



Community Feedback on the Proposed 2024-25 Budget

This report transmits the summary minutes from community budget hearings held April 6 through April 16, 2024, budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department for April 10 through April 22, 2024, and social media statistics.

Summary

This report provides community feedback on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Trial Budget received by the Budget and Research Department via phone, email, and the FundPHX interactive budget tool. Staff also provides summary minutes from all 11 Community Budget Hearings, that were held April 2 through April 16, 2024. Community feedback on the budget is an important component of the annual budget process and is provided to the City Council ahead of final budget decisions scheduled for May 21, 2024.

Attachment A transmits the summary minutes from the last seven Community Budget Hearings held April 6 through April 16, 2024. **Attachment B** transmits a summary of electronic, voicemail and FundPHX comments regarding the budget from March 1 through April 22, 2024, and social media statistics.

Community Feedback Reports are also available on the Budget and Research webpage at phoenix.gov/budget. Comments received are responded to by Budget and Research staff and/or the appropriate City department, as necessary.

Summary of Community Feedback

Below is a summary of comments received on the proposed budget as of April 22, 2024. The summary includes topics with two or more comments received. Staff has received a total of 359 comments from 172 individuals as of April 22, 2024. Several residents commented multiple times on the same topic. All comments received are included in **Attachments A and B**.

Comments for additional funding/support of the budget:

- (36) additional funding for legal counsel for individuals facing eviction.

- (33) additional funding to increase the number of drinking fountains in City parks and facilities.
- (30) additional funding for library hours and services.
- (30) additional funding for Fire Department positions and equipment.
- (29) additional funding for affordable housing.
- (24) additional funding for homeless services.
- (17) additional funding for road safety initiatives like Vision Zero and street preservation projects.
- (9) additional funding for Arts and Culture.
- (7) additional funding for permanent housing.
- (7) additional funding for park safety.
- (7) additional funding for the Police Department.
- (6) additional funding for cricket fields with additional lighting in South Phoenix.
- (5) support for the budget surplus.
- (5) additional funding for public safety.
- (5) additional funding for park infrastructure and improvements.
- (4) additional funding for heat initiatives that include heat resiliency and tree planting.
- (3) additional funding for neighborhood clean-ups.
- (3) additional funding for the Office of Homeless Solutions.
- (3) additional funding for youth programs.
- (2) additional funding for the Gated Alley Program.
- (2) additional funding for Camelback Corridor revitalization.
- (2) additional funding to build more community centers.
- (2) additional funding to develop properties from 24th to 28th streets to be used as a "hub" for youth and youth programs.
- (2) additional funding for preservation of historic assets Citywide.
- (2) additional funding for public restrooms at City parks to be cleaned regularly.
- (2) additional funding to bring retail space to South Mountain Village.
- (2) additional funding to add a traffic light at Cave Creek and Desert Cove roads.

Comments for reduced funding/opposition of the budget:

- (8) reduce funding for the Police Department.
- (4) reduce funding for road initiatives like Vision Zero.
- (2) reduce General Obligation (GO) Bond amounts so property taxes don't increase.
- (2) reduce funding for Green New Deal.
- (2) reduce/oppose the budget surplus.

- (2) reduce/oppose funding for homeless services.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Budget and Research Department.

ATTACHMENT A

SUMMARY MINUTES COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING COMMUNITY-WIDE HEARING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS APRIL 06, 2024

Deputy City Manager Gina Montes opened the Community Budget Hearing at 10:32 a.m., welcoming and thanking those in attendance and expressing the importance of budget hearings on the development of the proposed budget. Ms. Montes introduced the Spanish language interpreter, who introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Ms. Montes introduced the Parks Master Plan video. Following the video, she explained the speaking process for the budget hearing and introduced the Trial Budget video. Following the video, she introduced Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington, who thanked the public for attending and participating.

Vice Mayor Debra Stark joined the meeting virtually and expressed thanks to the public for attending and participating.

Ms. Montes opened the floor for public comment at 10:54 a.m.

1. Luke Black advocated for more drinking water fountains, the right for legal counsel, and supportive housing.
2. Isabel Garcia advocated for drinking fountains at parks, supportive housing, eviction support, shaded bus stops with benches, and street lighting.
3. Ben Laughlin advocated for water fountains in public spaces, legal counsel programs, and supportive housing.
4. Stephanie Gonzales Espinosa advocated for increasing the number of water fountains in parks and public spaces, a legal counsel program, and expanding permanent supportive housing units.
5. Evelynne Castillo advocated for legal counsel, increasing the number of permanent supportive housing units, and expanding the number of water fountains in parks and public spaces.
6. Christian Soto discussed his experience with ongoing housing challenges. He advocated for an investment in affordable housing and a right to legal counsel program.
7. Miesha Fish discussed her experience as a woman with disabilities on fixed income. She advocated for legal counsel programs, addressing homelessness, and heat safety.
8. Michelle Ashton advocated for funding for eviction defense and housing support.

9. Linda Simmons advocated for affordable housing and that property managers uphold their responsibilities to tenants.
10. Darren Jezick discussed the need to address struggles faced by tenants against landlords.
11. Karina Ramirez advocated for affordable housing, funding for a right to legal counsel, and access to cool, clean water.
12. Noelle Lewis advocated for funding for housing assistance, legal representation for tenants facing eviction, and more water fountains in communities and parks.
13. Jose Hernandez advocated for more water fountains in parks and public spaces, emergency eviction legal services, and increased permanent supportive housing units.
14. Maria Sanchez recommended reallocating funds from the budget surplus to address homelessness, affordable housing, and drinking water fountains.
15. Annie Eldon advocated for protected bike lanes, complete streets, Phoenix Connected Active Neighborhoods (PhxCAN), and quick build projects.
16. Salvador Camancho advocated for increased funding for firefighters.
17. Connier Gilliam discussed living in an apartment complex where recycling is not allowed, requiring families to find alternative locations for recycling. He advocated that all residents have access to recycling options.

Ms. Montes adjourned the hearing at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnathan Gates
Management Fellow

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
COUNCIL DISTRICT 8
SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APRIL 8, 2024**

City Manager Jeff Barton opened the budget hearing at 6:01 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance and introducing the interpreter. The interpreter briefly introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Mr. Barton introduced Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington, who thanked attendees and city staff and highlighted the importance of public input in decision-making.

Mr. Barton introduced the Parks Master Plan video. Following the video, he emphasized the importance of public feedback in developing the proposed budget. Mr. Barton noted that the proposed budget will be presented to City Council on May 7 and voted on May 21. Mr. Barton requested the budget video presentation to be played. Following the video, he opened the floor for public comment.

1. Ginnie Ann Sumner praised Graffiti Busters' digital updates. She supported funding for park rangers and vehicle coverage 24/7 and the park volunteer program. She supported adding an Assistant to the City Manager position to oversee the City's homeless services and programs and a planner position in the Office of Customer Advocacy. She also supported funding for additional police officers and a real-time Operation Center in Mountain View Precinct. She criticized inefficient street sweeping and advocated for improving park facilities and infrastructure. She also supported funding for bus stop benches.
2. Isaac Serna advocated for additional fire stations and supported park upgrades and public safety.
3. Brandon McGill requested funding for the Arizona Commission on the Arts.
4. Barbara Cooke requested to donate her time to Brian Harvey.
5. Amy Schwabenlender requested funding for homeless shelters and services, affordable housing programs, utility assistance, and eviction prevention programs.
6. Annie Eldon requested funding for safer city initiatives, including protected bike lanes, a designated Complete Streets position in the Street Transportation Department, and expressed support for the Phoenix CAN program.
7. Michael Johnson requested funding to develop properties from 24th to 28th Streets to establish a hub of dedicated youth services and programs.

8. Mark Beehler submitted a card to request saving the \$80 million surplus for future budgets.
9. Brian Harvey submitted a card in favor of improvements to Baseline Road and addressing potholes.
10. Angela Powell requested funding for affordable housing, the right to eviction legal counsel, and hydration stations in the parks.
11. Myles Franklin supported sustainability within the community and access to healthy, nutritious food.
12. Kristi McCann advocated for the Office of Homeless Solutions pilot program, additional Park Ranger positions, completion of the park planned for Laveen Meadows, and continued recruitment incentives for police officers and firefighters.
13. Unity Unique requested funding for homeless shelters and parks.
14. Laurie Pheil requested funding for safer roads and improving traffic flow. She proposed repurposing vacant land into community gardens and opposed the construction of more storage units along Baseline Road.
15. Catherine Napoli requested funding to bring in more retail stores and opposed adding more self-storage facilities in the community. She advocated preserving the Mystery Castle and expanding more hours and events at South Mountain Park.
16. Sam advocated closing the alleyways in the 24th Street and Broadway area west of Roeser Road to 20th Street and Broadway.
17. Sebastian Del Portillo requested funding for more permanent supportive housing units, eviction prevention programs, the right to eviction legal counsel, and more water fountains in public areas.
18. Gail Knight requested that future meetings be scheduled in the area between 32nd and 56th Street, from Thomas Road to Washington Street. She asked for funding for homeless assistance programs, improvements to park restrooms and park trails, and repairs of the Cross Cut Canal. She advocated for funding to develop properties from 24th to 28th Street to establish a hub of dedicated youth services and programs.

