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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

Monday
November 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm
Legend Trail
Community Center
 (see directions on page 3)

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COPP Recommends To Our Members

YES on Proposition 106

Prop 106, the Conserving Arizona's Future Citizens' Initiative provides the first opportunity at meaningful State Trust Land Reform since the demise of the Arizona Preserve Initiative due to constitutional challenge.

When passed by Arizona voters, Prop 106 will conserve and protect nearly 694,000 acres of state trust land across Arizona – 333,000 acres will be immediately protected upon passage of Prop 106. It will protect Arizona's most special natural areas – lands surrounding state and national parks and recreational lands. It requires no legislative vote to protect

these special places.

It creates a planning process to balance our growth with conservation. It gives the State Land Department the tools it needs to work with local communities for better planning. It plans sales of state trust lands to provide long-term benefit to the trust. It would create a board of trustees to oversee the land commissioner's management of the trust lands.

Proposition 106 – Conserving Arizona's Future – is a win for education, a win for conservation, a win for sound land use planning and a win for future generations of Arizonans. **Vote YES on Proposition 106.**

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Calendar of Events

- October 28 Keep Scottsdale Beautiful Day, City of Scottsdale and the Scottsdale Pride Committee sponsors this 11th annual city-wide litter clean up event. For further information or to register, call 480-312-3111.
- October 28 Friends of the Scenic Drive, 7:45 am, meet at the northern Scenic Drive entry sign (West side of Scottsdale Rd, just south of Carefree highway, in front of Terravita Marketplace), or at the southern Scenic Drive monument sign area (located on the east side of Scottsdale Rd., 3/4 mile north of Happy Valley Rd, across from MacDonald's Ranch.) Free t-shirts for first 50 registered volunteers. For more information, refer to: www.scenicdrive.org
- November 4 Household Hazardous Waste Day. Bring your household hazardous waste to 9191 E. San Salvador, on the grounds of the Via Linda and 90th St. Police Station, from 7:30 am-2:00 pm. Phone (480) 312-5602 for further information.

(see "Calendar" on page 2)

COPP's mission is to educate the public and hold government officials accountable to the public on any issue that poses a threat to neighborhoods, the environment, and fiscal responsibility.

COPP Recommends

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NO on Prop 105

Passed in the closing days of a long legislative session, HCR 2045, now called Prop 105, Save Our Trust, only claims to provide any degree of land trust reform.

Prop 105 offers little to the state in land management tools. Also, it sets aside much less land for conservation than Prop 106. Prop 105 would set aside a maximum of 400,000 acres for conservation. However, only 42,500 of those acres would be designated by the referendum, leaving the Legislature to choose which of the remaining acres to set aside. And the Legislature would have to vote in the majority to conserve every parcel of those remaining 360,000 acres. There's no assurance under Prop 105 that any of the undesignated 360,000 acres would ever be preserved.

Prop 105 is nothing more than a spoiler – designed and intended to confuse voters and derail Conserving Arizona's Future. Don't let that happen. **Vote Yes on Prop 106. Vote No on Prop 105**

When you vote in the November election, remember: **"Prop 105 is a sham, Prop 106 saves land."**

NO on Prop 207

Deceptively titled the Private Property Rights Protection Act and disguised as eminent domain reform, Prop 207 will do neither. While the title of the proposition sounds an appealing note, the text of Prop 207 would virtually prohibit cities and other governmental entities from enacting additional planning tools and land use regulations in the future, such as:

- New wash or hillside protection ordinances;
- Additional historic overlay zoning;
- Neighborhood or wildlife habitat preservation measures;
- Stronger native plant protections;
- Limits on building heights;
- And many more

Don't be fooled by this very confusing bait-and-switch proposition – it's really an anti-environmental, pro-developer proposition. **Vote NO on Prop 207.**

A Question About Member Meetings

In recent years, attendance at our monthly member meetings has steadily declined, leaving your Board of Directors to question the need to meet so frequently.

