



City of Maricopa 2013 State Legislative Agenda

January 15, 2013

Goal

To adopting a legislative agenda that allows the City of Maricopa staff to effectively focus our legislative efforts on Council priorities

Proposed 2013 State Legislative Agenda

1. Protect Revenue Sources
2. Oppose Cost Shifting onto Cities and Towns
3. Protect Local Control
4. Adopt Positive Structural Reforms
5. Create Economic Development Tools
6. Do No Harm

Implementation of Agenda

Staff will:

- Advocate in support of this agenda at all levels
- Coordinate activities with the Arizona League of Cities and Towns
- Communicate with Council on issue effecting Maricopa
- Enlist assistance of individual members of Council to initiate targeted strategies when warranted
- Seek additional Council direction as needed

Expectations on Bills

- Monitor legislative battles on budget surplus, health services, and gun safety bills
- Support two Maricopa related annexation bills
- A Bill promoting transparency of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns
- Governor's push for a Tax Simplification bill

Potential Tax Simplification Bill

- Governor's Tax Simplification Task Force
- A bill is expected to be offered based on report
- Proposals:
 - Standardization of rates and new online collection
 - Restrict third party audits
 - Transfer the collection of construction sales tax from point of construction to point of purchase
- Stated purpose is to simplify tax payment for home builders and contractors

Impact of Tax Simplification Bill on Maricopa

- Builders would pay 41% rather than current 65%
- Builders would pay taxes to Phoenix/Tucson/Flagstaff on homes built in Maricopa
- Loss of 1.5 million in sales tax to Maricopa
- Hit: 21% of sales tax revenues, 5% of general revenues
- Violates the concepts of:
 - Requiring growth to pay for itself (Tax shift to residents)
 - Maintaining local control
 - Equity between tax payers

Conclusion

Adopting a legislative agenda allows the City of Maricopa staff to effectively focus our legislative efforts on Council priorities

Questions?