Mr. Barton thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yung Pham
Principal Budget and Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
COUNCIL DISTRICT 5
MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 10, 2024**

Councilwoman Betty Guardado and City Manager Jeff Barton opened the budget hearing at 6:05 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance and introducing the interpreter. The interpreter briefly introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Mr. Barton introduced the Parks Master Plan video. Following the video, he explained the speaking process for the budget hearing and introduced the Trial Budget video. Following the video, he stated that public input on the 2024-25 Trial Budget was important and briefly explained the budget status and approval process. He opened the floor for public comment.

1. Lisa Glow thanked the City for its support of homeless services and advocated for further support of emergency shelters, employment programs, and case management for Phoenix residents and homeless individuals. She also thanked Councilwoman Guardado for her support of senior support services.
2. David Ramirez advocated for additional Fire Department staff to reduce emergency response times.
3. Jeff Spellman expressed support for the City's decision to set aside the one-time \$80 million surplus to offset future budget deficits. He also advocated for increasing staff to support the construction of new public housing developments.
4. Jorge Castaneda expressed concern for the prevalence of homeless encampments near the city borders of Glendale, Avondale, and Tolleson and advocated for investment in red light cameras.
5. Elizabeth Aguilar did not wish to speak but suggested that neighborhood clean-ups be conducted district-wide rather than within certain boundaries.
6. Annie Eldon suggested funding be used to build additional protected bike lanes, create a designated complete-streets administrator position within the Street and Transportation Department, support the PhxCAN program, and create a designated fund for quick-build projects.

Councilwoman Guardado and Mr. Barton thanked everyone for attending the hearing and ended the hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zach Hill
Management Intern

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
COUNCIL DISTRICT 3
SUNNYSLOPE COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 11, 2024**

Deputy City Manager Inger Erickson opened the Community Budget Hearing at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Erickson welcomed those in attendance and introduced the Spanish language interpreter, who provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Mayor Gallego thanked those in attendance for their participation and thanked City of Phoenix employees for their service. She noted the impact of community input on the budget process and the national recognition the City has received for its community engagement.

Vice Mayor Stark thanked those in attendance and expressed her appreciation for Sunnyslope and all of District 3. She noted speakers would be given two minutes for comments due to the number of speakers present.

Ms. Erickson introduced a video on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. She encouraged residents to provide input on the Master Plan and informed attendees that staff was available for questions and feedback.

Ms. Erickson emphasized the importance of public input on the Trial Budget and discussed the current budget status and approval process. Ms. Erickson discussed the process for registering to speak and noted other ways of providing input on the budget, including the use of the FundPHX tool.

Ms. Erickson briefly commented on the budget video and then requested to have it played. Following the video, she opened the discussion for public comments.

1. Jim De Rouse submitted a card in favor of funding for a traffic light at Cave Creek Road and Desert Cove Avenue, noting it was a dangerous intersection.
2. Mike Pepera submitted a card in favor of funding for Parks and Preserves, noting there has been an increased interest in these areas.
3. Pamela Jimenez-Runner spoke in favor of additional funding for gated alleys, noting challenges with homelessness and drug use in alleys.

Vice Mayor Stark stated that City employees from Neighborhood Services were in attendance and could meet with Pamela for additional discussion.

4. Teresa Hill spoke in favor of funding for housing and supportive services for homeless seniors, for legal aid to help seniors avoid evictions, for funding for the Fire Department, and for more grant writers for the city. She spoke in

favor of using funding from the surplus and repurposing \$0.5 million in funds that are currently slated for a pilot public property clean-up program.

5. Lisa Glow thanked staff for their support of Community Bridges Inc. (CBI) and summer heat relief efforts. She noted the large number of families and individuals who receive assistance from Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) and requested additional funding for CASS's two main shelters: Sunnyslope Family Shelter (\$450k) and CASS adult shelter (\$453k).
6. Marcie Lynn spoke in favor of funding for public safety. She also recommended funding for public safety operators and resources for low income and homeless seniors.
7. Tim Knobbe spoke in favor of funding for the Fire Department to increase the number of firefighters, paramedics, fire stations, fire trucks, and ambulances, stressing the importance of reducing response times.

Ms. Erickson described how she and Mr. Knobbe started their careers with the City of Phoenix as lifeguards, and noted the many programs and career opportunities the City has to offer.

