

ELECTION '16

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

**PUBLICITY PAMPHLET
AND
BALLOT FORMAT**



**Special/General Election
November 8, 2016**

**Compiled and issued
by the Town of Paradise Valley
Duncan Miller, Town Clerk**

**Una versión en español de este folleto
informativo se puede conseguir en la
Oficina del Secretario del Municipio.**

To the voters of Paradise Valley:

This Publicity Pamphlet is provided to all households in Paradise Valley occupied by one or more registered voters. It is an important tool to assist voters in making informed ballot decisions. The pamphlet includes general information about the November Election, the text and summary of Proposition 499 regarding a proposal to adjust the Town's State-imposed expenditure limit, followed by arguments supporting and opposing the Proposition. The arguments have been printed in the order in which they were received.

In accordance with the Federal Voting Rights Act, this Publicity Pamphlet has been prepared in both English and Spanish. A Spanish version may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

Duncan Miller
Town Clerk
480-348-3610
dmiller@paradisevalleyaz.gov
www.paradisevalleyaz.gov

SPECIAL/GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Voter registration deadline: October 10, 2016

If you are not registered to vote or if you have moved recently you must update your registration. You may do so online at: www.servicearizona.com.

Early voting begins: October 12, 2016

If you are on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL) you will receive a ballot in the mail. Voted ballots must be received by the Maricopa County Elections Department by November 8, 2016. If you are not on PEVL and would like to vote early, visit www.maricopa.vote or call 602-506-1511. The deadline to request a ballot by mail is October 28, 2016.

If you would like to vote early in-person, please visit www.maricopa.vote to find the nearest early voting site. Town Hall will NOT be an early voting site; however, voters may drop off completed early ballots at the Clerk's Office (6401 E Lincoln Drive) through November 4th. The last day to vote early is November 4, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Completed early ballots may be dropped off at any polling place in the County on Election Day.

Election Day: November 8, 2016

All polling places will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. You must go to your assigned polling place to vote. Your location is printed on the cover of this pamphlet or you may find your polling place at: www.maricopa.vote

VOTER IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLS

Every voter is required to show proof of identity before receiving a ballot. The following is a list of acceptable forms of identification that can be used when voting at a polling place on Election Day. All identification must match the voter's name and address as shown on the Maricopa County Elections Department Signature Roster.

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION

LIST #1 Acceptable forms of identification with photograph, name, and address. The address must match the voter's address in the precinct register – 1 REQUIRED

- Valid Arizona driver's license
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification license
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification

Any identification is "valid" unless it can be determined on its face that it has expired.

OR

LIST #2 Acceptable forms of identification without a photograph that bear the name and address of the elector - 2 REQUIRED

- Utility bill of the elector that is dated within ninety days of the date of the election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone, or cable television
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within ninety days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Vehicle insurance card
- Recorder's Certificate or Voter Registration Card
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification
- Any "Official Election Material" mailing bearing the voter's name and address

OR

LIST #3 Mix and Match from Lists #1 and #2

- Any Valid Picture ID from List #1 with an address that does NOT match the Precinct Register WITH a non-photo ID from List #2 with an address that DOES match the Precinct Register.
- U.S. PASSPORT and one item from List #2
- U.S. MILITARY ID and one item from List #2

PROVISIONAL BALLOT

If the voter does not have acceptable identification at the polling place, a Provisional Ballot may be voted. Acceptable identification must then be presented to the Town Clerk or Maricopa County Recorder by 5:00 PM on November 15, 2016.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA CALLING FOR AN ELECTION; ADOPTING A FEE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PUBLICITY PAMPHLET ARGUMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR ELECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, Arizona Constitution, Article IX, Section 20 provides that the Town may permanently adjust its state imposed expenditure limitation base if a majority of the qualified electors voting on the issue at a regular election vote in favor of the adjustment; and

WHEREAS, a base adjustment may be referred to the voters of the Town by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council believe it is in the best interests of the Town of Paradise Valley to adjust its base expenditure limit; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes §19-141(c) requires the Town to prepare a publicity pamphlet and §19-124(D) provides that any person filing a publicity pamphlet argument shall deposit with the Chief Elections Officer, at the time of filing, an amount of money to offset a portion of the cost of printing the argument.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Designation of Election Date and Ballot Question

The Town Clerk shall call an election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the Town the following proposition:

Descriptive Title

Pursuant to the Arizona Constitution, the Town of Paradise Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona seeks voter approval to permanently adjust the expenditure base of the Town of Paradise Valley as determined by the Economic Estimates Commission. The Town seeks an adjustment of \$3,540,285.

Short Title

Shall the Expenditure Base of the Town of Paradise Valley be permanently adjusted by \$3,540,285?

A “YES” vote shall have the effect of allowing the Town of Paradise Valley to adjust its base expenditure limit.

A “NO” vote shall have the effect of not allowing the Town of Paradise Valley to adjust its base expenditure limit and to require expenditures of the Town to be limited by the state-imposed expenditure limit.

Section 2. Publicity Pamphlet Argument Fee

The Town Clerk is authorized, in accordance with A.R.S. §19-124, to collect a fee of Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) for the printing of publicity pamphlet arguments. All fees shall be deposited with the Town Clerk at the time the argument is filed.

Section 3. Authorization to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement

The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Maricopa County Elections Department on behalf of the Town of Paradise Valley for election services. A copy of said agreement shall remain on file in the office of the Town Clerk pursuant to Arizona Public Records Law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona on this 9th day of June 2016.

TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY

/s/ Michael Collins, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM : /s/ Andrew M. Miller, Town Attorney

PERMANENT BASE ADJUSTMENT
SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution, the Town of Paradise Valley seeks voter approval to permanently adjust the expenditure base of the Town as determined by the Economic Estimates Commission. If approved by the voters, the Town's 1979-80 base expenditure limitation will be increased by \$3,540,285 adjusted each future year for population and inflation growth since 1979-80.

With voter approval, in 2017-18, the Town's expenditure limitation will increase by \$14,000,000 from \$26,278,670 to \$40,278,670. The Town will utilize the additional expenditure authority for any local budgetary purposes including police, fire, wastewater, alarm services, public works, community development, courts, attorneys, and administration. (The dollar figures in this statement are estimates only.)

If approved, the additional authorized expenditures will be funded from revenues obtained from state and local sources.

(Arguments appear in the order in which received)

ARGUMENT “FOR” PROPOSITION 499

Well run, responsible local government requires the ability to allocate available financial resources to the challenges of the day while maintaining a balanced budget and strong reserves. Voting yes on the permanent base adjustment does not increase taxes, does not increase debt, and does not create an unbalanced budget. It allows the Town to maintain public safety service levels, fix town streets, and pay down police pension debt. Prop 499 requires the Town to live within its means while remaining the stewards of good public services. Vote yes!

Mayor Michael Collins

ARGUMENT “FOR” PROPOSITION 499

As a businessman who has worked in the private sector my entire life and being on our Town Council for four years, I find Proposition 499 a necessity to help make our Town run more like a business. Among other ongoing expenditures, the Town has streets that need to be repaired, police pension liabilities that need to be funded and police services that we must maintain. Through the growth and development of our resorts the money to maintain these expenditures is there. Yet, the State imposed expenditure limit is curtailing our ability to spend the money we have available to properly operate our Town. This is not a tax increase, it's good fiscal planning. Moreover, 85% of the cities and towns in Arizona have voted to make a change to their expenditure limit.

I urge you to vote yes on Proposition 499. It makes business sense.

Vice Mayor David Sherf

The “FOR” and “AGAINST” arguments were reproduced exactly as submitted and were not edited for spelling, grammar, or punctuation. These arguments represent the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy of content.

ARGUMENT “FOR” PROPOSITION 499

In 1980 the expenditure limit law was passed in Arizona to protect home owners by limiting huge increases to property taxes. The Town of Paradise Valley does not have a property tax and it will continue to not have a property tax and, even though the Town collects more than it spends, it cannot spend these revenues because of the expenditure limit law. In November, Proposition 499 will be on the ballot asking Town voters to approve an increase to the Town’s expenditure base limit.

In the next year or two, the Town will have added revenues from our three new resorts – Mountains Shadows Resort, the Andaz Scottsdale Resort, and the new Ritz Carlton Resort. A “YES” vote on Proposition 499 will allow the Town to use these added revenues to fund existing services like our two fire stations, and to expand services and programs that will benefit all Town residents.

I encourage residents of Paradise Valley to vote on November 8 and to vote “YES” on Proposition 499. Your “YES” vote will allow your Town government to use funds it already has to maintain current services, and add new services and programs that will keep our community safe, unique, and a beautiful place in which to live and raise a family.

Sincerely,
Jim Montenegrino
Town Resident since 1986

ARGUMENT “FOR” PROPOSITION 499

The Town of Paradise Valley is in a unique position of growth in number of homes and number of resorts, but not in the number of residents who consider Paradise Valley their primary residence. This situation has resulted in an increased requirement for community services without the ability of the Town to pay for the increase. What’s worse, the Town has enough revenue to pay for the needed services, but lacks the authority to spend money for the services. This condition will intensify as the new Mountain Shadows and Ritz Carlton resorts come on line over the next several years.

The “FOR” and “AGAINST” arguments were reproduced exactly as submitted and were not edited for spelling, grammar, or punctuation. These arguments represent the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy of content.

This year's budgeting cycle for the Town was a frustrating exercise for the Town Council and Town staff as they consistently made budget choices based on the current expenditure limitations. Some might think this a good thing, but not when the Town is forced to borrow money to pay for budget items that we have money to pay for directly. Another frustration is the Town Council's inability to pay down our Police Pension Fund liability with extra dollars from surplus revenues. Not paying interest on borrowed dollars and paying down the pension liability sooner rather than later will save the Town at least \$8 million over the next ten years, but this is not going to be possible without an increase in the Town's expenditure limit authority.

