



City of Mesa State Legislative Update

City Council
May 20, 2010



2010 Legislative Session

- Second Regular Session of the 49th Arizona Legislature adjourned on April 29
- 1,233 bills introduced;
 - 338 became law
 - 14 vetoes
- Mesa closely monitored over 400 bills



Major Themes

- Prop 100 passage will generate \$1 billion for three years
- General Fund at 2004/2005 levels
- Shortest legislative session in 14 years



Legislative Priorities

- **Fiscal Sustainability**
 - Protect the City from any raid to State Shared Revenue

RESULT: No changes to shared revenue; LTAF funding was permanently eliminated



Legislative Priorities

- **Public Safety**

- Oppose efforts that would negatively effect Mesa's ability to control its own arterial photo enforcement program

RESULT: Arterial photo enforcement was largely untouched

- Monitor immigration legislation that will impact local communities and police policies

RESULT: Changes to immigration legislation mitigated the impact on local law enforcements



Legislative Priorities

- **Economic Development**

- Spring Training legislation to retain Chicago Cubs

RESULT: Failed to advance in State Senate

- Oppose GPLET reforms that would threaten existing development agreements and weaken this as a tool for future development

RESULT: Existing projects grandfathered and revisions for low-tax communities; defined Central Business District

- Support extension of the Motion Picture Production Tax Incentive Program

RESULT: Failed to advance; sunsets in 2010



Legislative Priorities

- **Neighborhoods**

- Monitor attempts to eliminate the 2010 sunset provision tied to payday lending

RESULT: Multiple attempts to eliminate the sunset provision were not successful; authorizing legislation expires on June 30, 2010



Other Bills

- County Library District
- Regulation of Fireworks
- Revitalization Districts
- Free Exercise of Religion (“Entertainment Districts”)



Other Bills

- Maricopa County Transit Planning
- Eminent Domain
- Expenditure Database / Public Notice
- ASRS Retirement Changes



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