

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
REPORT**

PRESENTATION #: /

Date Prepared: October 2, 2008

Council Meeting Date: October 21, 2008

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: James Mason, Assistant to the City Manager

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SUBJECT: U.S. Constitution Event

SUMMARY:

In conjunction with the State of Arizona's Constitutional Commemoration Committee, the City of Peoria organizes a Constitution Contest each year for Peoria students.

The purpose of the contest is to promote an understanding of the United States Constitution to school aged children. Councilmember Joan Evans has aligned the grade appropriate topics to the State Social Studies Standards. Students in kindergarten must create a poster illustrating how they are a responsible citizen. Students in first through fourth grades must illustrate on a poster and include one to four sentences on how they are a responsible citizen. Fifth through eighth grade students must write an essay on their most important responsibility found in the Constitution. Students in the ninth through twelfth grades must write an essay on the most important impact of the Constitution on their every day life.

The entries were collected and judged by individual teachers as well as select City of Peoria representatives. The City Council will recognize the winners of the contest during the October 21, 2008 Council meeting. The Constitution event winners will receive Target gift certificates. A \$1,500 college scholarship will be presented to a high school senior as a grand prize for the event.