

RESOLUTION NO. 9709

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A BALLOT MEASURE BEFORE THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MESA TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A CITY-OWNED STADIUM, TRAINING, AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITY FOR CACTUS LEAGUE SPRING TRAINING.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS the Cactus League is an important community asset providing significant economic benefits, job creation, and community amenities for Mesa's citizens, businesses and visitors as well as significant regional and state economic benefits;

WHEREAS the Cubs have consistently generated the highest attendance in the Cactus League and are supported by a tremendous base of fans in Mesa, the region, and around the country, many of whom travel to Mesa each year for Cubs spring training games;

WHEREAS Mesa desires for the Cubs to conduct their spring training, player development and other activities in the City of Mesa;

WHEREAS the Cubs have expressed a desire to continue their Spring Training in Mesa if a new stadium, training, and administration facility is constructed and operated in the City of Mesa;

WHEREAS a city-owned stadium, training, and administration facility will spur additional economic and other beneficial development in Mesa and the region;

WHEREAS Section 613 of the Mesa City Charter requires, among other things, approval by a majority of the voting electorate of Mesa to expend public funds and/or exchange or grant City-owned land in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to construct a sports complex, arena or stadium.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mesa, Arizona as follows:

Section 1: The City Council intends to submit to the qualified voters of Mesa a question regarding the expenditure of public funds for the construction of a City-owned stadium, training, and administration facility for use in Cactus League spring training.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

APPROVED:



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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk