



## City of Phoenix

# Phoenix Emergency Food Tax Allocation Plan

### Facts:

- All cities that border Phoenix have a food tax.
- According to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average family of four in Phoenix spends \$450 per month on food. The food tax would add \$9 to the average family's monthly bill, or about \$110 per year.
- Annual food tax revenue will be about \$50 million. By implementing the tax in April, \$62.5 million will be collected over the next 15 months.

### 7-Point Plan:

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Public Safety
- Community Enrichment
- Seniors
- Youth
- Libraries and Learning
- Critical Infrastructure and Transportation

### The following programs can be restored by the emergency food tax:

#### **Fiscal Responsibility - \$2.8 million**

Increase contingency fund by about \$3 million per year for the next several years. Our current contingency is 2.7 percent of the General Fund or \$28 million, which provides very little flexibility to withstand even modest economic downturns.

#### **Public Safety - \$32.9 million**

##### **Police Department**

Restore 117 sworn and 12 civilian positions.

- Patrol (first responders) - 20 sworn
- Drug Enforcement Bureau - 5 sworn
- Neighborhood Enforcement Team - 54 sworn
- Fugitive Apprehension Unit - 16 sworn
- Community Action Officers - 6 sworn
- Liquor Enforcement Task Force - 7 sworn, 1 civilian
- Callback Unit - 1 sworn, 9 civilian
- Bias Crimes / Graffiti Squad - 5 sworn, 1 civilian
- Employee Assistance Unit - 3 sworn, 1 civilian

##### **Fire Department**

Restore 62 sworn positions.

- Three engine companies
- One ladder company
- One full-time rescue (ambulance)

#### **Community Enrichment - \$7.4 million**

Restore five large community centers, which provide youth and adult recreation programming, classes and community activities.

- Deer Valley
- Desert West
- Devonshire
- Mountain View
- Washington Activity Center

Partially restore field maintenance at Reach 11.

Provide funding for the Parks and Preserve program to continue to acquire preserve lands, and upgrade and repair existing parks.

#### **Seniors - \$1.5 million**

Restore all five senior centers proposed for closure. Senior centers provide congregate meals, social activities and advocacy services.

- Goelet A.C. Beuf
- Sunnyslope
- Pecos
- Desert West
- Marcos de Niza

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## Youth - \$1.6 million

Youth recreation centers provide recreation and other activities for youth ages 7-17.

Restore seven youth recreation centers open year-round.

- Harmon
- Hayden
- Marc Atkinson
- Playa Margarita
- Sunnyslope Youth Center
- University
- Verde

Restore seven youth recreation centers open for eight weeks in the summer.

- Barrios Unidos
- Central
- Grant
- Holiday
- Smith
- South Phoenix Youth Center
- Thunderbird Teen Center

Continue grant-funded programming for adults with disabilities and violence prevention education.

Continue West Phoenix Revitalization recreation programming that provides outdoor safe park programs.

## Libraries and Learning - \$3.6 million

Restore after-school programs at 21 existing sites throughout the city, which provide school-based, recreational and developmental activities that are fun, stimulating and enriching. Includes restoring grant-funded nutrition programs at these sites.

Restore three library branches, but at the same reduced hours as other branches (closed on Fridays). These library branches have 900,000 visitors per year.

- Desert Sage
- Saguaro
- Yucca

## Critical Infrastructure and Transportation - \$12.7 million

Restore a streets crew responsible for patching potholes and other street repairs.

Restore long-term fiscal stability to Transit 2000 programs.

- Resources to maintain ongoing bus operations and to address infrastructure needs
- Resources to sustain daytime light rail operations including building future capacity for the northwest extension

Restore services for the disabled and seniors.

- Restore same-day Dial-a-Ride service to the disabled and seniors
- Restore early-morning Dial-a-Ride service to the disabled

Restore critical fixed route bus service.

- Restore Route 39 fixed route local service
- Effective July 26, 2010, restore early morning weekday fixed route bus service

Restore existing light rail operating hours.

- Restore late night light rail service on Friday and Saturday