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# SPECIAL BOND ELECTION

**NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**CITY OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

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# INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PAMPHLET

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This informational pamphlet contains election and voting information for the November 7, 2023 Special Bond Election. This pamphlet is mailed to each household in which an active registered voter resides, unless all voters in the household requested to obtain the pamphlet electronically.

This pamphlet contains the sample text of each question on the ballot, followed by any arguments filed with the City Clerk supporting or opposing each question. Arguments are printed exactly as filed. If no arguments appear in this pamphlet for a question, no arguments were filed for that question with the City Clerk.

All eligible qualified electors of the City of Phoenix regardless of party registration will be able to vote in this election.

Portions of this pamphlet related to the Bond Election are required by Arizona Revised Statutes § 35-454 and contain information regarding four bond questions that will appear on the ballot:

- Question 1 seeks voter authorization to sell up to \$214,000,000 general obligation bonds for fire, police, roadway and pedestrian infrastructure projects.
- Question 2 seeks voter authorization to sell up to \$108,615,000 general obligation bonds for library, parks and historic preservation projects.
- Question 3 seeks voter authorization to sell up to \$114,385,000 general obligation bonds for education, economic development, reducing waste, resource management, arts and culture projects.
- Question 4 seeks voter authorization to sell up to \$63,000,000 general obligation bonds for affordable housing and senior center projects.

Bond questions, general voting information, instructions for marking your ballot, and a sample of the official ballot language are included in this pamphlet. Although the sample of the official ballot language is intended to be a voting aid, it is important to remember that it is illustrative only. The bond questions may be printed on both sides of the actual ballot.

This informational pamphlet has been prepared to provide voters with factual information regarding this special election. Please study the materials contained in this booklet carefully so you will be informed regarding your decisions on these issues. Please make this pamphlet available to all registered voters in the household.

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## **SPANISH TRANSLATION**

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## **ALTERNATIVE FORMATS**

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## **SUBSCRIBE TO OBTAIN THIS PAMPHLET ELECTRONICALLY**

Voters can subscribe to obtain this pamphlet electronically. Voters who subscribe will receive an email notification with a link to the pamphlet for each City of Phoenix election. To subscribe, visit the November 7, 2023, election page at [phoenix.gov/elections](http://phoenix.gov/elections), call 602-261-VOTE (8683), email [phoenixelections@phoenix.gov](mailto:phoenixelections@phoenix.gov), or scan the QR code on page 1.

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- Allows you to search the pamphlet for specific information.
- Allows you to easily increase the size of the text for better readability.
- Reduces the number of election-related mailings sent to you.
- Saves printing and postage costs.
- Allows voters to “Go Green” by reducing the amount of paper used.

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## **PAMPHLET FEEDBACK**

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# ELECTION INFORMATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Phoenix will hold a Special Bond Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. In this election, registered voters who reside in the City of Phoenix will decide four questions regarding the issuance and sale of bonds.

- **QUESTION 1: Enhance Community Safety through Fire, Police, Roadway and Pedestrian Infrastructure.** Seeks voter authorization to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$214,000,000 to provide funding for fire, police, roadway and pedestrian infrastructure projects.
- **QUESTION 2: Improve Quality of Life in Phoenix Neighborhoods.** Seeks voter authorization to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$108,615,000 to provide funding for library, parks and historic preservation projects.
- **QUESTION 3: Create an Efficient, Modern Phoenix to Live and Work.** Seeks voter authorization to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$114,385,000 to provide funding for education, economic development, reducing waste, resource management, arts and culture projects.
- **QUESTION 4: Enhance, Preserve and Increase the Supply of Affordable Housing and Senior Centers.** Seeks voter authorization to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$63,000,000 to provide funding for affordable housing and senior center projects.

## BOND PROGRAM WEBSITE

For additional information about the 2023 General Obligation (GO) Bond program, visit [phoenix.gov/bond](https://phoenix.gov/bond).

## ELECTION WEBSITE

For additional information and the most current election information, visit [phoenix.gov/elections](https://phoenix.gov/elections).

## KEY DATES FOR VOTERS

October 2, 2023	October 10, 2023	October 11, 2023
Informational Pamphlet Mailed to Households with Registered Voters	Latest Date to Register to Vote	Ballots Mailed & Drop Boxes Available

October 30, 2023	October 31, 2023	November 7, 2023
In-person Ballot Replacement Voting Begins	Last Day to Mail Back Your Ballot	Election Day

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# VOTING INFORMATION

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The November 7, 2023 Special Bond Election will be a county-conducted, ballot by mail election. In this election, all eligible registered voters who reside in the City of Phoenix will automatically receive a ballot in the mail. Beginning October 11, 2023, Maricopa County Elections will mail ballots to all registered voters within the City of Phoenix.

Voters will have the option to return their voted ballot:

- by mail
- drop it off at a secure ballot drop box or ballot replacement site, or
- vote a replacement ballot in-person at a ballot replacement site.

**Voted ballots must be received by the Maricopa County Elections Department  
no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.**

## **RETURNING A VOTED BALLOT BY MAIL**

A ballot must be returned in the ballot affidavit envelope that was provided with the ballot and the envelope must be signed by the voter. When returning your voted ballot by mail, be sure to allow sufficient time for delivery. **It is recommended you mail your ballot at least 7 days before Election Day.** Voters should take the time they need to consider their choices and mark their ballot. However, voters who complete their ballots early are encouraged to return the ballot as soon as it is voted. Returning voted ballots as early as possible provides more time for signature verification and processing so that final results are available sooner.

To obtain a replacement ballot by mail for a ballot that is destroyed, lost, spoiled or not received, call (602) 506-1511 or email [Evreq@risc.maricopa.gov](mailto:Evreq@risc.maricopa.gov) by Friday, October 27, 2023.

## **BALLOT REPLACEMENT SITES FOR IN-PERSON VOTING**

Voters may cast a replacement ballot in-person at a ballot replacement site if the mailed ballot was lost, spoiled, destroyed, or not received. Ballot replacement sites will be designated by Maricopa County. In-person ballot replacement voting begins on October 30, 2023. To find an in-person ballot replacement voting site near you, including the hours during the day when the polls will be open at each location, visit [Locations.Maricopa.Vote](https://Locations.Maricopa.Vote).

## **ACCESSIBLE VOTING**

Accessible voting devices that allow voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available for this election at all in-person ballot replacement sites.

## **HOW CAN I CHECK THE STATUS OF MY BALLOT?**

Information about the status of your ballot is available online at [BeBallotReady.Vote](https://BeBallotReady.Vote). You can obtain detailed information, such as the date your ballot was mailed, received, or processed for tabulation. To check the status of your ballot, you will need to provide basic information along with either your voter registration number, driver license number or non-operating identification card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number. This information is required in order to positively identify you as the voter and the information you enter must match the information on your voter registration record.

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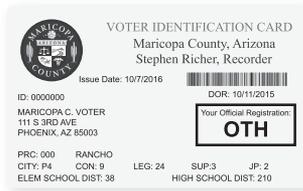
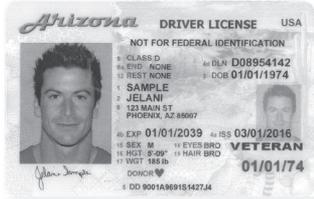
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# IN-PERSON VOTING IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

## Please Have Your ID Ready

Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-579(A)



## Por Favor Tenga Lista Su Identificación

Estatutos Revisados de Arizona § 16-579(A)

### 1 Photo ID From This List: (Must contain current name & address)

Valid AZ Driver License

Valid AZ Non-operating ID

Tribal Enrollment Card or Other Form of Tribal ID

**or**

### 2 Forms From This List: (Must contain current name & address)

Voter ID Card

Official Election Mail

Utility Bill, Bank Statement or Vehicle Registration  
(Within 90 Days)

Military ID or U.S. Passport  
(Paired with 1 from above)

State ID or Driver License With Former Address  
(Paired with 1 from above)

*If the voter presents acceptable identification but the voter's name and address does not match the voter's registration record, the voter may cast a Provisional Ballot. The voter does not need to take any further action.*