Preparing for these meetings is time consuming and holding the meetings is costly. Time is consumed lining up speakers and preparing agendas to assure that the content of each meeting is relevant and of interest to our members. There is a cost to the Coalition for the use of Legend Trail's meeting room.

If we were to discontinue monthly meetings, we would continue to communicate with our members through the *COPP News*, *COPP Alerts* by email/fax and hold special meetings as needs dictate. We would continue to conduct our election year candidate forums, as these are always well attended.

Please let us know how you feel about this possible change. If you believe the Coalition can be as successful an organization as it historically has been without monthly meetings, please let us know. If forgoing monthly meetings would negatively impact your membership in COPP, we need to know. If a different meeting day or time would assure your regular attendance, please let us know that as well.

Please let us hear from you on this issue. You can email your comments to COPPeak@COPPeak.org, by mail to the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak, 8912 East Pinnacle Peak Road, PMB 275, Scottsdale, 85255, or leave a message on our hotline, 602-230-5233.

Calendar of Events (continued from page 1)

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| November 4 | SPD District 3 Public Safety Day. For details refer to Message from SPD, p. 3. |
| November 7 | Election Day, Refer to recommendations within this month's COPP News. Please remember to vote. |
| November 13 | COPP Monthly Meeting – 7:00 pm. On the agenda: Scottsdale Fire Department Chief William McDonald will give members an update on the progress made by the city's fire department since it was formed over a year ago. |
| November 14 | City Council to hear and act on One Scottsdale's request for amended standards, City Hall Kiva, 5:00 pm. |

Development Updates

Planning Commission Recommends Denial of General Plan Amendment Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road

The application by Land Development Services, LLC, owner of the 2.5-acre property at the SW corner of Lone Mountain and Scottsdale Road, for a Major General Plan Amendment and related changes in zoning to build a bank was denied by the Planning Commission on September 27. The request would have required a change in the General Plan to Commercial and zoning to Service-Residential with an accompanying application for a Use Permit.

Approval would have resulted in a land use policy planning decision. Surrounding neighbors do not want commercial. Since this application is not compatible with the surrounding residential area, the Coalition has recommended denial.

City Council is scheduled to hear and act on this application on October 31, 5:00 pm, with dates scheduled through November 2, if necessary.

Email your opposition to citycouncil@scottsdale.az.gov or write to Mayor Manross and Members of City Council, 3939 North Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale AZ 85251.

Food Donations Needed

In November, as been our custom, we donate food and staples to the Vista del Camino food bank. Canned and boxed foods, such as pasta, sauces, tuna, rice, dried pinto beans, jelly, soups, cereal, and peanut butter are examples of some of the desired items. In addition, tooth paste, tooth brushes, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, diapers, and toilet paper are greatly appreciated.

Bring your donations to the November 13 COPP Meeting, and we will deliver them to the Vista del Camino food bank on behalf of all COPP members.

Thank you.

Legend Trail Community Center directions:

North on Pima Road past
Lone Mountain (1.5 miles)

To Legend Trail Parkway on right –
then 1.5 miles on right to
Community Center.

Updated COPP Website: www.COPPeak.org

In order to facilitate access to local city and state issues. COPP is providing a direct link via our website. Please refer to the COPP website at: www.COPPeak.org. You will discover an easy format which accesses city and state government and most of the departments you need in order to remain apprised of current affairs and developments.

Message from SPD *District 3 Public Safety Day*

Police personnel from District 3, Scottsdale Fire Department and Target Team members will be partnering in a joint Public Safety Day on Saturday November 4 from 9:00 pm-12:00 Noon at the 15444 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. store location. Free services include Vin-etching, bicycle registration, child fingerprinting, child safety seat inspections, and the police K-9 unit.

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Officer Jason Glenn
District 3 Crime Prevention Officer
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Election Day November 7, 2006

On November 7, COPP recommends:

- Yes on Proposition 106
- No on Proposition 105
- No on Proposition 207

Please refer to detailed explanations within the *COPP News*.

At the COPP October Monthly Meeting Jim Pederson, candidate for US Senate, spoke about his candidacy and answered questions. Senator Jon Kyl was also invited to attend but did not respond to the invitation.

