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## DiCiccio leads push on freeway route

I choose candidates based on their actions, not campaign rhetoric. Sal DiCiccio's actions have earned my vote.

Most recently, he assembled a group of Ahwatukee residents, including myself, to seek alternatives to the proposed Pecos Road alignment for the South Mountain Freeway. This is the first time a diverse group of supporters and opponents of the Pecos route has been assembled to seek out an alternative that is best for Ahwatukee.

### YOUR VIEWS

While researching the issue, DiCiccio discovered the Maricopa Association of Governments and the Arizona Department of Transportation have never formally proposed aligning the freeway on the Gila River Reservation. This was recently confirmed by a Gila Indian Community spokesperson.

All the while, ADOT has been stating in technical reports as recently as September 2008 that there have been "ongo-

ing communications with the Gila River Indian Community." Further, MAG's transportation director recently stated that it would cost "another half-billion dollars" to align the South Mountain 202 on the Gila Reservation. That contradicts ADOT's technical documents dated September 2008 in which it states, "Cost ... would be equal among the alternatives, and consequently changes would be roughly comparable."

Thanks to DiCiccio for challenging MAG and ADOT on our behalf. They are very powerful organizations with significant resources and diverse constituencies whose interests don't align well with Ahwatukee. We need strong representation from people who know the players and how to get things done.

Also, DiCiccio needs the community to be behind the effort to change MAG and ADOT's position. Please visit [www.SM202.com](http://www.SM202.com) and e-mail your comments regarding the South Mountain 202 to [info@SM202.com](mailto:info@SM202.com).

— Chad Blostone, Ahwatukee

### McCain shows lack of wisdom

I'm just wondering what state John McCain represents in the U.S. Senate? It must not be Arizona where there are over 300 businesses owned and operated by Arizonans that will directly benefit from the passage of the clean-energy jobs bill. McCain is threatening to vote against it unless provisions are included to support nuclear energy.

Maybe I'm not understanding this correctly, but where's the wisdom in opposing the bill in favor of nuclear-power plants if Arizona will benefit from legislation supporting solar energy?

Many good jobs could be created in the renewable-energy sector, Arizona State University's School of Sustainability could provide leadership on the issues, and the state's climate naturally could provide more than 300 days per year of sunshine.

There must be wisdom in this somewhere, right?

— Dixie Haas, Chandler