### 1 Identificación con Fotografía de Esta Lista: (Debe tener el nombre y dirección actual)

Licencia de Conducir Válida de AZ

Identificación Emitida por el Estado de AZ

Tarjeta de Inscripción Tribal o Otra Forma de Identificación Tribal

**o**

### 2 Documentos de Esta Lista: (Debe tener el nombre y dirección actual)

Tarjeta de Identificación de Votante

Correspondencia Oficial Electoral

Factura de Servicios Públicos, Estado de Cuenta Bancario o Registro Vehicular (Dentro de los 90 Días)

Identificación Militar o Pasaporte de EE.UU.  
(Junto con 1 de las de arriba)

Tarjeta de Identificación o Licencia de Conducir del Estado con Dirección Anterior  
(Junto con 1 de las de arriba)

*Si el votante presenta una forma aceptable de identificación, pero su nombre y dirección no coinciden con lo que refleja el registro del votante, éste podrá votar en una Boleta Provisional. El votante no necesitará tomar medidas adicionales.*

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# BOND ELECTION INFORMATION

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## Purpose of the Bond Election

On May 3, 2023 and June 14, 2023, the City Council unanimously passed and adopted ordinances calling for a special bond election (the "Bond Election") and establishing the form of ballots, respectively, to authorize the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$500,000,000 principal amount of ad valorem tax bonds of the City in the form of General Obligation bonds (the "Bonds") and related matters. Copies of the ordinances are available from the City by written request to the City Clerk, City of Phoenix, Arizona, 200 West Washington Street, Suite 1500, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-1611 and on the City's website: [phoenix.gov/pio/public-records](http://phoenix.gov/pio/public-records).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – BOND ELECTION

### 1. *Why is the City of Phoenix sending these bond questions to the voters?*

Arizona law requires that bonds that are payable from City property taxes be voter approved. These bonds are commonly called "general obligation bonds." A general obligation bond is a contract between a bondholder, who, in effect, lends the City money and the City, which pledges to repay it. Repayment is by secondary property taxes levied on all taxable property in the City. Legally, the secondary property tax levy for repayment of the general obligation bonds is unlimited as to rate or amount.

### 2. *How do General Obligation Bonds work?*

If the bond questions are approved by the voters, the bonds will be issued and sold periodically. Present and future residents' property taxes will be used to repay the bonds over a period of time, usually 25 years, in the same manner that homeowners pay off a home mortgage over time. The bonds will be issued when funds are needed for a specific project or purpose, in the actual amount needed for such specific project or purpose, but the total amount of bonds issued may not exceed the amount approved by voters. In this case, \$500,000,000, if all the questions are approved by voters. Money received from the issuance and sale of the bonds may only be used for the purposes specified in the bond questions. Some of the costs may be paid from other City sources.

The total amount of general obligation bonds the City may have outstanding at any one time is limited by the State Constitution. The limit is based on a percentage of the value of all taxable property, within the City. The remaining available, constitutional bond capacity of the City, for all permitted purposes is approximately \$6.7 billion.

### 3. *What are primary and secondary property taxes?*

The City collects two types of property taxes. Primary property taxes are generally used to support the maintenance and operation budgets for local governments, such as cities, counties, school districts, and community college districts. Secondary property taxes are generally used to pay for bond issues, budget overrides, and special districts. Each year's property tax bill has a separate primary and secondary property tax rate for the City as well as most other local governments.

### 4. *What is the City Secondary Property Tax?*

The City collects a secondary property tax to repay City general obligation bonds.

The current City secondary property tax rate is \$0.8141 per \$100 of net assessed limited property value. That rate is currently repaying the principal and interest on the City's \$647,900,000 outstanding general obligation bonds.

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## **5. Is my secondary property tax rate expected to increase if the bond questions are approved?**

The City's secondary property tax rate is expected to remain \$0.8141 per \$100 of net assessed limited property value, if property values remain stable.

Some existing City general obligations bonds will be fully repaid before the Bonds are issued and the portion of the existing secondary property taxes that was repaying those existing general obligation bonds will be redirected to repaying the Bonds.

Arizona Revised Statutes require the City to disclose that the issuance of the bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds. It is the current intention of the Mayor and Council of the City that the amount of the Bonds sold, and the timing of bond sales, be such that the City's total secondary property tax rate would not need to be increased if property values remain stable. The City has consistently timed the issuance of new bonds with the full repayment of prior bonds to keep the secondary property tax rate from increasing above the current rate.

## **6. Will my total secondary property tax increase if my property value increases?**

Property owners whose property value, for tax purposes, increases will experience higher taxes even with the City's constant secondary property tax rate.

It is important to note that other local governments also collect secondary property taxes that property owners pay. Whether the total of all secondary property taxes goes up depends in part on the actions of those other local governments. The City cannot speak to the impact of changes in primary property tax rates or in secondary property tax rates as a result of those actions.

The City's secondary property tax rate has remained constant at \$0.8141 per \$100 of net assessed limited property valuation since fiscal year 2021-22. The table below shows historical secondary property tax rates since fiscal year 2019-20:

<b>City of Phoenix</b>	
<b>Secondary Property Tax Rate</b>	
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2019-20	\$0.8241
2020-21	\$0.8241
2021-22	\$0.8141
2022-23	\$0.8141
2023-24	\$0.8141

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**7. Who will pay for the Bond Questions and what is the estimated cost?**

For the current tax year, the City levied a \$0.8141 per \$100 of net assessed limited property value secondary property tax to repay existing, outstanding bonds.

Per A.R.S. § 35-454(A)(1)(g), the tax impact over the term of the new bonds on an owner-occupied residence valued by the Maricopa County Assessor at \$250,000 is estimated to be \$44.30 per year for 23 years, or \$1,018.90 total cost.

Using the same estimated average annual secondary property tax rate as in the table titled “Estimated Debt Service Requirements and Projected Impact on Secondary Tax Rate”, the estimated tax impact on an owner-occupied residence valued by the Maricopa County Assessor at \$250,000 for each Question is listed below:

Estimated Tax Impact on \$250,000 Owner-Occupied Residence by Question				
Description	Amount	Percentage of Question	Estimated Average Per Year	Estimated Cost Over 23 Years
Question 1	\$ 214,000,000	42.8%	\$ 18.96	\$ 436.09
Question 2	108,615,000	21.7%	9.62	221.34
Question 3	114,385,000	22.9%	10.13	233.09
Question 4	63,000,000	12.6%	5.59	128.38
Total	\$ 500,000,000		\$ 44.30	\$ 1,018.90

**8. What is the expected impact on the City secondary property tax rates if the Bond Questions are approved?**

Based on current and projected property values and the City’s current plans for issuance of future general obligation bonds, the City’s secondary property tax rate is expected to remain at or below \$0.8141 per \$100 of net assessed limited property valuation. It is the current intention of the Mayor and Council of the City to time the issuance of new general obligation bonds as old general obligation bonds are repaid to maintain the current secondary property tax rate. Please note that projected property values and the City’s current plans for issuance of future general obligation bonds are subject to change and that bonds to be authorized by each of the Bond questions would be payable from a property tax without limitation as to rate or amount.

**9. Does a “yes” vote on one question require a “no” vote on the other questions?**

Each ballot item is a separate question. Voters may vote either “yes” or “no” on each question.

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## 10. **What projects are planned to be built if the Bonds are approved?**

The planned list of projects to be financed with the Bonds is as follows:

### **Question 1 – \$214,000,000**

- Reduce response times and improve service delivery by modernizing public safety infrastructure
- Construct, improve, repair, and renovate local fire and police stations
- Repair streets and enhance safety conditions for drivers and pedestrians, including resurfacing, lighting, crosswalks and sidewalks
- Improve roadway mobility and reduce congestion for commuters
- Expand and enhance transportation connectivity options for the disabled community and in areas where access to safe transportation is limited
- Mitigate the impact of floods and storms through infrastructure improvements, including sewers, detention basins, and flood control projects
- Create facilities for city residents struggling with mental and behavioral health, including unhoused residents

### **Question 2 – \$108,615,000**

- Build or improve new and existing libraries
- Enhance existing parks and add additional park space across the city
- Construct and renovate playgrounds and recreational facilities
- Increase accessibility and improve ADA compliance in publicly owned spaces and facilities

### **Question 3 – \$114,385,000**

- Drive healthcare workforce development with an educational facility
- Develop land parcels to encourage new business/industry investment and recruitment
- Establish heat resiliency projects to cool public spaces and high-density urban areas
- Upgrade city facilities to be energy and water efficient and/or use renewable energy
- Renovate and enhance arts and cultural facilities and museums

### **Question 4 – \$63,000,000**

- Construct new affordable housing units throughout the city to support low to moderate income residents and address homelessness
- Repair and refurbish existing affordable housing units
- Build and renovate new and existing senior centers

*Note: If the actual amount expended for a specific project is less than the estimate or a specific project is not completed, the excess bond authorization may be expended, if needed, on other projects within the same question.*

## 11. **What will happen if one or more question does not pass?**

If the City's voters reject one or more question, the Phoenix City Council will not be authorized to issue general obligation bonds to pay for the projects described in any particular ballot question which does not pass, and the projects may remain unfunded and not built or scaled down to reflect available funding.

