

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
REPORT**

PRESENTATION #: 3

Date Prepared: September 16, 2010

Council Meeting Date: October 19, 2010

TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager

FROM: Tony Staffaroni, Council Assistant

SUBJECT: U.S. Constitution Event

SUMMARY:

Each year in September, the City of Peoria organizes a Constitution Contest for Peoria students as a way to celebrate the U.S. Constitution. This is the 10th annual contest.

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 how the Constitution affects their daily life. Students in the ninth through twelfth grades must write an essay on which amendment besides the 1st they believe is the most important.

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 19, 2010 Council meeting. The Constitution event winners will receive Target gift certificates. A \$1,500 college scholarship will be presented to a high school junior or senior as a grand prize for the event.

ATTACHMENT: