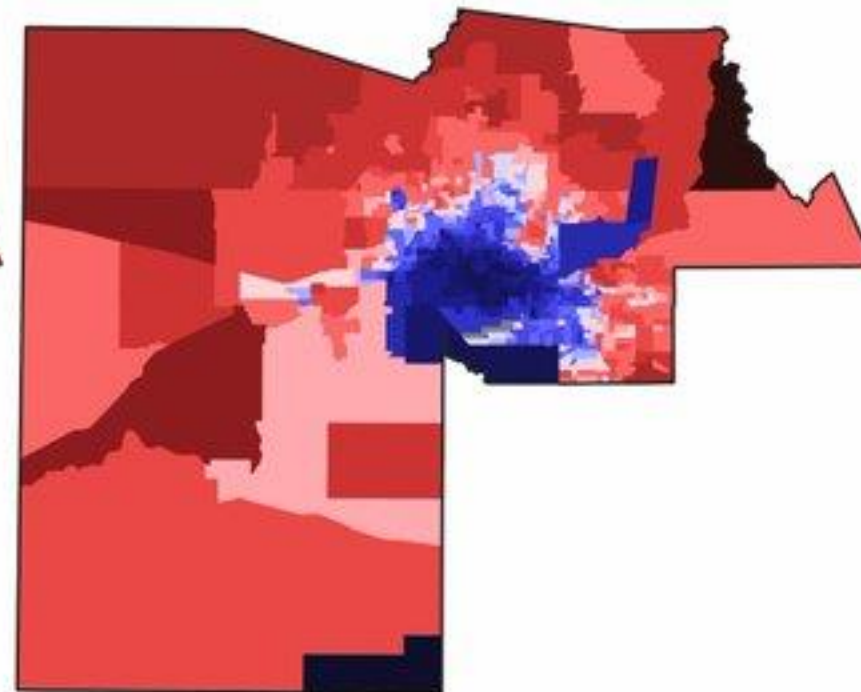
VOTER PARTICIPATION BY COUNTY

	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
Maricopa County	57.4%	59.9%	57.0%	60.5%	60.3%
Pima County	18.2%	16.6%	17.8%	16.0%	16.3%
Greater Arizona	24.4%	23.5%	25.1%	23.5%	23.3%

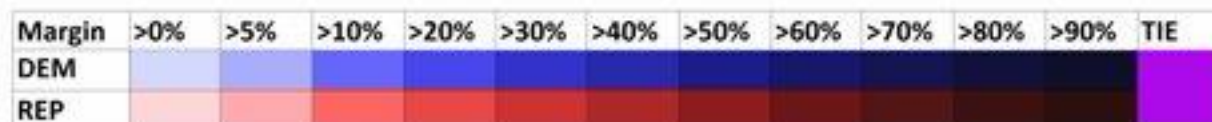
SHIFTING DEMOGRAPHICS OF MARICOPA COUNTY



Maricopa County		
2012 President		
Mitt Romney	680,089	55.1%
Barack Obama	532,284	43.2%



Maricopa County		
2018 U.S. Senate		
Kyrsten Sinema	732,761	51.0%
Martha McSally	672,505	46.8%



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020

	GUBERNATORIAL AVERAGE	2018 W/ BLUE WAVE	PRESIDENTIAL AVERAGE	2020 W/ VOTER "SURGE"
REPUBLICAN	44%	40.1%	41%	37%*
DEMOCRAT	32%	33.1%	32%	34%*
INDEPENDENT/OTHER	24%	26.8%	27%	29%*
	GOP +12%	GOP +7%	GOP +9%	GOP +3%

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



DONALD TRUMP



JOE BIDEN

UNITED STATES SENATE



MARTHA McSALLY



MARK KELLY

INITIATIVES



INVEST IN ED



SMART AND SAFE

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4

STATE HOUSE



JOEL JOHN
(R)



CHARLENE FERNANDEZ
(D)



GERAE PETEN
(D)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 6



WENDY ROGERS

STATE SENATE



FELICIA FRENCH



WALT BLACKMAN
(R)



BRENDA BARTON
(R)

STATE HOUSE



CORAL EVANS
(D)



ART BABBOTT
(Ind)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17



JD MESNARD
(R)

STATE SENATE



AJ KURDOĞLU
(D)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20

STATE SENATE



PAUL BOYER (R)



DOUGLAS ERVIN (D)

STATE HOUSE



ANTHONY KERN
(R)



SHAWNNA BOLICK
(R)



JUDY SCHWIEBERT
(D)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 21

STATE HOUSE



KEVIN PAYNE
(R)



BEVERLY PINGERELLI
(R)



KATHY KNECHT
(D)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 28



KATE BROPHY MCGEE
(R)

STATE SENATE



CHRISTINE MARSH
(D)



STATE SENATE

2018: 17(R)-13(D)

2020: ??(R)-??(D)

STATE HOUSE

2018: 31(R)-29(D)

2020: ??(R)-??(D)

VOTE
NOVEMBER 3RD
(OR SOONER BY MAIL)

THANK YOU





ARIZONA BUSINESS UPDATE THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2020

Our Customers are Counting on Us

- With so many of us working and learning from home, Cox has **raised monthly data allowances for all customers by 25% -- to 1.25 terabytes --** to make it easier for customers to stay within their data plans. That's a huge amount of data: 1.25 TB is equivalent to nearly 1,000 hours of video conferencing – more hours than there are in a month! Additionally, Cox has provided customers **tools and tips to help them manage their data usage**. For more information, go to <https://www.cox.com/residential/support/tips-for-working-from-home.html>
- The **Cox Digital Academy**, which provides computer literacy training and educational resources for students, is available to all of our customers.
- Now that the COVID spread has slowed in Arizona, our **technicians** are once again able to **enter customers' homes and small businesses** to serve our customers. Our technicians will be wearing PPE and observing physical distancing, and we ask customers to extend that same courtesy to our employees.
- We continue to monitor and **manage our network to meet increasing demands** and it is holding up well; see the NCTA dashboard for weekly updates: www.ncta.com/COVIDdashboard.

We are Here for Our Communities

- As students head back to school, Cox is offering two months of free **Connect2Compete** service, as well as remote desktop and phone support through Cox Complete Care for eligible new customers who apply between July 21 and September 30. After two months, Connect2Compete is \$9.95/month and includes no contract or deposit, and free modem and install.
- We have also extended our commitment to work with C2C families to keep them connected through the 2020-21 school year to provide flexible payment arrangements for customers who contact us with an inability to pay due to pandemic hardships.
- With the new school year, Cox **provided computers to youth and residents at La Paloma Family Services and GAP ministries to help prepare foster youth to succeed** in the new virtual learning environment.
- In August, Cox Business **donated more than \$200,000 worth of filtration and surgical masks to Banner Health**.
- **Cox joined other leading companies to contribute over \$1.5M in corporate and philanthropic funding to support Arizona's efforts to increase water supply reliability** through a system conservation project with the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT); the project is a key component of the Drought Contingency Plan designed to shore up water levels in Lake Mead and help prevent future water shortages that could impact Arizona.
- Cox partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Valley (BGCV) and Front Doors media on a virtual event intended to bring awareness of distance learning needs and **raising more than \$20K to benefit BGCV**.
- In Tucson, we partnered with Ben's Bells to launch an internal and external movement, **Acts of Kindness**. The Cox vehicle fleet has been spreading the message of kindness with our "Be Kind Tucson" fleet magnets.

Supporting our Cox Workforce

- Our employees continue to serve our customers, many while working remotely. To cover minor miscellaneous expenses associated with working from home, full-time **Cox employees received a one-time tax-free relief payment** of \$1,000 in August.
- We believe civic engagement is important, and Cox is **providing employees up to six paid hours per year to exercise their right to vote** in federal, state and local primary and general elections.

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Maria Laughner, Economic Development Program Manager, (ex. 8527)
THROUGH: Donna Kennedy, Economic Development Director, (ex. 2395)
DATE: 9/04/20
SUBJECT: Chamber Business News: Arizona Headed for Faster Economic Recovery Than Rest of Nation

The Chamber Business News published an article September 3 reporting that Arizona's economy was recovering more quickly than most of the country. Arizona is currently ranked third in the nation for job growth and leading economists anticipate the state to reclaim the number one spot within the next year.

University of Arizona economist George Hammond states that the current trajectory depends on the state's ability to follow masking, sanitizing, and social distancing guidelines in order to avoid a significant surge of the outbreak in the fall and winter. If we are successful with that, by mid 2021 the state will be back to its pre-pandemic levels when Arizona ranked in the top five in the nation for personal income growth, job growth, population growth and overall economic activity.

Jim Rounds of Rounds Consulting Group credits much of that pre-pandemic growth to policy decisions made after Arizona's economy suffered during the Great Recession of 2008, specifically the state's competitive tax rates, business-friendly regulatory environment and investment in workforce training and education. Additionally, the state put several economic pillars in place, such as the \$1 billion rainy day fund, which has proven its worth during the pandemic.

Arizona's healthier data is also a result of being one of the fastest growing states before COVID-19 hit. Industries like construction and remote retail have stayed strong. Personal income also got a boost from the CARES Act passed by the U.S. Congress in late March, which helped keep Americans and businesses afloat during the coronavirus shutdowns.

In the first few months of the pandemic, CARES Act programs pumped more than \$17 billion into the state's economy including in the form of increased unemployment benefits, the federal Paycheck Protection Program, and recovery rebates. Rounds believes the state's recovery could be further stimulated by both a state economic jobs package to help reskill Arizona workers as well as state assistance for the tourism industry.

The full article can be found here: <https://chamberbusinessnews.com/2020/09/03/arizona-headed-for-faster-economic-recovery-than-rest-of-nation/>

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
THROUGH: Keith Burke, Community Services Director, x5819
Craig Hayton, Deputy Community Services Director, x5234
FROM: Shereen Lerner; Chair, Desert Conservation Commission
DATE: September 4, 2020
SUBJECT: Formation of a Desert Conservation Commission Subcommittee

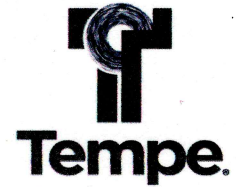


The City of Tempe Desert Conservation Commission (Commission) has authorized the formation of a Mission and Goals Subcommittee to develop the new Commission's mission statement and goals for review, comment and adoption by the Commission as part of this year's annual report.

The Mission and Goals Subcommittee, comprised of Shereen Lerner, Kim Gaffney-Loza, and Brian Farling, will draft the mission and goals, reporting back to the Commission at the October and November meetings. The Commission will act on the recommendations provided by the subcommittee.

The attached document, "Notification to City Council for Creation of a Subcommittee," provides additional detail relating to this subcommittee and its scope of work. Should there be any questions relating to this subcommittee, please contact Shereen Lerner at sherlern@gmail.com.

City of Tempe Boards and Commissions
Notification to City Council for Creation of a Subcommittee
Pursuant to Ordinance 2012.35 (adopted August 9, 2012; effective September 8, 2012)



Name of Board/Commission: Desert Conservation Commission

Name of Subcommittee: Mission & Goals Subcommittee

Purpose of Subcommittee: Develop draft mission and goals for Tempe's newest commission for review, input and adoption by the Commission as part of the annual report.

Names of Subcommittee Members: Shereen Lerner, Kim Gaffney-Loza, and Brian Farling.

Members required for a quorum: 2
(Quorum is required to hold a subcommittee meeting)

Creation date: 9/1/2020

Sunset date: 12/31/2020
(When intended purpose has been met or within one year of creation, whichever is less)

Name of Staff Liaison and Contact Information: Craig Hayton: 480.350.5234

Anticipated Additional Resources Required: Staff time to facilitate subcommittee and potential research.