## 12. **Will bond funds be used for any other projects?**

No. Arizona law requires that the proceeds of bonds authorized at the Bond Election be used only for projects described in the ballot questions. Those questions were based on a specific list of projects presented to the Mayor and Council on December 13, 2022. The expected bond project list for each question is included in FAQ #10.

*Note: If the actual amount expended for a specific project is less than the estimate or a specific project is not completed, the excess bond authorization may be expended, if needed, on other projects within the same question.*

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# BOND ELECTION INFORMATION

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The City of Phoenix is requesting authorization to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000,000 to fund the projects described in the ballot questions herein. The bonds shall bear a maximum rate of interest of ten percent (10.0%). As of July 2, 2023, the City had \$647,900,000<sup>1</sup> general obligation debt outstanding that applies towards the City's Constitutional debt limitations set forth below.

Under Arizona Law, cities and towns are subject to two debt limitations which are based on 20% and 6% of the City's secondary assessed valuation. Summarized below are the two debt categories and the debt limitations for the City. If authorized, the general obligation bonds will be issued against the City's debt limitations as shown below. No Bonds can or will be issued that, at the time of issuance, will cause the City to exceed either constitutional debt limitation. The City's capital improvement plan includes scheduled retirement of existing debt that will keep the amount of outstanding bonds below the constitutional debt limits.

Debt Limitations by Category		
Category	20%	6%
Eligible Projects	Water, Artificial Light, Sewers, Open Space Preserves, Parks, Playground and Recreational Facilities, Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Services Facilities, and Street and Transportation Facilities	General City Purposes and Facilities
Existing General Obligation Bonds	\$ 593,935,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 53,965,000 <sup>1</sup>
Proposed General Obligation Bonds	\$ 317,615,000	\$ 182,385,000
Net Assessed Full Cash Value (2023-24)	\$28,586,646,937	\$28,586,646,937
Constitutional Debt Limitation (2023-24)	\$ 5,717,329,387	\$ 1,715,198,816

## ESTIMATED ISSUANCE COSTS

The City estimates that two series or issues of Bonds will be sold and that the total estimated issuance costs will be \$1,900,000 for each series of Bonds. **The estimated total cost of the proposed bond authorization, including principal and interest, is \$732,500,000. These are estimates based on conservative assumptions and the actual amount to be paid and interest rates are likely to be lower based upon historic averages.**

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$51,683,020, of net premium generated in the sale of bonds as required by A.R.S. § 35.457(D).

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The City anticipates amortizing or paying off each Bond issue over a period of twenty-three (23) years from issuance. Additionally, although final interest rates on the Bonds will be fixed at the time of the sale and in no event may such interest rates exceed the maximum interest rate set forth in the ballot of 10.0%, the City has assumed a 5.0% interest rate on the Bonds for purposes of the debt service calculations herein.

## SOURCE OF REPAYMENT

The currently anticipated source of repayment for Bonds is secondary property tax, although the City may also use other revenues of the City.

## ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF SECONDARY TAX BILLS PER A.R.S. § 35-454(A)(1)(g)

The City annually determines its secondary tax rate by dividing the secondary levy amount by each \$100 of net assessed limited property value. The current secondary tax rate for fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$0.8141 per \$100 of assessed value.

The following information illustrates the estimated annual and monthly cost to taxpayers of the property tax supported Bonds, including principal and interest for varying types of property and levels of limited property values and assessed limited property values. To determine your estimated tax impact, refer to your property tax statement which identifies the specific limited property value of your property for secondary tax purposes.

## ESTIMATED AVERAGE ANNUAL TAX RATE PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION ON BONDS: \$0.1570

Based on the average annual tax rate estimated above, the following tables indicate the estimated average monthly cost of the property tax supported Bonds for various classes of property based on an assumed limited property value as set forth in Arizona law and as indicated below.

<b>RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY</b> (Assessed at 10% of limited property value)		
Limited Property Value (a)	Net Assessed Limited Property Value	Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$3.69

<b>COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY</b> (Assessed at 16% of limited property value in year one and 15% thereafter)		
Limited Property Value (a)	Net Assessed Limited Property Value	Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)
\$1,000,000	\$150,000	\$22.21

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<b>AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER VACANT PROPERTY</b> (Assessed at 15% of limited property value)		
Limited Property Value (a)	Net Assessed Limited Property Value	Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)
\$100,000	\$15,000	\$2.22

The statements below are required to be included in the informational pamphlet per the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-454(A) (1)(g). The assumptions used both in the table on the next page and in calculating the amounts listed below are as required by Arizona Revised Statutes.

**The tax impact over the term of the Bonds on an owner-occupied residence valued by the County Assessor at \$250,000 is estimated to be \$44.30 per year for 23 years or \$1,018.90 total cost.**

**The tax impact over the term of the Bonds on commercial or industrial property valued by the County Assessor at \$1,000,000 is estimated to be \$266.49 per year for 23 years or \$6,129.27 total cost.**

**The tax impact over the term of the Bonds on an agricultural or other vacant property valued by the County Assessor at \$100,000 is estimated to be \$26.58 per year for 23 years or \$611.34 total cost.**

(a) Limited property value is the value of your property as determined by the County Assessor as it appears on your tax bill and does not necessarily represent the market value.

(b) Cost based on the estimated average annual tax rate over the life of the Bond issues and other financing assumptions which are subject to change.

## **ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULES**

The following table indicates the debt retirement schedule for the current amount of bonds the City has outstanding and the estimated debt retirement schedule for the proposed bond authorization, in both cases showing the actual or estimated principal and interest payments, the current limited assessed valuation, and the current adopted and future estimated tax rates for the outstanding bonds and for the proposed bond authorization. The estimated limited assessed valuation for fiscal year 2023-24 is a preliminary amount as published in the Arizona Department of Revenue's *Abstract of the Assessment Roll* and for all subsequent years is based on growth levels dictated by the Arizona Revised Statutes.

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# BOND ELECTION INFORMATION

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## FORM OF OFFICIAL BALLOT

### FOR SPECIAL BOND ELECTION IN AND FOR THE CITY OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023.

#### General Provisions for Bond Questions

The following are general provisions that apply to the bond questions. Specific information for the authorized purpose is set out in the bond questions.

- In addition to the authorized purposes, bond proceeds may be used to pay for bond insurance or other credit support for the bonds, all legal, accounting, financial, consulting, architectural, design, engineering and construction management costs, if applicable, and all other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the purpose set forth in the question. The City may contract for letters of credit, surety bonds, lines of credit or other credit or liquidity support in connection with any one or more series of bonds.
- The bonds may be issued in one or more series, as tax-exempt or taxable bonds.
- The bonds may be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 each or multiples thereof.
- Interest rates may be fixed or variable but shall not exceed 10% per annum.
- Interest may be evidenced by separate certificates and will be paid on July 1 and January 1 or more frequently.
- The bonds, and any bonds issued to refund the City's bonds, may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law.
- Each series of bonds will mature over a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from their date of issuance.
- Bonds will mature on July 1 or the days of each year determined by City Council.