An increase in expenditure limit authority is not a tax increase. The Town does not need a tax increase. However, the Town does need to have the authority to spend the revenues we do receive to pay for more police officers and maintenance of our streets. For this reason, I support the approval of the Town's Expenditure Limit Authority and strongly recommend that my fellow Paradise Valley residents do the same.

Submitted by Daran Wastchak

The "FOR" and "AGAINST" arguments were reproduced exactly as submitted and were not edited for spelling, grammar, or punctuation. These arguments represent the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy of content.

(Arguments appear in the order in which received)

ARGUMENT “AGAINST” PROPOSITION 499

(None were submitted)

The “FOR” and “AGAINST” arguments were reproduced exactly as submitted and were not edited for spelling, grammar, or punctuation. These arguments represent the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy of content.

PROPOSITION 499

Proposal submitted to the voters by the
Town Council of the Town of Paradise Valley.

OFFICIAL TITLE: A resolution proposing a permanent adjustment to the state-imposed expenditure base limit for the Town of Paradise Valley.

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: Pursuant to the Arizona Constitution, the Town of Paradise Valley, Maricopa County, Arizona seeks voter approval to permanently adjust the expenditure base of the Town of Paradise Valley as determined by the Economic Estimates Commission. The Town seeks an adjustment of \$3,540,285.

Text of Ballot

Shall the Expenditure Base of the Town of Paradise Valley be permanently adjusted by \$3,540,285?

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of allowing the Town of Paradise Valley to adjust its base expenditure limit.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of not allowing the Town of Paradise Valley to adjust its base expenditure limit and to require expenditures of the Town to be limited by the state-imposed expenditure limit.

PROPOSICIÓN 499

Propuesta presentada por el Concejo del Pueblo de Paradise Valley.

TÍTULO OFICIAL: Una resolución proponiendo un ajuste permanente a la base del límite de gastos impuesta por el estado para el Pueblo de Paradise Valley.

TÍTULO DESCRIPTIVO: En conformidad con la Constitución del Estado de Arizona, el Pueblo de Paradise Valley, Condado de Maricopa, Arizona busca la aprobación de los votantes para ajustar permanentemente la base de gastos del Pueblo de Paradise Valley de acuerdo a lo determinado por Economic Estimates Commission (la Comisión de Cálculos Económicos). El Pueblo busca un ajuste de \$3,540,285.

Texto de la Boleta

¿Debe la Base de Gastos del Pueblo de Paradise Valley ajustarse permanentemente por \$3,540,285?

Un voto de "SÍ" tendrá el efecto de permitirle al Pueblo de Paradise ajustar la base de su límite de gastos.

Un voto de "NO" tendrá el efecto de no permitirle al Pueblo de Paradise Valley ajustar la base de su límite de gastos y de requerir que los gastos del Pueblo estén limitados por la fórmula de gastos impuesta por el estado.

YES / SÍ



NO / NO

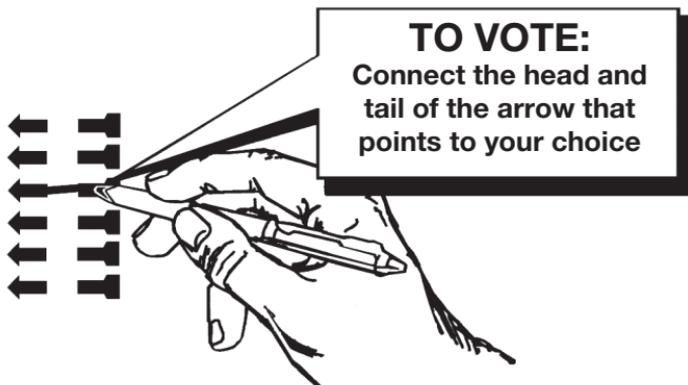


FORM OF BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR VOTING

Using Maricopa County's Scan Voting System



IF YOU MAKE AN ERROR, PLEASE CONTACT
THE ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR A NEW BALLOT.



Town of Paradise Valley
6401 E. Lincoln Dr.
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

PRSR STD
U S POSTAGE
PAID
PHOENIX AZ
PERMIT #1335

OFFICIAL VOTING MATERIALS MATERIAL OFICIAL PARA VOTAR

For information about voting assistance for voters with disabilities or on how to obtain an Early Ballot, please call: 602-506-1511 or 602-506-2348 (TDD).

Para información acerca de ayuda para votantes con impedimentos físicos o acerca de como obtener una Boleta Temprana, favor de llamar al 602-506-1511 o 602-506-2348 (TDD).

**YOUR POLLING PLACE IS
INDICATED BELOW**

**SU LUGAR DE VOTAR SE
INDICA ABAJO**

Only one informational pamphlet has been mailed to each household containing a registered voter, please make it available to all registered voters in the household.

Solamente un folleto de información se ha enviado a cada domicilio en cual reside un votante registrado. Favor de utilizarlo para todos los votantes registrados en su domicilio.