

# Final Budget Decision

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# Key Points

- Prior to this recession, Phoenix had not experienced negative total General Fund revenue growth
- Without the food tax, 2010-11 would have been our 3rd year of negative General Fund revenue growth
- General Fund departments have been cut to the bone
- More than 700 positions were restored with the food tax and employee sacrifices

- We had about 4,500 people attend our 15 community hearings, another 500 provided input through e-mail and phone calls
- At these hearings we heard requests for external audits, efficiency studies and an earlier sunset on the food tax
- This plan recommends \$500,000 for audits and efficiency studies at Council direction

- We need to thank all of our employees for their wage and benefit sacrifices
- These sacrifices made significant program restorations possible
- Through the food tax, employee concessions and the Public Safety Restoration plan, we are able to balance the budget with no layoffs to sworn police and fire employees