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## SAMPLE OF OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

A sample of the ballot text is shown below to help voters become familiar with the appearance of the City of Phoenix ballot measure. Due to space limitations, the actual ballot may not contain the full text as shown below. The sample of the ballot text below is for reference and not for voting; only the valid votes cast on an official ballot by eligible registered voters will be counted. Therefore, **do not return a voted page from this pamphlet.**

### QUESTION 1

#### **ENHANCE COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH FIRE, POLICE, ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE**

Shall the City of Phoenix, Arizona be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$214,000,000 to provide funding for fire, police, roadway and pedestrian infrastructure projects, including, but not limited to projects intended to:

- Reduce response times and improve service delivery by modernizing public safety infrastructure
- Construct, improve, repair, and renovate local fire and police stations
- Repair streets and enhance safety conditions for drivers and pedestrians, including resurfacing, lighting, crosswalks and sidewalks
- Improve roadway mobility and reduce congestion for commuters
- Expand and enhance transportation connectivity options for the disabled community and in areas where access to safe transportation is limited
- Mitigate the impact of floods and storms through infrastructure improvements, including sewers, detention basins, and flood control projects
- Create facilities for city residents struggling with mental and behavioral health, including unhoused residents

Generated funds will be used to pay for all necessary design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, renovation, equipment and associated costs, including the acquisition of land or interests necessary for such purposes, all legal, financial, consulting, and other costs and fees in connection therewith. Such bonds to be issued in one or more series as tax-exempt or taxable bonds, and may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law. Such bonds may bear fixed or variable interest not exceeding 10% per annum, and may have principal payable not later than 25 years from the date of issuance of each series. Such bonds will be issued as general obligation bonds and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

BOND APPROVAL, YES

BOND APPROVAL, NO

A “yes” vote shall authorize the City of Phoenix governing body to issue and sell up to \$214,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Phoenix to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A “no” vote shall not authorize the City of Phoenix governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the City of Phoenix.

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# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

This November 7th, join me in voting YES on Measures 1-4 to keep Phoenix an affordable, safe place to call home. The Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bond, if passed, will increase our quality of life and focus on key areas of our city needing upgrades and improvements – all without raising tax rates. A “YES” vote on all four measures will:

- Reduce 911 response times and construct/renovate fire and police stations
- Protect residents from the dangers of extreme heat and flooding
- Improve existing libraries, parks, and playgrounds
- Add affordable housing and invest in senior centers
- Repair aging infrastructure
- And more!

As Mayor and as a mom, I want Phoenix to be well prepared for the next generation. It's been nearly 20 years since we passed a general bond measure. Our city needs this bond to ensure we remain well prepared for the future while improving quality of life for current residents. We can do this by continuing the rate property owners are paying now for existing bonds, which costs the average homeowner only 6 cents per day.

Please join me in voting YES on Measures 1-4. Let's GO Phoenix!

Submitted By:  
KATE GALLEGO  
Phoenix Mayor  
Phoenix, AZ

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Let's GO Phoenix! I'm Kesha Hodge Washington, the Councilwoman for Phoenix City Council District 8 and the Co-Chair for the campaign to pass the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds on November 7. I encourage you to join me in voting yes on all bond measures, 1-4.

We have built a strong coalition of supporters across the city in support of the GO Bonds. From our first responders, labor unions, Chambers of Commerce, colleagues on the City Council, and neighbors all across our city – we all want to see improvements and upgrades to city services without raising tax rates. Yes votes on 1-4 will do just that.

Here in District 8, I can't wait to see the many new projects that the GO Bonds will bring to life, like the Cesar Chavez Senior Center, renovation and expansion of the Children's Museum, enlargement of the Community Assistance Program, construction of Esteban Park Recreation Center, new splash pads at Harmon Park Regional Pool, the roadway safety and drainage improvements, and the creation of additional affordable housing units. I also am looking forward to seeing improvements citywide to our libraries, parks, playgrounds, and much more.

Phoenix is a great place to call home, and yes votes this November will make our city even better!

Submitted By:  
KESHA HODGE WASHINGTON  
Councilwoman  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

As a longtime Phoenix resident and Councilwoman of District 3, I am asking you to join me in voting YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th! I'm proud to support the General Obligation (GO) bond that won't raise our taxes and will help our Police and Firefighters, senior centers, and efforts to address homelessness.

There has not been an investment in Phoenix like this since 2006 and our city is in need of these repairs and renovations. Chairing the Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning committee, I know how important it is to pass a GO Bond that will help improve our emergency response and repair our streets. In my district, I'm especially excited for Fire Station 7 and the Mountain View Community Center Sports Complex Improvements.

Join me and so many others across Phoenix and vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th! Quality of life in District 3, and across our city, will greatly benefit.

Submitted By:  
DEBRA STARK  
Councilwoman  
Phoenix, AZ

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The Greater Phoenix Chamber encourages our community partners and residents in Phoenix to vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. Without raising tax rates, this initiative represents a significant commitment to the future of Phoenix and its residents by investing in public safety and economic development. Recognizing the importance of public safety, the bond program will allocate funds to upgrade and modernize public safety facilities, equip first responders with state-of-the-art technology, and bolster emergency response capabilities. The funding will also ensure the continued smart development of our city and well-being of Phoenix residents and visitors while enhancing the quality of life by investing in the city's libraries, parks, streets and economic development activities.

As Phoenix remains a top destination for companies, talent, and tourism, we must keep pace with the infrastructure needs of a growing community. The targeted investments contained in the General Obligation Bond proposal ensure that Phoenix continues its success and will remain a top choice for businesses and residents.

We urge you to join us and vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th and keep Phoenix at the forefront of innovation and sustain our growing economy and infrastructure needs.

Submitted By:  
TODD SANDERS  
President & CEO  
Greater Phoenix Chamber  
Phoenix, AZ

MIKE HUCKINS  
Vice President of Public Affairs  
Greater Phoenix Chamber  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

I have lived in the Phoenix area for 65 years and have been deeply involved in a number of organizations, from the Valley of the Sun United Way to the Arizona State University Foundation to Greater Phoenix Leadership. Phoenix has always been a wonderful place to call home and is quickly becoming a world-class city. We must be proactive in investing in our future to attract 21st-century jobs and foster vibrant communities. This is why I agreed to Co-Chair the campaign effort to pass the GO Bond this November. This bond package will deliver new fire stations, upgrade public safety capabilities, and upgrade roads and senior centers – among many other important community needs.

Voters have the opportunity to pass a bond measure for the first time in nearly two decades and to do so without raising existing tax rates. It's a rare opportunity for residents to vote on new and improved city services without increasing rates. This GO Bond package was put together with this in mind, to address our city's needs while protecting taxpayers.

Submitted By:  
JOHN GRAHAM  
Campaign Co-Chair  
Scottsdale, AZ

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Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL) encourages voting YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. GPL is an organization of business leaders at the CEO level of business enterprises, higher education and major philanthropy organizations working to improve economic vitality and quality of life. We work together to push forward initiatives, public policy, and projects that will strengthen and improve the future of Arizona.

That's why we are supporting the General Obligation (GO) Bonds in November. To continue to move Phoenix forward, we need to address the challenges of the future. In almost 20 years, Phoenix has grown exponentially without passing a major investment like what is before us now. Supporting the GO Bonds will help keep Phoenix a forward-thinking and future-focused city.

As GPL has done since its founding in 1974, we are proud to support an initiative that will take Phoenix and Arizona to a more positive future.

Submitted By:  
NEIL GIULIANO  
President & CEO  
Greater Phoenix Leadership  
Phoenix, AZ

VIANNEY M. CAREAGA  
Director of Public Policy  
Greater Phoenix Leadership  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

It's important for all voters in Phoenix to vote "Yes" on all four bond measures this November - for safer neighborhoods, better parks for our families to enjoy, improved roadways, and more. Phoenix residents will see many projects and improvements in their neighborhoods with this bond package, all without an increase in tax rates. It's a win for taxpayers.

After my time serving with the Phoenix Police and now on City Council, there is no greater priority to me than public safety. Specifically in District 6, we will see improvements made at Fire Station 13 and road safety enhancements near South Mountain. This bond will also provide critically needed resources to:

- Reduce response times by investing in new technologies, upgraded police stations and new fire stations
- Address homelessness by adding affordable housing and invest more in mental health services like the Community Assistance Programs
- Upgrade our libraries, parks, and senior centers

Please join Michele and I in voting "Yes" for Phoenix this November. Thank You!

