

**Statement from Councilwoman Thelda Williams (District 1)
Regarding Charging for Parking at Phoenix Mountain Preserves**

"I do not support the installation of parking meters at Phoenix mountain parks and preserves. Such action would place an unfair cost on Phoenix residents, many of whom use our preserve trails for exercise. Instead of reducing demand, this proposal would cause overflow parking in residential neighborhoods, by hikers who would rather not pay to hike.

Finally, I believe a decision of this importance should be made by the City Council and not the Parks and Recreation Board, who are appointed and are not responsible to a constituency."