Board and Commission Chairperson

Sept. 3 2020
Date

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
THROUGH: Steven Methvin, Deputy City Manager, x8811
Keith Burke, Community Services Director, x5819
FROM: Shawn Wagner, Community Services Deputy Director, x5299
Linda Cano, Community Services Manager, x5260
DATE: September 4, 2020
SUBJECT: Ironman 70.3 and Ironman Arizona Update



PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memo is to update Mayor and Council regarding the status of Ironman 70.3 and Ironman Arizona.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY:



Strong Community
Connections

2.21 - Achieve ratings of "Very Satisfied" or "Satisfied" with the availability of information about City programs, events, services, and issues greater than or equal to the top 10% of the national benchmark cities as measured in the Community Survey.

OVERVIEW:

Staff is working with the Ironman organization to put together another safe, successful Ironman 70.3 triathlon to take place on Sunday, October 18, 2020. The route for this half-distance Ironman Arizona race is entirely in Tempe; nearly 1,100 athletes are registered to participate.

On Sunday, November 22, 2020, Ironman Arizona will occur in Tempe. Multiple government agencies are involved with the logistics of the event due to its size and scope. Approximately 2,700 athletes are registered to participate.

Due to COVID-19, the number of athletes that will participate in the two Ironman races is expected to be lower than the registered amount.

COVID-19 PLAN:

The Ironman organization has revised their safety plans in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of those revisions include:

- Athletes, only, allowed in designated athlete check-in area;
- All athletes and volunteers will be required to wear face coverings;
- Surfaces in areas of frequent interaction will be cleaned and disinfected regularly;
- Breaks will be scheduled during the athlete check-in process for cleaning and disinfection;
- Distance parameters will be defined with visual indicators such as tape, signage, or stanchions;
- Athlete check-in staff and volunteers will monitor the number of athletes in the registration area to ensure a safe capacity is not exceeded;
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all check-in and aid station tables;
- Staff and volunteers will be monitored for signs of illness;
- Athlete check-in will have a dedicated entrance and exit to establish one-way flow of pedestrian traffic within the area.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

Each government agency involved with Ironman Arizona has given their approval for the race to occur. The Special Events Task Force Committee (SETFC) has reviewed the Ironman 70.3 and Ironman Arizona COVID-19 safety plans. On September 29, the SETFC will issue formal approval of the Ironman 70.3 race; formal approval for the Ironman Arizona race will be issued on October 27. Modifications will be made to the races should federal, state or city guidelines change for large-scale events during this pandemic.

If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Wagner at x5299.

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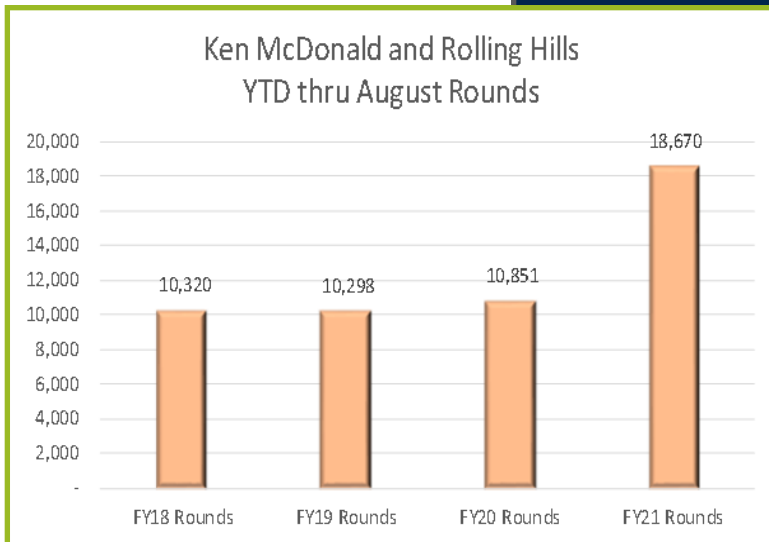
Golf! Tempe: FY 2020 at a Glance



Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills golf courses ended the fiscal year strong as the enthusiasm for golf which began in April remained high. Please see page 2 of this document for a snapshot of Golf! Tempe operations in fiscal year 2019-20.

Moving into the new fiscal year, play continues to exceed previous years. Year-to-date through August, rounds and revenues are 72% (rounds) and 80% (revenues) higher than the previous three years of operations.

Rounds and Revenues YTD

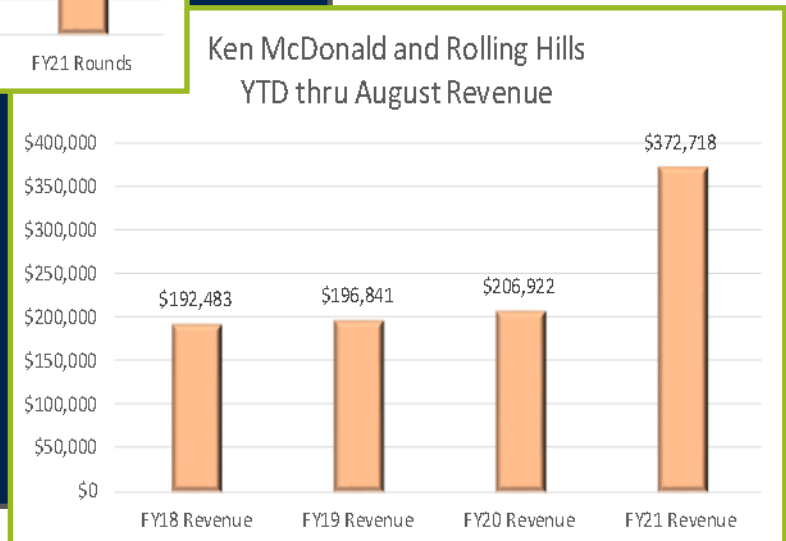


Pictured to the Left:

Rounds of Golf played at Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills golf courses YTD through August 2020

Pictured to the Right:

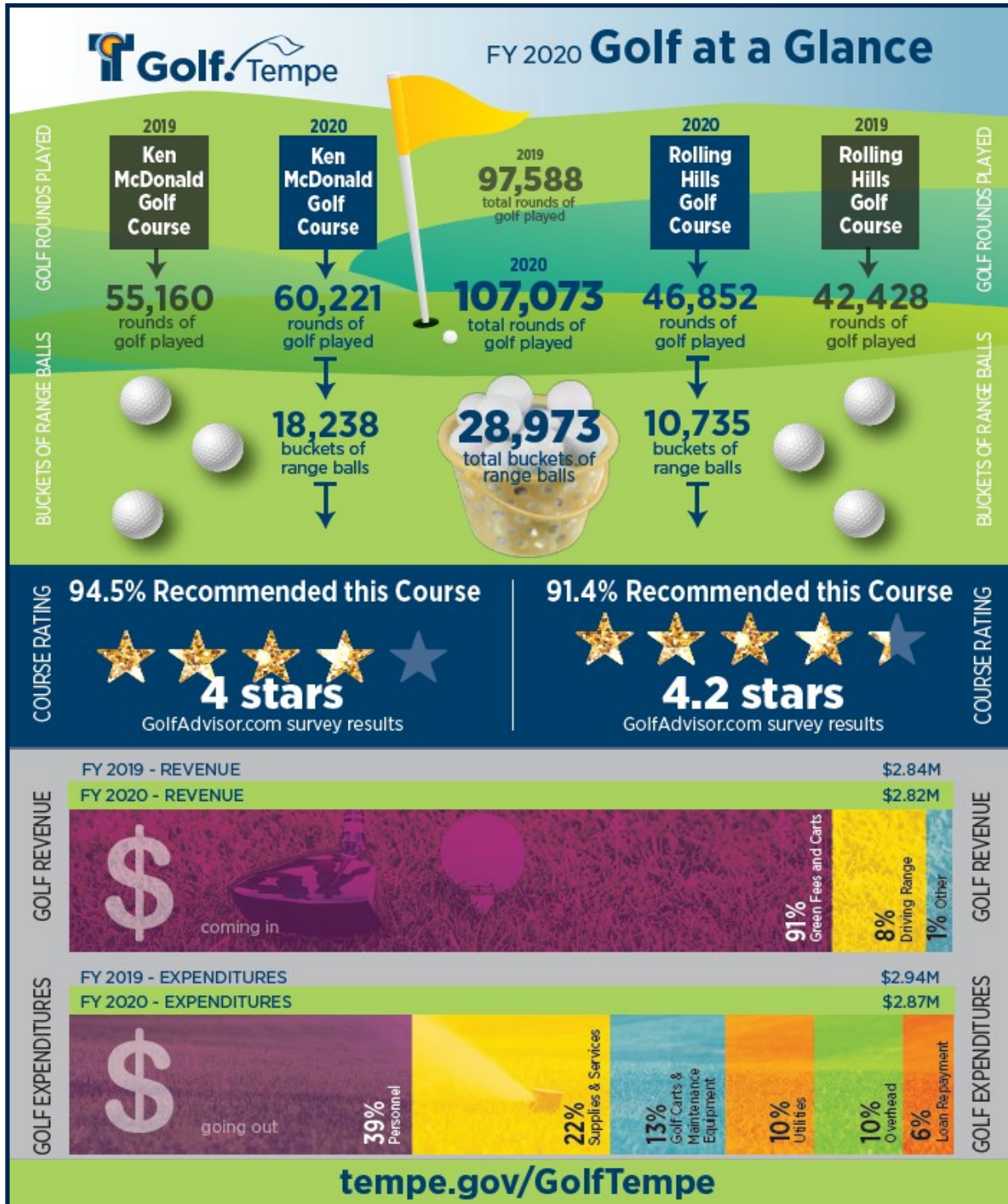
Revenue Totals from Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills golf courses YTD through August 2020



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Golf! Tempe: FY 2020 at a Glance (continued from page 1)

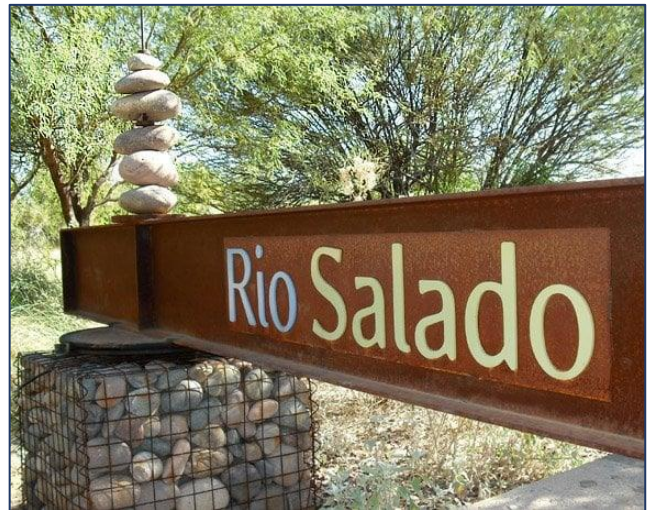


Rio Reimagined Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant

On August 14, 2020, Tempe, Phoenix, Avondale, and Arizona State University received a \$600,000 *Rio Reimagined Brownfields Assessment Coalition* (RR Coalition) grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) identifies the Parties' roles and responsibilities to facilitate the reuse and/or redevelopment of contaminated sites by identifying, inventorying, assessing, and conducting cleanup and reuse planning for eligible public or privately-held properties in accordance with the *Rio Reimagined Work Plan* as approved by EPA and the RR Coalition. This three-year Agreement becomes effective October 1, 2020. Council action on the MOA is scheduled for the September 24, 2020, Regular Council Meeting.