Submitted By:  
KEVIN ROBINSON  
Phoenix City Councilman  
Phoenix, AZ

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Phoenix Community Alliance (PCA) strongly recommends YES votes on all measures, 1-4, on or before Election Day, November 7, 2023. PCA represents a diverse coalition of central Phoenix businesses, private and public interests, and neighborhood associations. Our 300 members agree that passing the General Obligation (GO) Bond will further revitalization efforts and increase the delivery of services for all of Phoenix, without an increase in tax rates.

The last GO bond was passed in 2006 and helped shape the vibrant city we enjoy today. Previous GO bonds also brought the Burton Barr Central Library, provided shelter for those experiencing homelessness, renovated and restored cultural spaces, and facilitated economic development.

A YES vote on measures 1-4 this November will help increase public safety via fire and police station and critical infrastructure improvements. A vote of YES will also enhance senior centers and provide affordable housing options. Citywide workforce education and job creation programs will offer vital services as a result of a YES vote. Museums, theatres, and parks will receive upgrades and historic buildings will be preserved with a YES vote.

PCA is proud to support a bond that will bring thoughtful growth to every council district in our city. We ask you to vote YES on measures 1-4 on or before November 7.

Submitted By:  
RUBEN ALVAREZ  
Public Policy  
Phoenix Community Alliance  
Phoenix, AZ

PATRICK MCDANIEL  
Director of Advocacy  
Phoenix Community Alliance  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

The Children’s Museum of Phoenix recently welcomed its 4 millionth visitor since we opened in 2008 - and with your help we will be able to welcome even more! A YES vote in favor of the Phoenix GO Bond will allow us to renovate nearly 30,000 square feet of currently underutilized space at the museum, increasing our ability to offer additional programs and exhibits for Phoenix families. I encourage you to approve Measures 1-4 so even more children can enjoy our hands-on, educational spaces.

Here at the Children’s Museum, we live by the principle that learning is a joy and our mission is to engage the minds, muscles, and imaginations of children (and the grown-ups). We focus heavily on early childhood education so that our youngest city residents have the opportunity to grow and thrive in the community we love to call home. As CEO, I look forward to seeing the smiles of our visitors every day, and I look forward to welcoming even more visitors through our doors. Vote YES!

Submitted By:  
KATE WELLS  
President & CEO  
Children’s Museum of Phoenix  
Phoenix, AZ

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A YES vote for the Phoenix GO Bond is a YES vote in support of the men and women in blue who selflessly serve our community. Our officers - and all of Phoenix’s first responders - deserve to feel well-equipped and prepared to take on today’s challenges. Our goal at Operation: Blue Ribbon is simple: ensure our law enforcement is supported by the community they serve. The GO Bond, if passed, will do just that.

This bond package will provide upgrades to police stations, training facilities, and operations. Additionally, our officers and personnel will see modernization and upgrades to technology which will help reduce emergency response times. With ongoing staff shortages and the numerous calls received on a daily basis, these improvements will go a long way in addressing officer morale and residents’ needs.

The GO Bond also includes significant resources for improvements to our roads, crosswalks, sidewalks, and streetlights. This not only helps keep pedestrians, drivers, and our children safe, it will ensure our officers are patrolling streets that are safe for them, too.

Law enforcement already faces enormous challenges every day but we have an opportunity to show real support. With a YES vote, Phoenix residents can step up for our officers and their families in a big way. Vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th.

Submitted By:  
ANNE ENDER  
President  
Operation: Blue Ribbon  
Phoenix, AZ

MATT KENNEY  
Vice President  
Operation: Blue Ribbon  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of chairing the Phoenix GO Bond Executive Committee. Comprised of a group of dedicated community members, this group collaborated with stakeholders and drafted a \$500 million plan to make improvements in many areas across the city with unmet needs. I am now proud to cast my "YES" votes on measures 1-4 to turn this plan into reality. This plan addresses needs in public safety, infrastructure safety, arts & culture, heat readiness, senior centers and so much more without raising tax rates for residents.

I am particularly looking forward to supporting these bond measures because of the bipartisan, broad support this plan has received. Business leaders and organizations, labor groups, elected officials from across the political spectrum, our first responders, leading arts organizations - and so many more - have voiced strong support for the GO Bond measures. This coalition understands the many benefits Phoenixians will see if these measures pass.

I strongly encourage each and every Phoenix voter to vote "YES" on or by November 7 on all measures. Our city and neighborhoods will benefit for many years to come!

Submitted By:  
SHARON HARPER  
Bond Executive Committee Chair  
Phoenix, AZ

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As a native Arizonan and a proud Phoenixian, I wholeheartedly support the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds and encourage fellow residents to vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. As your state senator from Legislative District 5, this bond aligns with many of my priorities in the Senate. Without raising taxes, the Phoenix GO Bonds will support more affordable housing, prepare for floods and the dangers of extreme heat, and help improve our roads and infrastructure.

One of my proudest moments as an elected official is becoming an honorary state firefighter. The funding for Fire Stations 7, 13, 15, and 51 is a much-needed investment to our community safety in Phoenix. These investments will improve response times and provide new space for the Community Assistance Program (CAP) to improve mental and behavioral health outcomes for residents.

I urge my fellow community members to join me in supporting the Phoenix GO Bonds and vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th!

Submitted By:  
LELA ALSTON  
Senator, Legislative District 5  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

As your State Senator from Legislative District 26, a fifth-generation Arizonan, and a resident of Phoenix, I encourage my neighbors to vote YES on Measures 1-4 and pass the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds on November 7th! The GO Bonds will invest in affordable housing as well as repairs to our streets, libraries, and parks - without raising tax rates.

With my background in housing and economic policy, I've made it a priority to work collaboratively on addressing rising costs of rent and Arizona's housing shortage in order for the cost of living to be more affordable for everyone. The Phoenix GO Bonds will provide funding for affordable housing property preservation. This will help us achieve goals of the 2020 Housing Phoenix Plan, which will help us provide 50,000 affordable housing units by 2030.

Join me and so many others across Phoenix in voting YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th!

Submitted By:  
FLAVIO BRAVO  
Senator, Legislative District 26  
Phoenix, AZ

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As your State Representative and State Senator from Legislative District 4, we ask you to vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th! Without raising tax rates, the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds represent an opportunity to invest in a variety of community projects, including public safety facilities, affordable housing, and local arts and culture organizations. As teachers, we're also excited to see investments in education to provide advanced skilled training.

We passed a bond nearly 20 years ago and saw huge changes like new libraries, education facilities, and more. If we pass the Phoenix GO Bond, we'll see similar improvements to our daily lives. The bond will improve 911 response times by providing resources for our public safety facilities. It will also help us ensure that more residents have access to quality, affordable homes. Supporting the arts is essential for bringing in cultural vibrancy and economic growth. By investing in our local arts organizations and cultural programs, we enrich our community and attract visitors to Phoenix.

Let's seize this opportunity to invest in our future and create a brighter tomorrow. Vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th!

Submitted By:  
CHRISTINE PORTER MARSH  
Senator, Legislative District 4  
Phoenix, AZ

LAURA TERECH  
Representative, Legislative District 4  
Scottsdale, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

The United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association (UPFFA) represents 1,700 Firefighters and Paramedics in the City of Phoenix. Our members have seen a 54% increase in calls for fire and medical emergencies since 2010. Response times are nearing 9 minutes. Our city's population growth shows no signs of slowing and we have struggled to keep up with that growth. Our Firefighters and Paramedics want the ability to respond to your emergency as fast as possible with the appropriate resources.

It is for these reasons that the UPFFA is fully supportive of this Phoenix GO Bond. This bond includes replacement fire stations in West, Central and East Phoenix that also include an additional fire truck and ambulance in each respective fire station. The existing fire stations would be renovated to house Community Assistance Program (CAP) units specially trained to address issues of mental illness, addiction, homelessness and other non-emergent calls for service. Also included in the bond is a new fire station in northwest Phoenix to address the growth near the TSMC microchip plant. This fire station would house an additional fire truck, ladder truck, ladder tender, HazMat truck, ambulance and battalion chief.