8. Letitia LaVant spoke in favor of funding for the Fire Department, noting a need for more stations, firefighters, and resources to help reduce response times and keep up with the demands of a growing city.
9. Jacqueline Palmenberg submitted a card in favor of funding for Phoenix libraries, including the Bookmobile program.
10. Patricia Ford spoke in favor of funding for Streets, Police, and Fire. She expressed frustration with the FundPHX tool and the difficulty of identifying which funds were assigned to which City department. She also stated concern regarding the safety of the intersection at Cave Creek Road and Desert Cove Avenue and noted a traffic study had already been conducted.

Ms. Erickson mentioned to Ms. Ford that Budget and Research staff were onsite and available to assist her with the FundPHX tool if interested.

11. Charlotte Benford submitted a card in favor of funding for library services and bike lanes.
12. James Veihdeffer spoke in favor of funding to address traffic and speeding along Central Avenue and parking issues on the bridle path and on nearby side streets. He expressed the need for increased safety for pedestrians in this area.

- Vice Mayor Stark expressed concern about parking along the bridle path, noting the path was designated as historic, and stated the Historic Preservation Office would look into the issue.
13. AJ Marsden spoke in favor of funding to expand City of Phoenix volunteer programs and emphasized the importance of volunteers due to upcoming budgetary challenges.
 14. Cynthia Graber thanked the City Manager for a well-developed budget and expressed support for carrying the \$80 million surplus forward. She spoke in favor of funding for the 19th Avenue Safety Plan, Police, and for supportive services for refugees. She noted ongoing concerns with the 19th Avenue and Glendale Avenue area and thanked the City for supporting Community Safety Plans (CSP). She stated a need for an updated traffic-related safety plan for the neighborhood and expressed frustration with the lack of community input regarding the location of the High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK).
 15. Julia Taggart spoke in favor of funding to support historic preservation efforts, noting an upcoming demolition permit and the importance of preserving the 1930 Mystery Castle. She expressed concern over the lack of a Phoenix historical society and museum. She also spoke in favor of funding for increased traffic safety along East Hatcher Road and at the intersection of Cave Creek Road and Desert Cove Avenue. She supported funding for the Fire Department to reduce response times and recruit more female firefighters.
 16. Annie Eldon thanked City staff for providing options for both in-person and virtual meetings. She spoke in favor of funding for increased safety on streets, particularly for bicyclists. She requested funding for protected bike lanes on 3rd Street from Lincoln Street to Roosevelt Street to enhance connections between north and south Phoenix. She also expressed support for funding for the Complete Streets program, PhxCAN, and for a designated fund for quick-build projects.
 17. Patrick Cunningham submitted a card in favor of funding for the Fire Department.
 18. MaryJo Winters Germuenden submitted a card requesting funding for a traffic light at Cave Creek Road and Desert Cove Avenue.
 19. Sam Johnson spoke in favor of funding for homelessness, heat relief, and emergency response services, stating the number of heat-related fatalities last year was unacceptable and stressing the need for more resources.
 20. Richard Germuenden submitted a card requesting funding for a traffic light at Cave Creek Road and Desert Cove Avenue.

Vice Mayor Stark thanked residents and staff for attending. She noted the importance of traffic safety and the need to provide heat-related relief services for vulnerable residents. She mentioned she was aware of the traffic safety-related concerns at the Cave Creek Road and Desert Cove Avenue intersection and added that Streets staff was in attendance and had noted these concerns as well. She thanked attendees again for their input and emphasized its importance in the budget process.

Ms. Erickson thanked attendees and noted that staff from every city department was onsite and available for further discussions.

Ms. Erickson adjourned the community budget hearing at 9:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Kontak
Budget and Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7
DESERT WEST COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 11, 2024**

Deputy City Manager John Chan opened the budget hearing at 6:02 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance and introducing the interpreter. The interpreter introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Mr. Chan introduced Councilmember Carlos Galindo-Elvira, who thanked those in attendance and encouraged their participation at the hearing. Mr. Chan also introduced Budget & Research Director Amber Williamson.

Mr. Chan introduced the Parks Master Plan video. He then briefly explained the budget status and approval process and stated that public input on the 2024-25 Trial Budget was important. He introduced the Trial Budget video. Following the video, Mr. Chan opened the floor for public comment. Councilmember Galindo-Elvira emphasized the importance of resident feedback.

1. Isaac Serna advocated for additional fire stations to improve response times, and more resources for youth programs.
2. Lisa Glow thanked the City for its support of homeless services and requested \$453,000 be added to the City's contract with Central Arizona Shelter Services to maintain current service levels at the family and adult shelters. She also emphasized the importance of affordable housing investment to address homelessness.
3. Robert Nolan thanked the City for its investment in arts and culture. He requested available funding in future years be allocated to expand the Community Arts Grants program.
4. Patrick McDaniel endorsed that funding for the following departments and programs be maintained: the Office of Homelessness Solutions, Arts and Culture, active transportation projects, and Planning & Development. He also requested available funding in future years be allocated to increase Housing Department staff.
5. Scott Crowley spoke in favor of funding for more Fire Department positions and resources to improve response times.
6. Al Quintana spoke in favor of funding for more Fire Department positions, stations, and trucks to improve response times.

7. Amy Schwabenlender spoke in favor of continued funding for the Office of Homeless Solutions, and increased investment in affordable housing.
8. Ismael Morales thanked the City's Arts and Culture Department and discussed the importance of arts grant funding. He requested available funding in future years be allocated to fund art grant programs.
9. Rebecca Perrera suggested the City look for efficiencies and increased revenue streams that can improve service levels without additional spending. She suggested holding businesses with excess blight accountable and expanding the Culture Pass program.
10. Annie Eldon suggested funding be used to build protective bike lanes on 3rd Street from Lincoln to Roosevelt, create a designated complete-streets administrator position within the Street Transportation Department, support the PhxCAN program, and create a designated fund for quick-build projects.
11. Isabel Garcia advocated for increased infrastructure investment in South Phoenix for streets, street lighting, and bus stops. She spoke in favor of funding for more water fountains outside of City facilities and parks, an emergency eviction legal services program, and more permanent supportive housing units.
12. Berta Rita spoke in favor of funding for eviction legal services, increased drinking fountains, and more affordable housing. She advocated for reduced funding for Police and increased resources for Fire to improve response times.
13. Irma Pacheco advocated for reduced funding for Police. She spoke in favor of more funding for affordable housing, additional water fountains in public spaces, and emergency eviction legal services.
14. Alma Rayos advocated for the creation of an eviction legal services program and more water fountains and shaded areas at City parks.
15. Angelina (last name not provided) spoke in favor of additional affordable housing units, the creation of an eviction legal services program, more water fountains at City parks, and increased mental health services.
16. Estela Varela requested more water fountains in City parks and facilities, funding for emergency eviction legal services, and increased affordable housing units.
17. Maricela Pedroza advocated for the funding of legal services for emergency evictions, more water fountains in City parks, and increased affordable housing units.

18. Luke Black advocated for reduced funding for Police and more investment in streetlights, road quality, and parks in District 7. He requested water fountains at City parks be turned on 24 hours per day, more fountains be added to City facilities, increased funding for Right to Counsel eviction programs, and the creation of a pilot program for eviction support with other agencies in addition to Community Legal Services.
19. Maria Alonso requested funding for more water fountains and shaded areas in District 7, as well as increased affordable housing units. She also advocated for reduced funding for Police.
20. Luz Lucero requested funding for legal services for emergency eviction support.
21. Justina Hernandez advocated for less funding for Police and reallocating resources for clean water and homeless services.
22. Brenda Montoya advocated for greater access to healthy food and produce, improved street conditions, and the building of more community centers in District 7.
23. Ana Hernandez requested funding for eviction legal support services, building more community centers, additional street lighting, and more water fountains in City parks.
24. Pedro Zambrano spoke in favor of increased community centers, creating an organization for eviction support and tenant rights, and adding more water fountains to City parks.
25. Laura Ramirez advocated for water fountains and restrooms to be available in City parks, more affordable housing, and providing services for undocumented individuals. She thanked the City for the new homeless shelter being built in west Phoenix. She also requested more streetlights, cleaning, and street maintenance in Maryvale.
26. A resident not wishing to speak recommended more funding for homeless prevention such as mental health services and investment in the Fire Department. They advocated against additional funding for homeless shelters.

Councilmember Galindo-Elvira thanked the residents for their input and adjourned the hearing at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Ramos
Budget and Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2 AND 3
SHADOW MOUNTAIN SENIOR CENTER
APRIL 15, 2024**

Deputy Budget and Research Director Chris Fazio opened the community budget hearing at 6:04 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance and introducing the interpreter. The interpreter briefly introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Mr. Fazio introduced Vice Mayor Debra Stark, who welcomed the audience and introduced Councilmember Jim Waring. Councilmember Waring thanked the audience for their attendance.

Mr. Fazio introduced a video on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. He encouraged residents to provide input on the Master Plan and informed attendees that staff was available for questions and feedback.

Following the Parks and Recreation Master Plan video, Deputy City Manager Alan Stephenson emphasized the importance of public input on the Trial Budget and discussed the current budget status and approval process. Mr. Stephenson informed the audience that they would have 2 minutes per public comment and then introduced the Trial Budget video.

