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Scottsdale Special Election – March 9, 2010

The city of Scottsdale will hold a special election on March 9, 2010, for the purpose of submitting six propositions to the voters.

The first 5 propositions propose amendments to the City Charter relating to elections.

- Proposition 100 would amend the City Charter to establish that the method for determining whether a candidate is elected at the City's first election, currently referred to as the General Election, shall be based on the number of legal votes actually cast in that candidate's race, rather than the total number of ballots cast.
- Proposition 101 would amend the City Charter to provide a means to forgo the first election (currently the "General Election") for a particular office if no more than two candidates file nominating petitions for each vacancy in that office, and that the office(s) shall be filled at the second election (currently the "Run-off election").
- Proposition 102 would amend the City Charter to change the names of Scottsdale's General Election (first election) and Run-off Election (second election) to Primary Election and General Election, which coincides with the terms used in state law and on consolidated election ballots.
- Proposition 103 would amend the City Charter to specify that the City shall give notice of a Special Election as required by state law or ordinance.
- Proposition 104 would amend the City Charter to clarify that an initiative measure in conflict with the City Charter shall not be operative without a corresponding charter amendment.

The 6th proposition asks voters to consider amendments to the Scottsdale Revised Code relative to the transient lodging ("bed") tax. Proposition 200 would increase the amount of transient lodging tax required to be paid by hotels on gross income from 3% to 5%, and would use 50% of the total revenue for destination marketing and 50% for tourism-related event support, tourism research, tourism-related capital projects, and other eligible uses.

Information about these propositions will be presented to voters of the City of Scottsdale in a publicity pamphlet that will be mailed to the households of all registered voters prior to the start of early voting.

Additionally, the Scottsdale Area Association of Realtors is sponsoring a Special Election Public Forum in the Scottsdale City Hall Kiva on Monday, February 8, 2010, beginning at 6:00 pm. The first portion of the forum will cover Proposition 200, the proposed bed tax increase, and the second portion will address the proposed Charter Amendments. The forum will be televised on Channel 11, so you can either attend the forum in person, watch it live on Channel 11, or record it for viewing later.

The timetable for this election is as follows:

- February 8 – close of registration: In order to vote in the March 9 election, your registration form must be received by the Maricopa County Recorder's office by close of business on Monday, February 8.
- February 11 – first day early ballots are available: You can request an early ballot online at www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections", then "Early Voting Ballot Request". You can also obtain an early ballot by calling the Maricopa County Elections Office at 602 506-1511 through close of business on Friday, February 26

- February 15 – first day to vote early in person: You can vote early in person at Scottsdale City Hall from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday, February 15 through Friday, March 5.
- February 26 – last day to request that an early ballot be mailed to you.
- March 9 – Election Day: Polling places are open from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. If you vote in person at the polls on Election Day you need to provide proof of identity. Acceptable proof of identity is one form of identification that bears your name, address and photograph, or two different forms of identification that bear your name and address.
- March 9 is also the last day to return a ballot that was mailed to you. For your ballot to be valid and counted, your mailed voted early ballot and affidavit must be received by the Maricopa County Tabulation and Elections Center by 7:00 pm on Election Day. You may also deposit your ballot and affidavit at any polling place designated for this election from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day.

The End Run Around Scottsdale’s General Plan

As of this writing, there is nothing new to report on either the application for a Text Amendment to the R1-70 zoning district and accompanying Use Permit to allow the construction of an 80-bed assisted living facility on a +/- 5 acre parcel on the southwest corner of Scottsdale and Lone Mountain Roads, or a similar approach to the R1-190 zoning district to allow a gas station and commercial center on a +/- 10 acre site on the northwest corner of Pima and Dynamite Roads.

Calendar of Events

- February 6 Electronics Recycling Day: Discard your unwanted electronics in a safe and environmentally friendly way from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm at the city’s Corporation Yard, 9191 East San Salvador. Accepted items include computer, office and entertainment equipment. For a list of acceptable/unacceptable items call 480 312-5602 or go to www.scottsdaleaz.gov/recycle.
- February 13 Scottsdale Police Department Shredding Event: Shredding your personal/financial documents reduces the likelihood that you will become a victim of identity theft, the fastest growing crime in the United States. For a \$2.00/box donation, you can take advantage of this service from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Scottsdale Artists School, 3720 North Marshall Way in Scottsdale. For questions or additional information contact Crime Prevention Officer Jason Glenn at 480 312-8802 or jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov.
- March 6 Scenic Drive Clean-up: Sign in at 8:00 am at the location that is most convenient for you. At the northern Scenic Drive entry sign (located on the west side of Scottsdale road just south of Carefree Highway, or the southern Scenic Drive monument sign area (located on the east side of Scottsdale Road, across from McDonald’s Ranch). Safety vests, pickup “sticks” and plastic trash bags will be provided. Complimentary coffee, donuts and water will be available. Gloves and long pants are recommended.
- March 9 Election Day – Be sure to vote!

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