These critical resources are essential to the safety of our families and neighborhoods in our wonderful city. In addition to public safety resources, this bond addresses affordable housing, senior living, improving infrastructure, protecting communities from future floods & extreme heat, mental health and homelessness. This is why the United Phoenix Fire Fighters urge you to support this GO Bond. Vote YES on Questions 1, 2, 3, & 4. We thank you for your continued support and "Let's GO, Phoenix!"

Submitted By:  
BRYAN WILLINGHAM  
President  
United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 493  
Phoenix, AZ

TIM KNOBBE  
Vice President of Political Affairs  
United Phoenix Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 493  
Phoenix, AZ

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I am proud to vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th to pass the General Obligation (GO) bonds that will prioritize public safety. This bond will address important needs including reducing 911 response times, protecting our communities against floods, and repairing aging infrastructure - without raising tax rates.

As Councilwoman of District 1 and chair of the Public Safety Committee, I'm proud to support an investment that will include funding for new fire stations and renovations & replacements of Police Precincts like the Cactus Park Precinct and Fire Station 51 in my district. This will help create infrastructure that will reduce response times and service impacts as well as improve Police operations and training facilities across the city.

I'm looking forward to supporting an investment that will not raise tax rates and will help build libraries, address homelessness, and invest in public safety throughout North Phoenix and the entire city. Join me and vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th.

Submitted By:  
ANN O'BRIEN  
Councilwoman, District 1  
Phoenix, AZ

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# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

As the Vice Mayor of Phoenix, I am proud to Vote YES on Measures 1-4. In December 2022, the City Council approved a historic \$500 million General Obligation (GO) Bond program. If approved, the city will begin building critical improvements that our rapid growth demands without raising taxes. We will also deliver on long-promised infrastructure and new amenities such as fire stations, affordable housing, safer streets, regional parks and pools, and cultural centers.

In my district, I am excited to see the investments in:

- Estrella Civic Space Park & Branch Library
- Cesar Chavez Senior Center
- Latino Cultural Center
- Valley Youth Theatre
- Phoenix Center of the Arts
- Jewish Historical Society
- Rio Reimagined

This bond will also establish further support for our heat resiliency projects and upgrade city facilities to be energy and water efficient.

Together, by voting YES on Measures 1-4, Phoenix can continue building a more sustainable and equitable city where everyone can afford to live and thrive.

Submitted By:  
YASSAMIN ANSARI  
Vice Mayor  
Phoenix, AZ

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As the State Representative from Legislative District 5 and resident of Phoenix, I am proud to vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th! The Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds represent investments in our community that have been nearly 20 years in the making. Passing the GO Bonds will reduce 911 response times; build and improve housing, libraries, streets, and parks; and establish heat resiliency projects.

I spoke in support of the ADA improvements at the Phoenix Theatre and am proud to see our city become more accessible and inclusive to all. By investing in inclusivity and accessibility, we can create a city where everyone can thrive. The bond's investment in initiatives will further solidify Phoenix as a diverse and welcoming community.

Vote YES on the GO Bonds! Vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th!

Submitted By:  
JENNIFER LONGDON  
Representative, Legislative District 5  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

Please vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th! Phoenix is a city on the rise, and these General Obligation (GO) Bonds can help keep our city vibrant. As your State Senate Minority Leader, your State Senator from District 12, and a former Kyrene School Board member, my focus is to collaborate with the community to get things done for our quality of life and our economy. These bonds provide investments in a wonderful range of city projects from ADA accessibility, parks, and affordable housing to workforce development. We can ensure that Phoenix leads in inclusivity and providing equal opportunities for all of our residents.

Without raising taxes, we can ensure that Phoenix is accessible to all with the needed funding to make necessary Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prioritized improvements. The bond will invest in our public parks, creating spaces for our community's well-being and enjoyment. Furthermore, the bond will address the critical need for affordable housing and support initiatives that provide safe and affordable homes for our residents. Approving this bond will demonstrate our commitment to ADA accessibility, vibrant public parks, and affordable housing, reflecting our vision for an inclusive and thriving Phoenix.

Join me in voting YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th!

Submitted By:

MITZI EPSTEIN

Senator, Senate Minority Leader, Legislative District 18

Phoenix, AZ

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Cleaning our environment. Building more affordable housing. Bringing new parks, pools, and public spaces to our communities. That's what the GO Bond is all about.

**ENVIRONMENT & WATER:** Here in Phoenix, we are experiencing some of the worst impacts of the climate crisis—drought, dirty air, and extreme heat among them. The GO Bond will help fund technologies that are proven to save water, clean our air, and create more shade. For example, the GO Bond will provide funding to plant more trees in our communities, install more solar panels, and replace old HVAC systems with newer energy efficient equipment that reduces energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The cost of housing—both rents and mortgages—is out of control. Families are struggling to pay rent, and seniors and veterans are becoming homeless at rates we've never seen before. The Phoenix GO Bond is an opportunity to build more affordable housing and to chip away at the homelessness crisis by securing funding to build hundreds of affordable housing units across the City.

**PARKS, POOLS, and PUBLIC SPACES:** Parks, pools, and public spaces are essential to our families and our quality of life in Phoenix. That's why the GO Bond makes important investments in building new recreation centers, pools, sports courts, and community centers—including the new Cesar Chavez Senior Center in Laveen. And for those who love hiking and the outdoors, the GO Bond also includes funding to keep the roads at South Mountain Park safe to use.

The GO Bond gives all of us an opportunity to make common—sense investments in our communities, and to tackle the most pressing issues that we face-without increasing taxes.

I urge you to vote YES on Questions 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Submitted By:

OSCAR DE LOS SANTOS

Representative, Assistant Minority Leader, Legislative District 11

Phoenix, AZ

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# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

Growing up in Arizona and serving our state as a teacher, mom and community leader, I am supporting the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bond and voting YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th! Voting YES will help move Phoenix forward. As your Representative from District 2, the GO Bond will help address some of our biggest priorities like affordable housing and environmental issues – without raising taxes.

The housing crisis is an all-hands-on-deck moment that requires many solutions. With skyrocketing rents and mortgages, too many families and seniors on fixed incomes are facing homelessness. The Phoenix GO Bonds will help address this by building more affordable housing units. Additionally, we can help Phoenix become more sustainable by voting YES on 1-4 which will make our city more resilient to heat and more energy and water efficient.

I will be voting YES on Measures 1-4. Join me in supporting Phoenix by voting YES on November 7th!

Submitted By:  
JUDY SCHWIEBERT  
Representative, District 2  
Phoenix, AZ

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The Arizona Hispanic Chamber is voting YES on 1-4 on November 7th and supporting the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds. As the premier advocate for the state’s Hispanic-owned businesses and more than 2 million Hispanic consumers, we are proudly supporting a critical investment in Phoenix’s future in affordable housing, the environment, and economic development - without raising taxes.

Our organization is dedicated to promoting the economic health and prosperity of the state and nation by serving as a vital link to the growing influence of the Hispanic community in our increasingly diverse and global marketplace. In addition to the construction of Phoenix’s first dedicated Latino Cultural Center, the Phoenix GO Bond will provide opportunities for a more diverse and inclusive city for our community.

On November 7th, vote YES on Measures 1-4 and pass the Phoenix GO Bonds!

Submitted By:  
MONICA VILLALOBOS  
President  
Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Phoenix, AZ

CARLOS VALDIVIA  
Vice President of Finance  
Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

The Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association (AzLTA) expresses our strong support for the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds and encourages voters to vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. Without raising taxes, this bond will play a crucial role in advancing the growth and prosperity of the city and our tourism and hospitality industry. The AzLTA is focused on advocacy, collaboration, and education to generate support and increase awareness of the profound impact our industry has on Arizona jobs, tax revenues, and economic growth.

Phoenix attracts visitors from around the world and creates job opportunities for our community. Investments in infrastructure and community development directly benefit tourism by improving accessibility and helping grow businesses. Funding these critical areas will not only keep Phoenix as a leader in the tourism industry but also stimulate economic activity, leading to increased tax revenues and job creation.

The Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association supports the Phoenix GO Bonds in the City of Phoenix. We believe it will significantly contribute to the continued success of the tourism and hospitality industry, benefiting local businesses, residents, and visitors alike. Vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th!

