



District 7 Newsletter



Dear District 7 Resident,

As temperatures drop and community gatherings can be more comfortably held in our beautiful outdoors, I'm excited to head to every corner of our district to share how I'm working to improve the quality of life for our residents.

This month, I've been working diligently on solutions to address housing and homelessness, the fentanyl crisis, and economic development in District 7. I'm excited to share some new updates with you:

1. We've identified a city-owned parcel in an industrial area of my district, and we're [setting up several temporary "sprung structures" and 20-50 tiny homes](#) to serve our unsheltered population. By May 2023, this will add 250 emergency shelter beds to our stock that will give priority to individuals currently living downtown near the Human Services Campus.
2. I've also been spending a lot of time in Laveen. Last week, I hosted a ["Restauranteur Tour"](#) where I brought along prominent local Phoenix businesses to Laveen to attract them to the area. I've also hosted a series of cross departmental meetings, and very soon, we'll be launching a plan of action to address the ongoing substance abuse and crime around the 51st Ave and Baseline area and the Laveen Area Conveyance Channel.
3. When it comes to strengthening our workforce, I'm incredibly proud to have joined Mayor Gallego for a refugee-focused mobile hiring event at Burton Barr Library. We hired 3 new city employees on the spot!

Tomorrow, Nov. 4 from 5-6 p.m., I'm hosting a public forum in the Estrella Village to discuss improvements residents would like to see at Santa Maria Park.

And finally, we're getting ready for the holidays and partnering up with organizations to give back to our community. Please email us if you'd like to get involved.

Stay warm,

Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari

SHARE YOUR INPUT!

Santa Maria Park Public Forum

Friday, November 4 from 5-6 p.m.

Where:
Santa Maria Middle School (Cafeteria)
7250 W. Lower Buckeye Rd

Join District 7 Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari and the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department to share your feedback on the future of Santa Maria Park!

RSVP: bit.ly/santamariapark | 602-262-7492

TOMORROW: Santa Maria Park Public Forum

Please join my office and The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the future of Santa Maria Park - what do you want to see more of?

Come with questions, bring friends and family, and hear how we can build a stronger, healthier and more sustainable Estrella together.

When: Friday, November 4th from 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Where: Santa Maria Middle School Cafeteria (7250 W. Lower Buckeye Rd.)

If you need any special accommodations, please email us at council.district.7@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7492.

[Register / Regístrate](#)



Valley Metro South Central Extension/Downtown Hub Art Grant Program

First Deadline: Dec. 12

Valley Metro will [fund a total of \\$90,000 in multiple small grants](#) to local community organizations that can identify and facilitate small arts and culture projects that have a positive impact on the community during construction. These projects should encourage a diversity of community-based cultural programs - whether visual, performative, educational or experiential - that are accessible to all residents.

These projects should benefit the community during construction of the light rail .

[Learn More / Aprende Más](#)



POLICY WINS: SOUTH PHOENIX

MOVING BLOOM CANOPIES

Bloom canopies will be moving from the Phoenix Public Plaza to South Plaza, providing a combination of shade and public art.

ST. CATHERINE'S SQUARE MEETING

Discussed the vision of St. Catherine's Square, including workforce and affordable housing integrated with the vibrant culture of South Phoenix.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Putting out RFP for Central & Broadway for affordable housing with ground floor community space and amenities.



South Phoenix Visioning Sessions

My office has been hard at work tracking all incoming projects in South Phoenix, and proposing changes to developing projects, to ensure we mitigate displacement, increase tree and shade coverage, and center community needs in every conversation.

From public art to corner stores and more affordable housing, we've been meeting with nonprofit organizations, community leaders and stakeholders to start implementing the plans outlined in the [South Central TOD Community Plan](#) — we're on the verge of making some exciting announcements very soon!



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