Following the video, Mr. Stephenson opened the floor for public comment at 6:15 p.m.

1. Bob Westle advocated for pickleball courts in Tramonto Park.
2. Lisa Glow thanked the City for its support of homeless services and advocated for further support of emergency shelters, employment programs, and case management for Phoenix residents and homeless individuals. She noted the large number of families and individuals who receive assistance from Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) and requested additional funding for CASS's two main shelters: Sunnyslope Family Shelter (\$450k) and CASS adult shelter (\$453k).
3. Candice Fremouw asked for clarification about a section of the Community Budget Guide that discussed voter approved initiatives for public safety and the General Fund. She expressed concerns about these initiatives potentially supplanting the General Fund rather than supplementing it.
4. Anne Ender advocated for the \$80M surplus to be set-aside for potential future needs such as the Police Department entering a consent decree or litigation costs. She also indicated that the surplus could be used to address Police and Fire response times.

5. Ismael Morales advocated for the public arts program and noted that he serves as a member of the Phoenix Arts & Culture Commission and was appointed by the late Mayor Thelda Williams. He also noted that the Arizona Commission on the Arts was not funded this year and that the surplus could be used to support it. Additionally, he expressed concerns about the lack of adequate bus shelter at the bus stop on 32nd Street and Shea Boulevard.
6. Scott Crowley submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.
7. Marshall Zeable advocated for additional funding for the Fire Department. He discussed the need to improve response times to ensure the success of firefighters. He noted that the Fire Department has less than 60 fire stations and indicated that the City should have 80-90 fire stations.
8. Nathan Wielanz submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.
9. Josh North submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.
10. Tyler Baker submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.
11. Taylor Simons submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.
12. Matt Shaughnessy submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.
13. Aaron Dutcher submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.
14. Tim Knobbe advocated for additional funding for the Fire Department. He noted that he works at Station 27, which ran over 4,600 emergency calls last year. He noted that the average response time for an ambulance in District 2 is 12 minutes and 14 seconds and in District 3 is 10 minutes and 19 seconds. He asked for the community's support in advocating for additional resources for the Fire Department.
15. Jason Wright submitted a public comment card in favor of additional funding for the Fire Department.

16. Adam Limmer submitted a public comment card in favor of a basketball court at Kierland Park. He noted that there is currently nothing there for older kids to use.
17. Kym Guntermann submitted a public comment card in favor of speed mitigation along Cave Creek Road south of Cactus Road to address excessive speeding. She also wrote in favor of funds for a traffic light on Cactus Road or Desert Cove Avenue.

Mr. Stephenson thanked everyone for attending the hearing and ended the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Nguyen
Sr. Budget and Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING (SPANISH-LANGUAGE)
COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 and 5
MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

Deputy City Manager Ginger Spencer opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance and thanking them for coming to comment on the City's fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 proposed budget. Ms. Spencer introduced the interpreter for the evening's community budget hearing who introduced himself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Ms. Spencer introduced Councilwoman Betty Guardado representing District 5 and Councilwoman Laura Pastor representing District 4, who both thanked the public for their attendance.

Ms. Spencer introduced the Parks Master Plan video. Following the video, Ms. Spencer introduced Deputy Budget & Research Director Mayra Baquera. Ms. Baquera briefly explained the budget status and approval process. Ms. Baquera explained how the public can provide comment during the meeting and introduced the Trial Budget video.

Following the video, Councilwoman Guardado opened the hearing to public comments.

1. Isabel Garcia from District 7 requested additional water fountains at parks and other public spaces. She requested the creation of an emergency legal services program for those who face eviction and requested the City to assist with affordable housing solutions for the homeless population.
2. Maria Alonso from District 6 requested additional resources for the homeless population as well as those who have been affected by eviction. Specifically, she mentioned additional water fountains to combat the summer heat as well as legal services for those facing eviction from their homes.
3. Blanca Jacome from District 7 requested resources for the increasing homeless population, additional water fountains at parks, and requested legal services to defend residents facing eviction from their homes.
4. Ben Lindquist from District 6 spoke about the increasing population in Phoenix hindering the response time of fire personnel. He spoke in support of the creation of additional firefighter positions and engines (trucks).
5. Ismael Morales from District 6 spoke in support of the City's arts and culture programs. He expressed gratefulness for the public art projects, citing the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and the corner of 63rd Avenue and Osborn.
6. Christopher Rubio from District 5 spoke about the increasing population in Phoenix hindering the response time of fire personnel. He spoke in support of the creation of additional firefighter positions and engines (trucks).

7. Irma Pacheco from District 7 spoke in favor of more funding for affordable housing, additional water fountains in public spaces, and emergency eviction legal services.
8. Gloria Saucedo from District 7 requested more public water fountains, more cleaning services for the bathrooms in public parks, and legal support for the ongoing evictions from the trailer homes in her community.
9. Alicia Fajardo-Navejar from District 5 requested more resources and financial assistance to support caretakers and their families. She requested more public water fountains and shading to fight the summer heat.
10. Francisco Joaquin Jimenez from District 7 requested more public water fountains, additional clean spaces for public use, and resources for the homeless population. He also spoke about the ongoing eviction problem due to lack of affordable housing.
11. Luz Lucero from District 7 requested legal assistance for those that have been evicted from their homes. She requested more public water fountains and requested to reduce Police Department funding and use that funding for children's recreational and cultural programs.
12. Javier Loya Gutierrez from District 7 requested more youth programs and increased funding for cleaning services at public parks and sports fields.
13. Marco Marcial from District 5 acknowledged there is a large homeless population and stated he has tried to help people living in the streets. From his experience, not all homeless people accept the help that is offered and so he believes no additional funding for homeless services is needed.
14. Alma Rayo from District 5 left a comment but did not speak during the budget hearing. The comment requested to increase the number of water fountains in parks and outside of public spaces; to create a program for tenants facing eviction to have legal representation; and to create more affordable housing.
15. Angelina from District 7 left a comment but did not speak during the budget hearing. The comment requested to increase the number of water fountains in parks and outside of public spaces; to create a program for tenants facing eviction to have legal representation; and to create more affordable housing.
16. Estela Varela from District 5 left a comment but did not speak during the budget hearing. The comment requested to increase the number of water fountains in parks and outside of public spaces; to create a program for tenants facing eviction to have legal representation; and to create more affordable housing.
17. Maricela Pedroza from District 7 left a comment but did not speak during the budget hearing. The comment requested additional resources for the homeless population and to create more affordable housing.

18. Guadalupe Anaaya from District 7 left a comment but did not speak during the budget hearing. The comment requested to increase the number of water fountains in parks and outside of public spaces; to create a program for tenants facing eviction to have legal representation; and to create more affordable housing.
19. Berta from Maryvale left a comment but did not speak during the budget hearing. The comment requested to increase the number of water fountains in parks and outside of public spaces; to create a program for tenants facing eviction to have legal representation; and to create more affordable housing.

Councilwomen Guardado and Pastor thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Babani
Budget & Research Analyst

ATTACHMENT B

VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, FUNDPHX AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS RESPONDED TO April 10, 2024 – April 22, 2024, AND SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

Emails

1. Thomas Henningsen sent an email in support of maintaining current library funding.
2. Karen Okeefe sent an email in support of maintaining current library funding.
3. Barbara Thomspen sent an email in support of maintaining current library funding.
4. Angel Jannasch-Pennell sent an email in support of maintaining current library funding.
5. Nicole Dizon sent an email in support of heat resiliency, tree planting and safety initiatives in neighborhoods and parks.
6. Kari Carlisle sent an email in support of increased funding for the Heritage Square Foundation.
7. Teresa sent an email in support of continued funding for the Office of Homeless Solutions, home energy assistance programs, Phoenix C.A.R.E.S., emergency services for housing the homeless, and CASS. She also supports funding to help individuals facing evictions.
8. Mitchael Hitzel sent an email in support of funding for safer cycling environments for recreation and daily commuting.
9. The Phoenix Community Alliance sent a letter in support of funding for the Office of Homeless Solutions Department, affordable housing, pedestrian safety, Arts and Culture, Historic Preservation and to increase staff in the Planning and Development Department. The letter is attached.
10. Ginnie Ann Sumner sent a letter in support of funding for the Graffiti Busters Program, park safety programs, Old Cross Canal irrigation and broken trash can lid repair/replacement and beatification, Pierce Park bathroom remodel and additional parks programming, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) for bus stop benches on 44th Street, between Washington Street and Thomas Road. Ms. Sumner would also like to discuss sustainability opportunities with the Office of Sustainability for Pierce and Old Cross Cut Canal Parks. The letter is attached.

Voicemails

There have been no new voicemail comments since April 4, 2024.

FundPHX Comments from March 20, 2024, to April 22, 2024

1. Paula Milner recommended the city stop approving the development of multi-unit buildings due to limited water resources. Ms. Milner also stated the increase in development brings increased traffic and pollution.
2. Erin Morrison recommended the city stop subsidizing vehicles and instead prioritize street improvements that protect pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users. Ms. Morrison would also like to see more services for the unhoused.
3. Natalie Davenport recommended a stop light along Cave Creek, between Hatcher Road and Cactus Road due to increased speeding.
4. Benjamin Joiner recommended funds be reduced in the patrol division of the Phoenix Police Department and added to non-police responders, such as mental health professionals, counselors and health and well-being specialists.
5. David Ramirez recommended an audit of police spending and instead invest the funds back into the communities.

