

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MESA A QUESTION RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES, GRANTING OF TAX CONCESSIONS OR RELIEF, INCUR DEBT AND/OR EXCHANGE OR GRANT CITY OWNED LAND TO CONSTRUCT OR AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY-OWNED MESA PLAYS YOUTH SPORTS AND EVENTS COMPLEX, WHICH MAY INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY, LIGHTED MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS WITH SEATING, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 613 OF THE MESA CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Section 613 of the Mesa City Charter requires approval by the majority of the electorate voting thereon at the next ensuing election for the City to expend public funds, grant tax concessions or relief, or incur any form of debt in an amount greater than one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000), and/or exchange or grant City-owned land of a fair market value in excess of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to construct or aid in the construction of any amphitheater, sports and events complex, cultural or entertainment facility, arena, stadium, convention facility, or multi-purpose facility;

WHEREAS, Visit Mesa approached the City regarding the City constructing, operating, and maintaining a sports and events complex on City-owned land, which may include a multi-purpose facility, lighted multi-purpose fields with seating, and related improvements ("Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex"), designed to attract numerous sporting and non-sporting events to the complex, including enhanced youth and amateur recreational sporting opportunities for residents and non-residents;

WHEREAS, the City has become a leader in the sports tourism marketplace by hosting, among other things, events such as the Western Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament, the NCAA Division II Golf Championships, the Chicago Cubs and Oakland Athletics Spring Training, and the USA Swimming Pro Series;

WHEREAS, the City owns real property located at approximately 80th Street and Brown Road and the City Council intends for the Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex to be built at that location or it may be located, in whole or part, on other City-owned property as determined by the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines the Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex will be an important community asset providing enhanced recreational opportunities, promoting tourism, creating additional economic benefits and job creation, enhanced community amenities for City residents, businesses and visitors, and providing additional regional and state economic benefits;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines the construction, operation, maintenance, and related costs of the Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex may be funded, in whole or in part, by a 1.00% increase to the City's transient lodging (bed) tax;

WHEREAS, Visit Mesa and the City's hospitality industry support the City's efforts to place on the November 6, 2018 general election a ballot question authorizing the City to expend public funds (as defined herein) to construct or aid in the construction of the Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interests of the City to give the qualified electors of the City the opportunity to determine whether the City should expend public funds to construct or aid in the construction of the Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

The following question, as set forth substantially in the form of the ballot language below, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City at the November 6, 2018 General Election:

The Mesa City Council submits to the qualified voters of the City, as required by Section 613 of the Mesa City Charter, a question to authorize the expenditure of public funds, grant tax concessions or relief, incur any form of debt greater than \$1,500,000 and/or exchange or grant City-owned land valued greater than \$1,500,000 (collectively "public funds") to construct or aid in the construction of a sports and events complex on City-owned land, which may include a multi-purpose facility, lighted multi-purpose fields with seating, and related improvements designed to attract numerous sporting and non-sporting events to the complex, including enhanced youth and amateur recreational sporting opportunities for residents and non-residents ("Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex").

"Tag Line Language"

Shall Mesa be authorized to expend public funds greater than \$1,500,000 to construct or aid in the construction of the Mesa Plays Youth Sports & Events Complex on City-owned land which may consist of a multi-purpose facility, lighted multi-purpose fields with seating, and related improvements?

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this 2nd day of July, 2018.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk