Thanks for reading our February edition of Neighborhood News! It has been an exciting month of progress (trash/recycling vote, gate alley program, etc.) and new developments (City budget hearings)!

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City Budget discussion with City Manager

This month, we gave the City Manager Ed Zuercher a tour around the district, including Maryvale at the MRC business center, to discuss the city budget! We'll be personally surveying our neighborhoods to engage our constituents in the budget process, including the participatory budget and community engagement funds. Each council district has $25,000 in new engagement funding to facilitate enhanced community engagement based on constituent feedback. Check out the interview here or clink on the image below!

Fund PHX

To help residents better understand how our budget is created, the Budget & Research Department has added a new tool to gather feedback and help you see what makes Phoenix run. Learn more about how the budget works here: https://youtu.be/bPzh7ybcahM. Try the tool yourself here or click on the image: https://phoenix.abalancingact.com/PhoenixBudget19-20 .

Also, join us at one of the 5 community budget hearing meetings in April to tell us what your priorities are. Complete our survey which we will launch in March!

Community budget hearings schedule:

1) (D5) Thurs., April 2nd, 2020 at 6pm-8pm at Pendergast Community Center (10550 W Mariposa St. PHX 85037)
2) (D1/D5) Thurs., April 9th, 2020 at 8:30am-10am, Helen Drake Senior Center (7600 N. 27th Ave. PHX 85051)
3) (Citywide Bilingual) Tues., April 14th, 2020 at 6pm-8pm, Maryvale Community Center (4220 N 51st Ave PHX 85031)
4) (Citywide Youth) Thurs. April 16th at 6pm-8pm, Metro Tech High School (1900 W Thomas Rd. PHX 85015)
5) (D3/D5) Wed., April 22nd, 2020 at 6pm-8pm, Sunnyslope Community Center (802 E Vogel Ave. PHX 85020)

Gated Alley Program

On Feb. 12th, the Public Safety & Justice subcommittee, of which I am a member, voted to allocate funds to the gated alley pilot program. Thanks to our neighborhood leaders for supporting clean and safe alleys. We're excited to support this at the full council in March. Since taking office, I've been a proud advocate for the expansion of the gated alley pilot program.

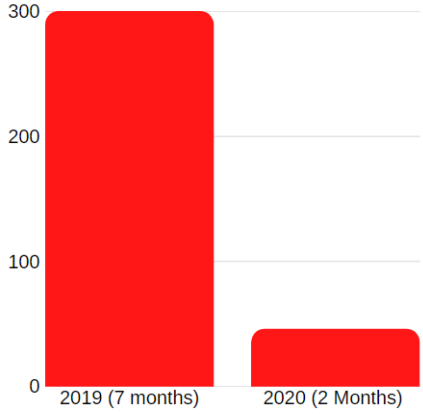
Trash and Recycle vote

Thanks to the amazing workers who provide our trash and recycling services, as well as our constituents for their overwhelming appreciation and support for their services. Also, we appreciate all our constituents who completed the survey regarding the proposed rate changes for trash and recycling. District 5 completed 20% of all surveys collected! On Feb. 11th, the City Council and I voted to maintain our current trash & recycling services as we build a more sustainable future for Phoenix.

Community Cleanups

We joined three community cleanups organized by some of our partners. Thanks for the invitations and to all the volunteers for their time and dedication.

- Feb. 1st, Washington Elementary School (27th Ave. & Northern Ave.)
- Feb. 8th, Community Medical Services (23rd Ave. & Northern Ave.)
- Feb. 28th, 3pm-5pm, 19 North "Love our community" Street clean-up. Meet at Albertson's parking lot (1820 W. Northern Ave.)

Constituent Cases Progress Report:

In 2019, since our inauguration in June until the end of Dec., we closed over 300 constituent cases. This year, with only two months, our District 5 team has closed 50 cases. Please contact our office at 602-262-7446, council.district.5@phoenix.gov, or on social media for any city related questions, comments or concerns.