Social media stats from March 25, 2024, to April 22, 2024, are as follows:

Facebook – 14 City of Phoenix Facebook Posts

1. 409 Views
2. 54 Likes/Reactions
3. 16 Shares
4. 5 Comments

X (Twitter) – 3 City of Phoenix Tweets (across three City accounts)

1. 40 Views/Impressions
2. 2 Retweets
3. 6 Likes

YouTube – 11 City of Phoenix Videos

1. 1,146 Views
2. 1 Comment

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Chavez
Administrative Secretary

Kari Lambert
Administrative Assistant II



**P H O E N I X
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April 12, 2024

Mr. Jeff Barton
City Manager
City of Phoenix
Phoenix City Hall
200 West Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: Proposed 2024-2025 Trial Budget

Dear City Manager Barton:

On behalf of the Phoenix Community Alliance (PCA) Board of Directors and membership I am writing to express our collective support of the Trial Budget presented to City Council on March 19, 2024. We understand that the City of Phoenix currently faces financial challenges as a result of previous legislative and gubernatorial actions that have served to reduce City revenues and jeopardize programs and initiatives citywide. The Trial Budget presented is the best mechanism for the City to continue delivery of services while planning for potential reductions of revenue in the future.

To best promote continued economic growth, an increased quality of life, and a vibrant Downtown, our Advocacy Committees respectfully request that no future reductions of resources occur during the budgetary process to the following areas:

- Operations and staffing by the Office of Homeless Solutions. This agency has proven to be instrumental to assisting those experiencing homelessness.
- Grants and public art maintenance administered by the City of Phoenix Arts and Culture Department. Continuation of these services is vital to the cultural experiences of all Phoenicians.
- Programming that promotes active transportation, multi-modal operations, and pedestrian safety. In an evolving city these options are an increasing necessity.
- Current and future staffing within the Department of Planning and Development. Prompt and efficient delivery of services by this department are crucial to delivery of projects that enrich our growing Downtown.

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- Historic Preservation incentives and programs utilized to preserve and protect historic assets citywide.
- Should additional resources become available, an increase in FTE in the City of Phoenix Housing Department dedicated to affordable housing solutions would help to provide more inventory to those facing housing insecurity.

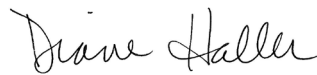
As background, PCA is the 40-year-old business leadership and advocacy organization for greater Downtown Phoenix, with more than 320 Members representing 32 sectors and fields of industry. Through PCA's advocacy committees, our Members work to create a stronger downtown for a greater Phoenix.

Thank you for your leadership and skilled allocation of finite resources during the budgetary process.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick McDaniel
Advocacy Director
Phoenix Community Alliance



Diane Haller
Board Chair
Phoenix Community Alliance

cc: Mayor Kate Gallego, City of Phoenix
Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Council District 1
Councilman Jim Waring, Council District 2
Vice Mayor Deb Stark, Council District 3
Councilwoman Laura Pastor, Council District 4
Councilwoman Betty Guardado, Council District 5
Councilman Kevin Robinson, Council District 6
Councilman Carlos Galindo-Elvira, Council District 7
Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington, Council District 8
Ruben Alvarez, Chair, Public Affairs Committee

FY 2024-25 Budget Comments:

I support reserving the 80 million, because of the following support received in the FY 2023-24 budget and staff's support.

NSD: Adding the Graffiti Busters Permission slip option on line and developing a graffiti brochure, coordination with PHXCares, and the Blight Reduction Program

Parks: Director Aguilar and the Parks Board's multiple efforts and support to keep our neighborhood parks safe

Parks: CIP for the Old Cross Cut Canal Park's aged-out and broken irrigation system and agreement to explore ways to replace some of the grass with other landscape options

Public Works: Agreeing to replace the broken trash lids in the Old Cross Cut Canal Park

Chief Sustainability Officer Mark Hartman: Providing opportunity to discuss options for Pierce and the Old Cross Cut Canal Parks

I respectfully request funding sources be explored to include:

Pierce Park: bathroom remodel and additional Parks' programming

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) bus stop benches on 44th Street from Thomas to Washington and 44th to 48th Streets

Property lines identified on the westside of the Old Cross Cut Canal Park from McDowell to Thomas Roads

Respectfully,

Ginnie Ann Sumner