Background

The *Rio Reimagined Project* is a vision to revitalize the Rio Salado (Salt River), Agua Fria and Gila Rivers, and the region by transforming over 45 miles of the river stretching from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community at the eastern-most boundary to the City of Buckeye to the west and encompassing more than 78,000 acres. **The project aspires to reconnect the community with the river, to establish a unified vision, to be a catalyst for economic growth and inclusion, and to build a unique regional destination.** Leaders of eight river communities demonstrated their commitment to moving *Rio Reimagined* forward by signing a Statement of Intent in 2018. With Arizona State University (ASU) as community convener contributing financial, intellectual, and organizational resources, and the eight communities directing the vision, the journey has begun.



On September 1, 2020, The Rio Reimagined Project was formally dedicated as the 20th Urban Waters Federal Partnership Project.

Target Area

The target area for this grant is within 1.0 mile of the Rio Salado (Salt River), Agua Fria and Gila Rivers within the cities of Tempe, Phoenix, and Avondale. Two brownfields inventories will be developed (Tempe and Avondale) and the coalition cities will target one or more priority projects in the target area. Tempe identified the 24.5-acre West

Hardy site on Rio Salado Parkway, between the Priest Yard and the IDEA campus, and the linear recreational areas identified in the Rio Salado Park and Beach Park Master Plan.

Outcomes

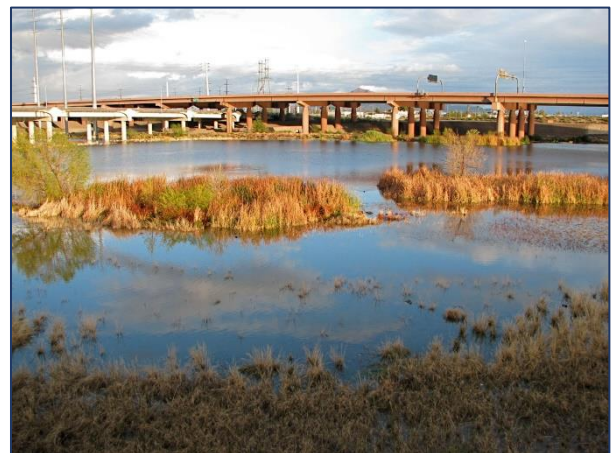
The primary benefits of property redevelopment to be performed with grant funding are economic development, workforce development, job creation, increased tax revenue, creation of new recreational opportunities, and a unified vision for the entire *Rio Reimagined Project*. In addition, most of the *Rio Reimagined Project* area is within designated Opportunity Zones (OZs) and the identified priority brownfields sites are in OZs, which will result in added investment incentives to spur economic growth. Additional funding that may be leveraged by the coalition members includes:



- Up to \$6.8 million for transit-oriented development planning, preliminary design for light rail construction, and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) funds allocated for the Tres Rios Project in Phoenix.
- \$10.7 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Housing and Urban Development, and ACOE funds obtained by Tempe.
- Over \$340,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds obtained from the Maricopa County Consortium as a consortium member in Tempe.
- \$1.1 million in CDBG and HOME funds in Avondale.

Community Outreach

The RR Coalition understands the importance of tailoring outreach methods to each community/target area and ensuring equal access to project information for sensitive and underserved populations. Anticipated engagement includes hosting three community outreach events during the first year and two events per year thereafter, in addition to sharing project information at other ongoing outreach events. A Brownfields Advisory Committee (BAC) will be established in the 3rd quarter, April-June 2021, comprised of stakeholders as agreed upon by the RR Coalition members. The BAC will be an ad hoc, voluntary committee and will meet on a quarterly basis for the life of the grant. The purpose of the BAC will be to assist the Coalition with community engagement, site selection and prioritization, cleanup planning, and redevelopment planning.



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