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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 13, 2014

**TO:** VICE MAYOR RICK HEUMANN
COUNCILMEMBER TRINITY DONOVAN
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COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN HARTKE
COUNCILMEMBER JACK SELLERS
COUNCILMEMBER JEFF WENINGER

**FROM:** MAYOR JAY TIBSHRAENY JT

**SUBJECT:** BALLOT ARGUMENT

## RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the submittal of a ballot argument in support of Proposition 470 (Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation/Home Rule) for inclusion in the publicity pamphlet for the August 26, 2014 election.

## BACKGROUND

Since 1982, Chandler voters have consistently approved the City's use of an alternative expenditure limit. The use of this "Home Rule Option" is necessary so the revenues collected in the City can be used to fund important services. Without this voter-approved authority, these revenues would still be collected. However, we could not spend them to provide core city functions such as public safety, streets, parks and libraries and other critical services. The City would be forced to make drastic cuts to service levels and our ability to meet the basic needs of our citizens would be jeopardized.

Attached is a proposed ballot argument in support of Proposition 470 (Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation/Home Rule) that the Council will need to approve in order for it to appear in the publicity pamphlet for the August 26, 2014 election.

## PROPOSED MOTION

Authorize the submittal of a ballot argument in support of Proposition 470 (Local Alternative Expenditure Limitation/Home Rule) for inclusion in the publicity pamphlet for the August 26, 2014 election.

As the elected representatives of the City of Chandler, we ask that you vote "yes" on Proposition 470.

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Approval of this authority does not raise existing taxes or create new ones. It will not give the City the authority to spend more than we collect in revenues. Actual expenditures will continue to be subject to the public budgeting process and the City's fiscal policies. This approval will simply allow the City to spend the revenues we collect rather than restricting it to an outdated state-imposed formula based on fiscal year 1979-80 expenditures.

A "yes" vote on Proposition 470 will continue to ensure our budget decisions will be made at the local level. Please join us in supporting this important issue and in moving Chandler forward.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny
Vice Mayor Rick Heumann
Councilmember Trinity Donovan
Councilmember Nora Ellen
Councilmember Kevin Hartke
Councilmember Jack Sellers
Councilmember Jeff Weninger