Submitted By:

KIM GRACE SABOW  
President and CEO  
Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association  
Phoenix, AZ

NICOLE LASLAVIC  
Vice President  
Arizona Lodging and Tourism Association  
Phoenix, AZ

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Vote YES on Measures 1 through 4!

As Councilwoman for District 5, I am supporting the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds on November 7th. I believe that they will make significant investment in our community and will have a positive and lasting impact on our city. Supporting them will address crucial infrastructure projects, including road improvements, public transportation enhancements, and upgrades to our parks, recreational facilities, and cultural centers.

In my district, the Bonds will fund the creation of a new regional aquatic center at Maryvale Park as well as splash pads at two additional parks in West Phoenix. Collectively they will also create a new fire station near 45th Avenue and Camelback Road and will upgrade another fire station to be used by our Community Assistance Program, whose teams provide crisis intervention and behavioral health assistance. As the Co-Chair of the Latino Center Ad Hoc Committee, I am also proud to see the investment in a world-class Latino Cultural Center, where we will be able to celebrate the beauty and resilience of our city's vibrant Latino culture.

The GO Bonds will also provide critical funds to address our housing and homelessness crisis. They will improve and expand the city's current affordable housing while also creating opportunities for new and innovative ways to build more efficiently. With these investments, we can provide more opportunities for our residents to find safe and stable housing with long-term solutions.

I believe that this is our opportunity to continue improving the quality of life for all Phoenix residents. Please join me in supporting the Phoenix GO Bond and vote YES on Measures 1 through 4 on November 7th!

Submitted By:

BETTY GUARDADO  
Councilwoman, District 5  
Phoenix, AZ

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# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

Phoenix is one of the fastest growing cities in the country; therefore, access to housing, transportation, senior centers, libraries, parks, and vital public safety services is critical to keep pace with the needs of our growing community and enhance the quality of life of all our city's residents.

AARP Arizona advocates to improve safety and security for all residents through measures that offer affordable, stable housing, safe streets, supportive community services, and reliable public safety. These resources enhance personal independence, support residents aging in place, and foster participation in community life. That is why AARP Arizona supports Phoenix GO Bond - to bring us closer to achieving these goals.

The money raised from Phoenix GO Bond will repair and create affordable housing for low- and middle-income children, families, and seniors. It will make Phoenix more energy and water efficient by funding heat resiliency projects and upgrading city facilities. It will make our streets safer to cross for people of all ages. The city bond package will build and preserve senior centers, so older adults can make social connections essential for aging well and preventing the devastating impacts of isolation. It will build a new library, expand existing ones, and provide free Wi-Fi and computers with internet access. Phoenixians will also be safer in their homes and neighborhoods because Phoenix GO Bond will fund new fire houses, renovate police stations, and reduce 911 response times to provide lifesaving services to all residents.

Residents of all ages will benefit from these investments. That is why AARP supports Phoenix GO Bond as an important and timely response to the needs of our rapidly growing home - Phoenix.

Submitted By:

DANA MARIE KENNEDY  
State Director  
AARP Arizona  
Phoenix, AZ

BRENDON BLAKE  
Associate State Director  
AARP Arizona  
Phoenix, AZ

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I have lived and worked in Phoenix since 1986. Over the years, our city has been able to grow into a dynamic and successful community with a quality of life that rivals any big City across the globe. This didn't happen by accident. It was the result of good planning and smart investment in the infrastructure and amenities needed for a growing population. The way Phoenix makes these kinds of investments is by asking its voters to approve bonds to pay for these facilities. And the voters have said yes, time and time again.

We can do this again on November 7. Fire Stations, Parks, Libraries, Senior Centers, Streets, Affordable Housing, and Cultural/Educational facilities are among the many projects on the list of important needs to be funded through the bond program. This is not just new infrastructure, but also repair, renovation, or replacement of older facilities. And because of continued economic growth and the ability to pay off past bonds, this program will not require an increase in tax rates.

I was an active member of the group of residents and community leaders who worked for many months to evaluate needs and prioritize the list of investments to be put forward to the voters. The projects to be funded by the bonds will benefit our entire City and will keep our community safe and moving forward as a great place to live, work, and play.

Please vote YES early or on November 7 on Propositions 1-4.

Submitted By:

RICK NAIMARK  
Bond Executive Committee Member  
Phoenix, AZ

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# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

Please vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. This general obligation bond will allow Phoenix to invest in critical infrastructure and support important projects in our city. As the President for the Board of Rabbis of Greater Phoenix, I am especially proud to support the bond because it will provide over \$2 million in funding for a new Holocaust Education Center at the Jewish Heritage Center. The Holocaust Education Center will be housed in a brand-new 17,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility and will include the Robert Sutz "We Remember" art collections, a special exhibit gallery, classrooms and event space.

Phoenix is the largest city in the nation without its own Holocaust museum, and with anti-Semitism, hate-speech, and religious and racial violence on the rise, it is critical to invest in teaching future generations about the history of the Holocaust, to raise awareness and educate the wider community about the specific threats faced by communities especially subject to marginalization and vulnerable to discrimination. When one group's freedom is curtailed, all people are susceptible to prejudice and injustice. For these reasons, I support Measures 1-4 and ask you to VOTE YES.

Submitted By:  
RABBI JEREMY SCHNEIDER  
President  
Board of Rabbis of Greater Phoenix  
Phoenix, AZ

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As a dedicated public servant who served our community for years as your Mayor and Councilwoman, I am excited to be able to invest in our City by voting YES on Measures 1-4 and passing the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds on November 7th. As a member of the bond committee that helped shape these investments, I am proud to say that this effort will address critical needs such as affordable housing, public safety, and infrastructure improvements without increasing tax rates.

It's been almost 20 years since our last bond was passed. Our bonds have resulted in the ASU downtown campus, Burton Barr Central Library, and fire stations. The GO Bonds will continue to help us lead the way and build a better future for our city.

Let's invest in our city and continue to lead the way by voting YES on Measures 1-4!

Submitted By:  
THELDA WILLIAMS  
Former Mayor and City Councilwoman  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

Since 1989, VYT has been a positive force in the lives of over a million of Arizona's young people. With your YES vote on Measures 1 -4, VYT will be able to truly help and support all of Arizona's young people with a safe, fully accessible, and centrally located performing arts center for youth.

A strong and vibrant arts community begins with a strong and vibrant foundation. Valley Youth Theatre is that foundation. Our mission is to inspire children to be the best they can be through a wide variety of performing arts opportunities. And whether it's the magic of first setting foot into a theatre, the awe of a child seeing their peers performing, or the feeling of stepping on stage in front of an audience, VYT builds a lifelong connection to the arts.

While some VYT alumni grow up to be film, television, and Broadway actors, many more become doctors, lawyers, parents, scientists, scholars, and community leaders. We are not just shaping great actors; we are shaping great people.

VYT has been a home for so many children over the years. Your YES vote on Measures 1 -4 will ensure that Valley Youth Theatre will be able to itself have a permanent home in Phoenix.

Submitted By:

BOBB COOPER  
Producing Artistic Director  
Valley Youth Theatre  
Phoenix, AZ

LEIGH ANN DOLAN  
Managing Director  
Valley Youth Theatre  
Phoenix, AZ

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As a fifth-generation Arizonan and as an elected official, I have seen the daily transformation of Phoenix becoming a hub for international economic activity. It is vital that we continue to protect our community's well-being and infrastructure, such as supporting Measures 1-4 of the Phoenix General Obligation Bond. If passed, these measures will enhance public parks and libraries, continue street development, and modernize public safety facilities to continue meeting the needs of all residents, all without raising any existing tax rates and guaranteeing further prosperity and improvement. I urge all able voters to vote yes on Measures 1-4 to demonstrate our city's continued evolution to the entire state and the nation.

Submitted By:

LAURA PASTOR  
Councilwoman, District 4  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) is proud to represent bargaining unit members, that provide vital services that make the City of Phoenix happen. Our membership extends to dedicated Emergency Medical Technicians and retirees situated across various neighborhoods throughout the city.

