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IMPORTANT

Voter Registration and Election Information

How Can I Vote in the September 7, 2004 Primary Election?

If you are a resident and registered Peoria voter by August 9, 2004, you may vote in the election.

Where Do I Obtain the Form For Voter Registration?

You may obtain registration forms and information online at www.peoriaaz.com/elections, or by calling the Maricopa County Elections Office at 602-506-1511. You may also pick up a voter registration form in the City of Peoria City Clerk's Office at City Hall (8401 W. Monroe St). The City Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m for walk-in assistance, or by calling 623-773-7340.

Where Do I Go to Vote in a City Election?

In late July, an election information publication will be mailed to each household with a registered voter in the City of Peoria. THE LOCATION OF THE VOTER'S POLLING PLACE IS SHOWN ON THE MAILING LABEL. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on September 7, 2004.

How Can I Cast an Early Ballot?

For city elections, registered voters can request an early ballot several different ways:

- Fill out an online request form at www.recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvoteballot/
- Call Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511
- Write the City of Peoria City Clerk's Office (8401 W. Monroe Street, Peoria, Arizona 85345)
- Call the City of Peoria City Clerk's Office at 623-773-7340

**ALL EARLY BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY ELECTION OFFICIALS
NO LATER THAN 7 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2004.**

Call the City of Peoria City Clerk's Office at 623-773-7340 for the location of local satellite voting facilities.

PEORIA ELECTION INFORMATION
623-773-7340
www.peoriaaz.com/elections

City Council Candidates

Ironwood, Mesquite, and Willow Districts

Voters in the Ironwood, Mesquite, and Willow districts will select council representatives who will serve four-year terms on the City Council. To find out what district you live in, go to www.peoriaaz.com/council or call the City Clerk's Office at 623-773-7340.

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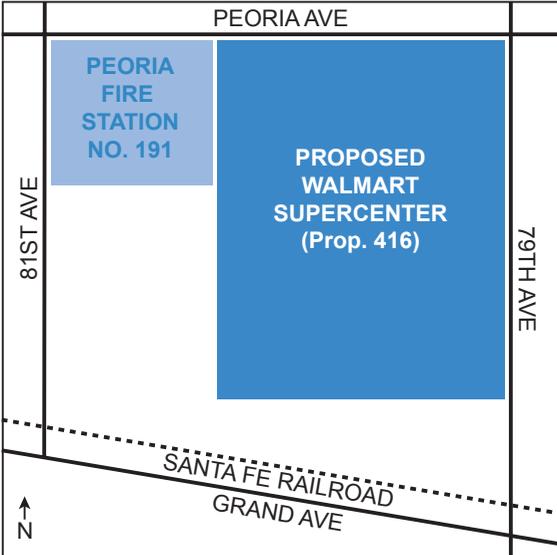
Zoning Referendum,

79th Avenue and Peoria Avenue

Proposition 416 is a zoning referendum on rezoning approximately 36-acres of property in the vicinity of 79th Avenue and Peoria Avenue from Convenience Commercial (C-1), Light Industrial (I-1) and Residential Multi-Family (RM-1) to Planned Area Development (PAD). This change would permit a commercial use (a planned Wal-Mart Supercenter) that is consistent with and conforming to the voter approved General Plan of the City. This referendum will decide whether that rezoning is upheld or rejected.

A “Yes” vote on Proposition 416 shall affirm the City Council’s decision to rezone the property from Convenience Commercial (C-1), Light Industrial (I-1) and Residential Multi-Family (RM-1) zoning districts to the Planned Area Development (PAD) zoning district for commercial retail use.

A “No” vote on Proposition 416 shall overturn the City Council’s decision to rezone the property, leaving the existing Convenience Commercial (C-1), Light Industrial (I-1) and Residential Multi-Family (RM-1) zoning districts in place.



Proposition 417

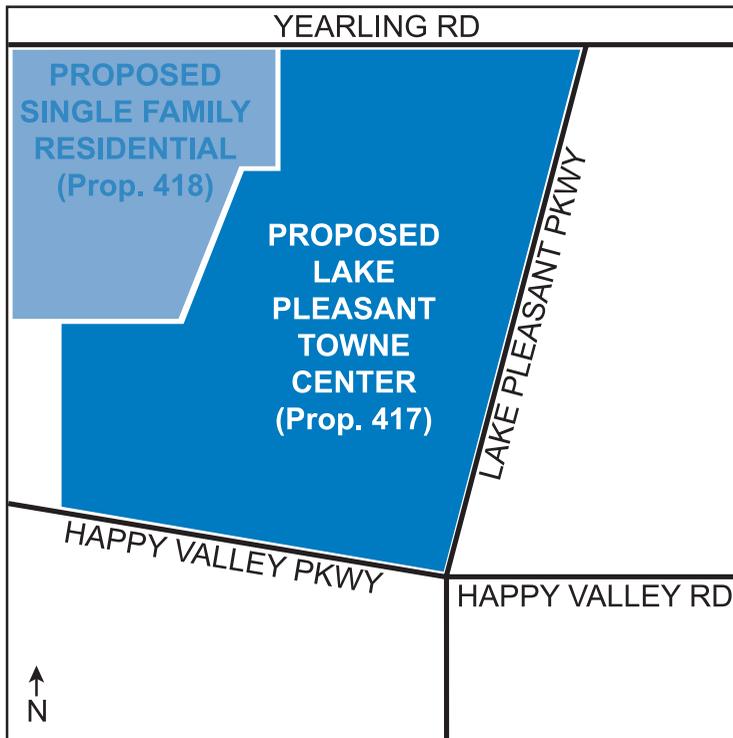
Zoning Referendum,

Lake Pleasant Parkway and Happy Valley Parkway

Proposition 417 is a zoning referendum on rezoning approximately 86.7 acres of property in the vicinity of Lake Pleasant Parkway and Happy Valley Parkway (Happy Valley Road becomes Happy Valley Parkway west of Lake Pleasant Parkway) from Suburban Ranch (SR-43) to Planned Area Development (PAD). This change would permit retail commercial under the City's C-2 (Community Commercial) zoning district consistent with and conforming to the voter approved General Plan of the City. Lake Pleasant Towne Center, a retail shopping development, is currently planned for this site. This referendum will decide whether that rezoning is upheld or rejected.

A “Yes” vote on Proposition 417 shall affirm the City Council’s decision to rezone the property from Suburban Ranch (SR-43) zoning district to Planned Area Development (PAD) zoning district for commercial retail use.

A “No” vote on Proposition 417 shall overturn the City Council’s decision to rezone the property, leaving the existing Suburban Ranch (SR-43) zoning district in place.



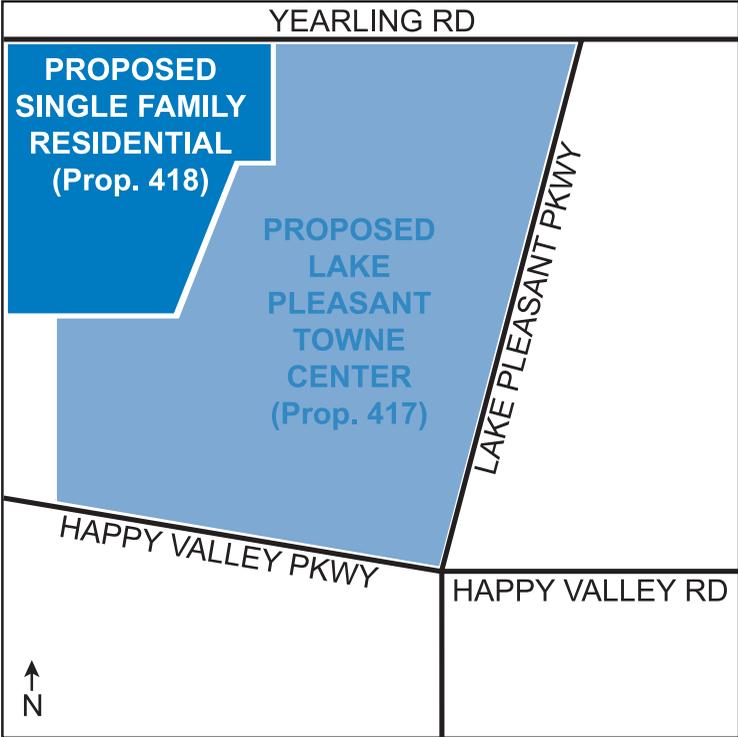
Proposition 418

Zoning Referendum, Lake Pleasant Parkway and Happy Valley Parkway

Proposition 418 is a zoning referendum on rezoning approximately 46.5 acres of property in the vicinity of Lake Pleasant Parkway and Happy Valley Parkway (Happy Valley Road becomes Happy Valley Parkway west of Lake Pleasant Parkway) from Suburban Ranch (SR-43) to Planned Area Development (PAD). This change would allow a planned single family residential subdivision with a maximum density of 2.8 dwelling units per acre that is consistent with and conforming to the voter approved General Plan of the City. This referendum will decide whether that rezoning is upheld or rejected.

A “Yes” vote on Proposition 418 shall affirm the City Council’s decision to rezone the property from Suburban Ranch (SR-43) zoning district to Planned Area Development (PAD) zoning district.

A “No” vote on Proposition 418 shall overturn the City Council’s decision to rezone the property, leaving the existing Suburban Ranch (SR-43) zoning district in place.



Proposition 419

City Charter Amendment, City Council Vacancies

Proposition 419 is a City Charter amendment pertaining to City Council vacancies. Proposition 419 would allow the Council to fill a vacancy by appointment if the vacancy occurs up to 740 days before the next election. (This would change the time from the current 130 days to 740 days.) In addition, if a position is vacant and a regular election is held, the candidate elected can immediately take office rather than waiting to the regular term start date at the first meeting in January of the following year. Other government agencies such as Maricopa County fill vacancies in their elected body in a similar way.

A “Yes” vote on Proposition 419 shall adopt the proposed charter amendment pertaining to City Council vacancies.

A “No” vote on Proposition 419 shall leave the charter provision as it currently is.

Proposition 420

City Charter Amendment, Powers and Duties of the City Manager

Proposition 420 is a City Charter amendment pertaining to the powers and duties of the City Manager. Approval of Proposition 420 would resolve ambiguous language in the Charter by formally placing the City Clerk’s Office under the City Manager, who would be responsible for recruiting and hiring (subject to City Council confirmation) the City Clerk, as is the current practice for other City Department Director vacancies. Proposition 420 also addresses other “housekeeping” issues, changing the wording in the city code from “Department Managers” to “Department Directors” and “City Municipal Judge” to “Presiding Municipal Judge.”

A “Yes” vote on Proposition 420 shall adopt the proposed charter amendment pertaining to the powers and duties of the City Manager.

A “No” vote on Proposition 420 shall leave the charter provision as it currently is.

Voters to Decide Maricopa County’s Transportation Future on November 2nd

In the November 2nd General Election, voters in Maricopa County will decide another crucial issue - whether or not to extend the existing countywide half-cent sales tax for transportation. The funds generated from this extension would support the Regional Transportation Plan which contains freeway, transit, arterial street and other improvements to serve the Valley’s transportation needs for the next 20 years. The Regional Transportation Plan was developed cooperatively by Valley cities, citizens, businesses, the Maricopa Association of Governments, and the Arizona Department of Transportation. For more information on the Regional Transportation Plan, visit the Maricopa Council of Governments web site: www.mag.maricopa.gov.

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