

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

January 9, 2018
El Pueblo Activity Center
101 W. Irvington Road
6 PM

Summary

Attendees

David Lutz
Ada Adams
Jerry Rucks
2 other people attended but did not provide names
4 Committee members
Pima County staff

The hearing began at 6:10 p.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, committee members, and County staff.

Main themes from speakers

The speakers were all supportive of a permanent, half-cent sales tax. Two out of the three also supported its use for property tax reduction.

David Lutz (also see attached comment card for more comments)

- Concerned about his property taxes increasing, the widening Twin Peaks Road and I-10, expanding of wastewater treatment plant, delisting of the pygmy owl, uncontrolled growth in the Tortolita's, and spending on soccer fields.
- Concerned that the Chris and Joe radio show are saying bad things about the County, while whitewashing Marana and the State Legislature.
- Researched the State and they are escaping their responsibilities.
- Supports the current Board of Supervisors and the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and is worried that if the County doesn't fix the roads, the present Board will be voted out of office, which will lead to uncontrolled growth.
- Supports a sales tax for property tax reduction and road repair, if it includes a poison pill to control misspending, and if it includes assistance to low income residents for the income tax credit.
- Supports a permanent sales to fix the roads and keep the Supervisors in office.
- Concerned about the poor condition of roads in Picture Rocks.

Ada Adams

- Supports the sales tax to fix roads because her husband is on the Sunnyside School District Board and the busses are often out of commission. This effects how schools can function. The roads are terrible.
- Need to bring in businesses to lower taxes, and to do that they need good roads.
- Good roads would show we care.
- Big part of the Supervisor's District is in Sunnyside School District, and you have to help us as we've been supporting you for years.
- Dirt roads and flooding is also a concern.
- Has faith in low income residents that they know their budget, they can stay within their budget and they would understand the importance of this.

- Supports a permanent sales tax.
- Roads are a mess in Summit Vista and Picture Rocks.
- Supports sales tax so long as the funding doesn't end up going to Phoenix.
- Supports sales tax for property tax reduction, but it should all go to the roads for a while first.
- Supports sharing with the cities and towns for road repair, as a resident of City of Tucson.

Jerry Rucks (also see attached comment card for more comments)

- Would prefer a user fee, but understands the financial issue and that it appears the county is more constrained in how it can spend money than the federal government or state.
- Favors the half cent sales tax, but prefers it go strictly to roads.
- Not collecting it on food and medicine should help with the low income impact.
- Prefers it be permanent.

Hearing ended at 6:45 p.m.

Comment cards attached.

Hearing 1/9/18

Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
We Want to Hear from YOU!

1. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?

YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: My property taxes are way too high
It has gone from 1500 to over 9500 in a few years

2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?

Road Repair ONLY / Property Tax Reduction ONLY / Combination of Both (circle one)

Comment: Property taxes are way too high

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary / Permanent (circle one)

Comment: Property taxes are way too high

For additional information or to provide comments electronically please visit www.pima.gov/salestax or County Administrator's Office at (520) 724-8661.

Name: David A Latz
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Email Address: None

*See back for additional space to write comments. see back

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650,000 to expand the Ina Rd sewage plant
Comments: just to accomodate Maranas explosive growth!

I believe the Co should curb spending
on roads and other capital improvement
to serve Maranas Growth; Twin Peak
Interchange twin peaks Extension, Widening
to organic to a 4 lane parkway, widening
I-10 to 8 lanes all the way to
Marana. Do not spend money on other
things like the 14 million soccer stadium.
If they do this then they would be
enough money to fix the roads with
out raising tax.

I strongly support the plan proposed by
this committee. It has a rebate for low
income people and a poison pill that
prevents the County from spending these funds
on any thing other than roads

Comments:

Would prefer "user fee", gas or vehicle tax/fee

Blank lined area for additional comments.