The dedication of the members of the Phoenix communities knows no bounds. The constant need for meticulous street upkeep, compassionate family support, and dignified care for our senior population remains unwavering. Moreover, the importance of fostering secure neighborhoods cannot be overlooked. All these aspects demonstrate that those who have chosen the noble path of public service understand that this endeavor transcends mere occupation; it is a calling to uplift and refine our communities.

It is for these reasons that AFSCME Local 2960 and Local 2384 proudly support the Phoenix GO Bond. This bond will develop a critical lifeline that is indispensable to the safety, prosperity, and overall welfare of our cherished families and neighbors in Phoenix. By addressing public safety resources, accessible housing options, dignified senior living arrangements, infrastructural enhancements, climate resilience against extreme heat and floods, mental health, and the alleviation of homelessness, this bond encapsulates our commitment to the improvement of our communities. Therefore, the American Federation of State, County and municipal Employees Phoenix Locals urge you to support this GO Bond. Vote YES on Questions 1, 2, 3, & 4. We thank you for your commitment to make a Greater Phoenix!

Submitted By:

JASON HENLEY

President

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 2384

Phoenix, AZ

FRANK PICCIOLI

President

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 2960

Phoenix, AZ

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As a lifelong Phoenix resident of my Legislative District 11, I support the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bond and am voting YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. From a kindergarten student to a school administrator and school board member to serving in both chambers of the State Legislature, I know what strong investments in our city can do for our communities.

The GO Bond's commitment to addressing affordable housing and homelessness will create more affordable housing and provide shelter and essential services for those experiencing housing insecurity. As a former educator, I understand the importance of stable housing for our student's success and the overall well-being of our community. By supporting the GO Bond, we can take a significant step forward in tackling the housing crisis and ensuring a brighter future for our neighbors in Phoenix.

Vote YES on Measures 1-4!

Submitted By:

CATHERINE MIRANDA

Senator, District 11

Phoenix, AZ

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# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

I have called Phoenix home since I was a child. Over the past few years, Phoenix has experienced an incredible growth because of our policies, inviting environment, and growing business industry. As a State Representative for Legislative District 11 which includes: south Phoenix, Laveen, Guadalupe, Tempe, and parts of downtown Phoenix I am encouraging all my friends and neighbors to vote YES on Measures 1-4 and pass the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bond on November 7th! The GO Bond will enhance our quality of life in Phoenix by investing in vital services like streets, libraries, and parks-and the best part is the GO Bond does this without raising taxes!

I have spent my entire career committed to our city's prosperity as an educator, non-profit leader, and elected official. I believe we all do better when we all rally around an issue that supports our well being and sends a message to everyone we are committed to collaboration and addressing our most pressing issues. The GO Bond does all of this by investing in our youth through our libraries, makes our commutes safer by investing in our streets and enhances our ability to create community by investing in our parks.

The GO Bond is an all around winner! I encourage everyone to vote YES on the GO Bond in November!

Let's Go!

Submitted By:  
MARCELINO QUIÑONEZ  
Representative, District 11  
Phoenix, AZ

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As a Cartwright school board member, your current State Representative from District 24, and a Phoenix resident, I am voting YES on the Phoenix GO Bond and YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. This bond presents a crucial opportunity to address our city's pressing challenges, including the need for affordable housing. Phoenix's housing crisis is affecting our economy and quality of life, and this bond is a step in the right direction to alleviate this issue. Investing in quality housing throughout the Valley can create a more balanced and vibrant community.

Furthermore, the GO Bond's focus on community service, infrastructure repair, and economic development resonates deeply with my priorities. I was part of the group that worked directly with the Governor on the budget and secured funding toward education, affordable housing/homelessness, behavioral and mental health, and health care-AHCCS-Domestic violence victim services. This bond aligns with my commitment to ensuring that our resources are directed toward improving our City's well-being and safety.

The Phoenix GO Bond will contribute to our city's growth and prosperity. Let's work together to create lasting positive changes for our community. Your support for the GO Bond is a vote for a better future for all of us.

Submitted By:  
LYDIA HERNANDEZ  
Representative, District 24  
Phoenix, AZ

# ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

The Phoenix Law Enforcement Association encourages all citizens of Phoenix to vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th. We support the Phoenix General Obligation (GO) Bonds because it represents investments in public safety and shares our same commitment to the community. Our mission is to promote the positive role of the law enforcement and to protect members through effective representation and professional relationships with the community.

Without raising taxes, the Phoenix GO Bonds will provide a replacement for the Cactus Park Precinct, renovation to the Maryvale Police Precinct, and updates to our Police Property Management Warehouse. These upgrades and investments will reduce response times, optimize resources to minimize service disruptions for neighboring stations, and provide an overall improvement in police operations.

PLEA is proud to support the Phoenix GO Bonds. Vote YES on Measures 1-4 on November 7th.

Submitted By:

DARRELL KRIPLEAN

President

Phoenix Law Enforcement Association

Phoenix, AZ

YVETTE BRO

Vice President

Phoenix Law Enforcement Association

Phoenix, AZ

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### QUESTION 2

#### IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOODS

Shall the City of Phoenix, Arizona be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$108,615,000 to provide funding for library, parks and historic preservation projects, including, but not limited to:

- Build or improve new and existing libraries
- Enhance existing parks and add additional park space across the city
- Construct and renovate playgrounds and recreational facilities
- Increase accessibility and improve ADA compliance in publicly owned spaces and facilities

Generated funds will be used to pay for all necessary design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, renovation, equipment and associated costs, including the acquisition of land or interests necessary for such purposes, all legal, financial, consulting, and other costs and fees in connection therewith. Such bonds to be issued in one or more series as tax-exempt or taxable bonds, and may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law. Such bonds may bear fixed or variable interest not exceeding 10% per annum, and may have principal payable not later than 25 years from the date of issuance of each series. Such bonds will be issued as general obligation bonds and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

BOND APPROVAL, YES

BOND APPROVAL, NO

A “yes” vote shall authorize the City of Phoenix governing body to issue and sell up to \$108,615,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Phoenix to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A “no” vote shall not authorize the City of Phoenix governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the City of Phoenix.

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### QUESTION 3

#### **CREATE AN EFFICIENT, MODERN PHOENIX TO LIVE AND WORK**

Shall the City of Phoenix, Arizona be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$114,385,000 to provide funding for education, economic development, reducing waste, resource management, arts and culture projects, including, but not limited to:

- Drive healthcare workforce development with an educational facility
- Develop land parcels to encourage new business/industry investment and recruitment
- Establish heat resiliency projects to cool public spaces and high-density urban areas
- Upgrade city facilities to be energy and water efficient and/or use renewable energy
- Renovate and enhance arts and cultural facilities and museums

Generated funds will be used to pay for all necessary design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, renovation, equipment and associated costs, including the acquisition of land or interests necessary for such purposes, all legal, financial, consulting, and other costs and fees in connection therewith. Such bonds to be issued in one or more series as tax-exempt or taxable bonds, and may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law. Such bonds may bear fixed or variable interest not exceeding 10% per annum, and may have principal payable not later than 25 years from the date of issuance of each series. Such bonds will be issued as general obligation bonds and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

BOND APPROVAL, YES

BOND APPROVAL, NO

A “yes” vote shall authorize the City of Phoenix governing body to issue and sell up to \$114,385,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Phoenix to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

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### QUESTION 4

#### **ENHANCE, PRESERVE AND INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SENIOR CENTERS**

Shall the City of Phoenix, Arizona be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount of up to \$63,000,000 to provide funding for affordable housing and senior center projects, including, but not limited to:

- Construct new affordable housing units throughout the city to support low to moderate income residents and address homelessness
- Repair and refurbish existing affordable housing units
- Build and renovate new and existing senior centers

Generated funds will be used to pay for all necessary design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, renovation, equipment and associated costs, including the acquisition of land or interests necessary for such purposes, all legal, financial, consulting, and other costs and fees in connection therewith. Such bonds to be issued in one or more series as tax-exempt or taxable bonds, and may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law. Such bonds may bear fixed or variable interest not exceeding 10% per annum, and may have principal payable not later than 25 years from the date of issuance of each series. Such bonds will be issued as general obligation bonds and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

BOND APPROVAL, YES

BOND APPROVAL, NO

A “yes” vote shall authorize the City of Phoenix governing body to issue and sell up to \$63,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Phoenix to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

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