

## Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee Public Hearing

January 17, 2018  
Green Valley  
Las Campanas Social Center (Cottonwood Room)  
565 West Belltower Drive  
Green Valley, AZ  
9 AM

### Summary

#### Attendees

Linda Miller  
Roy Dashen  
D. Brindle  
Don Weaver  
Paul Williams  
Joe Wilson  
Paul Williamsen  
Dick Roberts  
Marilyn Leuhrmann  
Joe Hutton

About 5 other people attended but did not provide a name or comment  
Committee Chairman Wendell Long  
Pima County Supervisor Steve Christy  
Pima County staff  
City of Tucson staff

The hearing began at 9:35 a.m. with an introductory presentation by Chairman Wendell Long. The hearing included comments, questions and answers, and involved members of the public, Chairman Long, Supervisor Christy, and County staff.

#### Main themes from speakers and those that submitted comments

The roads are in poor condition; the 25 cent property tax doesn't generate enough revenue to solve the problem; most spoke in support of a half cent sales tax for road repair only; and many spoke in support of Supervisor Christy's plan with the RTA administering the program.

#### **Linda Miller** (also see attached comment card)

- New homeowner in Green Valley and is concerned that her road will be gravel soon.
- Concerned that poor road conditions could be impacting home values.
- Supportive of a sales tax if it is guaranteed to go to roads only.
- Doesn't know much about the property tax reduction proposal.
- Sales tax should be temporary until all the roads are fixed.
- Supports RTA administering the program.

#### **Roy Dashen** (also see attached comment card)

- Participated in 30 or 40 meetings to prioritize Green Valley roads for the 25 cent property tax allocation, but it was too small of an amount.
- Feels a half cent sales tax is necessary and spreads the burden to those visiting Pima County.
- Supports sales tax for only road repair, because it will include eliminating the 25 cent property tax.
- Supports a permanent sales tax.

**Dennis Brindle** (also see attached comment card)

- Is the HOA representative for this area and says their roads are good.
- Requested that the County first talk to HOA's about their responsibilities in maintaining the roads.

**Don Weaver** (also see attached comment card)

- A lot of people live in HOAs that have private roads, but he lives in an HOA with public roads.
- Green Valley Coordinating Council (GVCC) passed a resolution and is 100 percent behind Supervisor Christy's plan.
- The GVCC spent 7 months with a 10 person committee driving every road in Green Valley and most were deplorable.
- The new 25 cent property tax is not enough.
- Supports a permanent sales tax for road repair only.
- The RTA did it for 10 years so people could see how they did it.
- Poor road conditions are depressing property values.
- Low income people need to consider the cost of repairing their cars.
- One HOA may petition the County to create an improvement district so that the HOA will pay a special tax to take over the road maintenance from the County.

**Paul Williams** (also see attached comment card)

- Supports a permanent sales tax for road repair only.

**Joe Wilson** (also see attached comment card)

- Supports Supervisor Christy's Plan
- Supports a permanent sales tax for road repair only, but worries about throwing more money at the County under current County Administrator.
- Green Valley's share of this year's \$19 million from the 25 cent property tax was very small.
- Pima County's Department of Transportation shouldn't be paying for slick brochures.
- Supports RTA administering the program.

**Paul Williamson** (also see attached comment card)

- Owns a house in two communities, one has private roads, the other public roads and the public roads are neglected by the County.
- We spend our own money to temporarily preserve our roads.
- HURF funds are not enough.
- Supports permanent sales tax for road repair only, as he doesn't want to go through this again in 10 years.
- Tourism will be negatively impacted without the roads being fixed.

**Dick Roberts**

- Supports Supervisor Christy's plan and management by the RTA.
- Yes to a temporary or permanent sales tax, 100 percent for roads.

**Marilyn Luehrmann** (also see attached comment card)

- Is okay with a temporary half-cent sales tax if the RTA administers it.
- Impact to low income households is less because their incomes are less.
- Property tax gets rolled into rent.
- Visitors use the roads and should pay.

**Tom Six**

- Yes to a temporary half cent sales tax to be administered by the RTA for road repair only.

**Joe Hutton** (also see attached comment card)

- Supports a temporary half cent sales tax for road repair only.
- The challenge will be getting the business community to support this.

Hearing ended at 10:25 a.m.

Comment cards attached.

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

YES / NO / NOT SURE (circle one)

Comment: It is the only way to get the roads fixed.

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: Need to be monitored by the RTA

3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

Temporary /  Permanent (circle one)

Comment: Need to build up a reserve.

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Comment: SEE REVERSE

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Comment: our roads are failing

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Comment: 10 Yr.

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Name: DON WEAVER  
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Comments:

CIRCULO DE LAS LOMAS

I AM A NEW HOMEOWNER LIVING OFF OF THIS CARD BOARDY SECTION OF ROAD

IF LEFT IGNORED THIS WILL SOON BE A DIRT TYPE POT HOLED RD.

I AM CONCERNED HOW THIS DECREPT SITUATION WILL/COULD AFFECT RESALE VALUES.

01/26/16

I AM NOT VERY TEMPTED TO HAVE MY TAXES INCREASED WHEN PREVIOUS TAXES DO NOT SEEM TO BE APPLIED TO NECESSARY REPAIRS.

Comments:

we support Steve's plan

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Comment: Drop the recently enacted additional property tax

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Comment: See above comment

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Comment: As proposed by Mr. Christy

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Comments:

Only use the sales tax for road repair.

Must be a guarantee of this.

Have RTA Administrator - they have a good track record.

See letter I sent to Steve Christy.

Thank you for pointing out that poor pavement costs drivers more than increased sales tax would. Some Supervisors are arguing that ↑ property tax unfairly taxes the poor. This does not make sense. Property tax also would apply to rentals (over 30 days) = higher rents. Sales tax = no effect (potentially).

Sales tax spreads the road expense to all who use them.