



## Community Budget Comments Summary May 11 - May 18, 2021

This report transmits resident budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department from May 11 through May 18, 2021.

### Summary

Each year staff tracks comments received from the community on the City's proposed budget and provides this information routinely to the City Council for review.

**Attachment A** provides comments received for the time period May 11, 2021 through May 18, 2021. Additionally, residents can go to <https://www.phoenix.gov/Budget/Library> for more information on the proposed budget including resident comments received from the [online FundPHX tool](#) and from the 14 virtual community budget hearings.

### Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Ed Zuercher, Assistant City Manager Jeff Barton, and the Budget and Research Department.

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## City of Phoenix

**To:** Ed Zuercher  
City Manager

**Date:** May 18, 2021

**From:** Amber Williamson  
Budget and Research Director

**Subject:** RESIDENT BUDGET COMMENTS

The Budget and Research Department maintains an email address and a voice mailbox for residents to provide comments on the budget.

[Attachment A](#) transmits a summary of these comments for May 11 - 18, 2021, and total cumulative social media statistics for March 16 to May 18, 2021.

At <http://www.phoenix.gov/budget>, residents can access the 2021-22 City Manager's Proposed Budget presented to the City Council on May 4, 2021, minutes from the 14 Virtual Community Budget Hearings held from April 2 - 20, 2021, and other budget information.

At the Virtual Community Budget Hearing webpage, <http://www.phoenix.gov/budget/hearings>, residents can view the following:

- A link to the [FundPHX Budgeting Tool](#)
- The Budget Hearing presentation video in English and Spanish
- YouTube videos from each of the Virtual Community Budget Hearings.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS**  
**RESPONDED TO MAY 11 - 18, 2021**

Emails

1. Greg Peterson sent an email to express concern about the mega drought and the Urban Heat Island effect.
2. Lorna Holmes sent an email in support of funding for the Museum for Arizona Artists at Carnegie Library.
3. Steve Wagner sent an email in support of the Community Assistance Program (CAP).
4. Brian Tobin sent an email in support of the Community Assistance Program (CAP).
5. Robbin Coulon sent an email in support of funding for the Community Assistance Program (CAP); heat readiness in South Phoenix; response to homelessness, especially among seniors; affordable housing; small business assistance; and the arts.
6. Zoe Mhungu sent an email in support of reallocating Phoenix Police Department funding to mental health and trauma services, education and after-school care, adequate housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.
7. Ann-Marie Alameddin, Lisa E. Blumling-Torosian, Peter Fine, Linda Hunt, Heather Kane, Pam Kehaly, Todd LaPorte, Simer Mayo, David McIntyre, Tammy McLeod, Robert Meyer, Lauren Patheal, Dr. Susan Pepin, Suzanne Pfister, Stephen A. Purves, Kim Shepard, and Dr. Jeffrey Trent of the Greater Phoenix Leadership Health Sector Task Force sent a letter in support of the Community Assistance Program (CAP).
8. Caroline Lobo sent an email to express support for funding for a position dedicated to developing a five-year plan for each of the under resourced neighborhoods in the Sunnyslope area; development of a legislative bill that would equally distribute uses and zoning of shelters, rehab centers, etc. throughout the city; a Planning and Development Services position to research and analyze zoning that considers Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; a Planning and Development Services position to work with nonprofit organizations to incorporate their Placemaking documents into the City's General Plan; relocation of St. Vincent de Paul's Dining Hall on 10th Ave. and Hatcher; and a Business Outreach position in the Community and Economic Development Department to work with small and micro businesses.

9. Patricia Ewanski, Ginger Sykes Torres, and Dave Brown sent a letter in support of the proposed \$2.8 million in funding for climate change and heat readiness initiatives in the 2021-22 Proposed Budget.
10. Ann C. Becker and Arizona Public Service (APS) sent a letter in support of the proposed funding for climate change and heat readiness programs and services.
11. Dianne Post sent an email in support of regulating and downsizing the Police Department and reallocating funding for Police to funding to improve public safety and community culture.

### Voicemails

There were no voicemails received related to the budget.

### Social media statistics from May 11 - 18, 2021, are as follows:

There have been 41 new YouTube views during the time period shown. The City's advertising and social media posting on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube concluded after the last virtual budget hearing on April 20th.

### Total Cumulative Social media statistics from March 16 - May 18, 2021 are as follows:

176 Total City of Phoenix Tweets (across three City accounts, including the City's bilingual account).

- 362 Replies (Comments)
- 208 "Likes"
- 92 Retweets

35 City of Phoenix Facebook Posts

- 65,899 Users reached
- 212 Reactions
- 93 Link clicks

14 City of Phoenix YouTube videos posted

- 2,512 Total views (41 more views from last week's report)

Respectfully Submitted,

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