We do not recommend or support any candidates for the General Election.



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 If you cannot join COPP right now, please consider making a donation.

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I support COPP's mission and would like to join COPP. Your membership and/or donation is greatly appreciated.

- Annual Membership** \$50 per household (Make check payable to COPP, Inc.) **COPP Political Committee Donation** of \$ _____ (Make check payable to COPP Political Committee)

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 Work (_____) _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____
Fax (_____) _____
Start Date _____ End Date _____

In what neighborhood/HOA do you live? _____
 Comments/Suggestions _____

In which city do you vote? _____

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Have a question? Call the **COPP Hotline** at: 602.230.5233 or E-mail us at: **COPPeak@coppeak.org**
 Make your check(s) payable as indicated above. Please return this form and your check(s) to:
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Commissioners Recommend One Scottsdale's Taller Buildings!

The Planning Commissioners fell all over themselves to compliment DMB's proposal for taller buildings.

Aside from public testimony that was heavily planted with DMB's acolytes in extolling the virtues of the taller buildings, the commissioners spent little time examining the consequences of granting the request from a land use issue standpoint or its long term consequences for the hundreds of acres yet to be developed to the east of the project. Rather, they fell all over themselves lauding DMB's quality of work. One commissioner even said that if DMB wasn't the applicant, *"it would be a dead fish on arrival."*

There is a lot to be told from this gratuitous statement. Land use is the sole concern of the Planning Commission. The Commission's function is to act as an advisory board to the City Council on land use and zoning matters – to recommend approval or denial of rezonings or other land use requests that are not permitted by zoning ordinances without City Council approval following public hearings. But how will they and the City Council say no to other developers when similar requests are made? Planning Commissioners, and the City Council, should decide a request only on its land use merits, not the personal likes or dislikes of a developer.

We understand the legal doctrine that neither the height variance nor DMB's request for a \$50 million subsidy is precedent setting. This is the legal mantra that always provides cover and comfort for those who want to rebut this claim. However, reality is clearer on this point because the assertion of being treated alike always finds its way into an application. For example, we have it on good information that the city will soon be asked to help fund another project because of the Sky Song subsidy. How does the city say no?

We believe the City Council should say no to both the taller buildings and the \$50 million subsidy. Scottsdale is very special because we have protected views and been very careful about creating a big city look only where it makes sense – downtown. Why are we spending hundreds of millions to acquire the preserve it we're going to make the north look like Los Angeles. It doesn't make sense.

The City Council will hear DMB height case on November 14 – it will hear the subsidy request at a later date. We believe that the \$50 Million subsidy and the taller building request should be heard at the same time. If you agree that buildings taller than ninety feet and almost three times the height that is allowed anywhere else in north Scottsdale for commercial use are inappropriate, and are opposed to public subsidies for private gain, please let the City Council know. You can send an email to citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov or send a fax to 312-2738

The Board of Directors

How do state trust land reform measures compare?

Area Compared	Provision	Prop 106 Conserving Arizona's Future	Prop 105 Homebuilders Proposal
Land Conservation	Acres protected from development immediately with passage by voters	332,700	0
	Acres available for purchase for conservation (<u>without</u> legislative approval)	361,000	*37,246
	Acres available for purchase for conservation (<u>with</u> legislative approval)	0	470,552
	Provides reasonable public access	Yes	Yes
Planning for Growth	<u>Requires</u> State Land Department to follow local rules/regulations	Yes	No (Remains at discretion of department)
Department Administration	Creates citizen board of trustees for oversight of new Department duties approved by voters	Yes (Governor appoints, State confirms)	No
Department Management	Allows Department to keep small amount of earnings to better manage land	Yes	No

*42,456 acres were re-classified as suitable for conservation as of January 1, 2005. Of this amount, 1,630 acres were conditionally re-classified in the McDowell Mountains, 2,332 acres have been sold for conservation and 1,248 acres in Fountain Hills are planned for sale for development.

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