



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 19, 2024  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Miranda DeWitt, Government Relations Director  
**Subject:** Proposed Incorporation San Tan Valley

Citywide

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the City Council approve a resolution supporting the proposed incorporation of San Tan Valley, Arizona.

## Background and Discussion

Title 9 of the Arizona Revised Statutes sets forth specific procedures that must be followed for a community of more than 1,500 persons that wishes to incorporate as a city or town. A community may be incorporated with or without an election depending on whether they meet certain requirements, but if all requirements are met for an election, the County Board of Supervisors in which the proposed incorporated community would be located must call an election allowing the voters that reside within the boundaries to decide if the area will form an incorporated municipality. One of the requirements for a community that is within six miles of any jurisdictions of an already incorporated city or town with a population of 5,000 persons or more is that the community wishing to incorporate must either: (1) obtain a resolution from the already incorporated jurisdictions approving of the proposed incorporation of the community; or (2) show the community unsuccessfully tried to annex into the incorporated jurisdictions.

Currently, approximately 91,000 people reside in the unincorporated area of San Tan Valley (a map of the area is attached as Exhibit A). Based on the location of the proposed San Tan Valley area and its proximity to Mesa's jurisdiction (see Exhibit B), the San Tan Valley Incorporation citizen group, calling for the incorporation of San Tan Valley, approached the City of Mesa requesting support of their incorporation efforts through a resolution. With the approval of the resolution, if the rest of the statutory requirements/approvals are fulfilled, the citizen group is able to then file the statutorily required boundary map and petition language with the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to place the proposed incorporation on a ballot for the electors who live in the community; they aim to have the incorporation question on the August 5, 2025 ballot.

The City of Mesa supported previous incorporation efforts related to the general San Tan Valley area through the approval of resolutions in 2004, 2010 and 2018.

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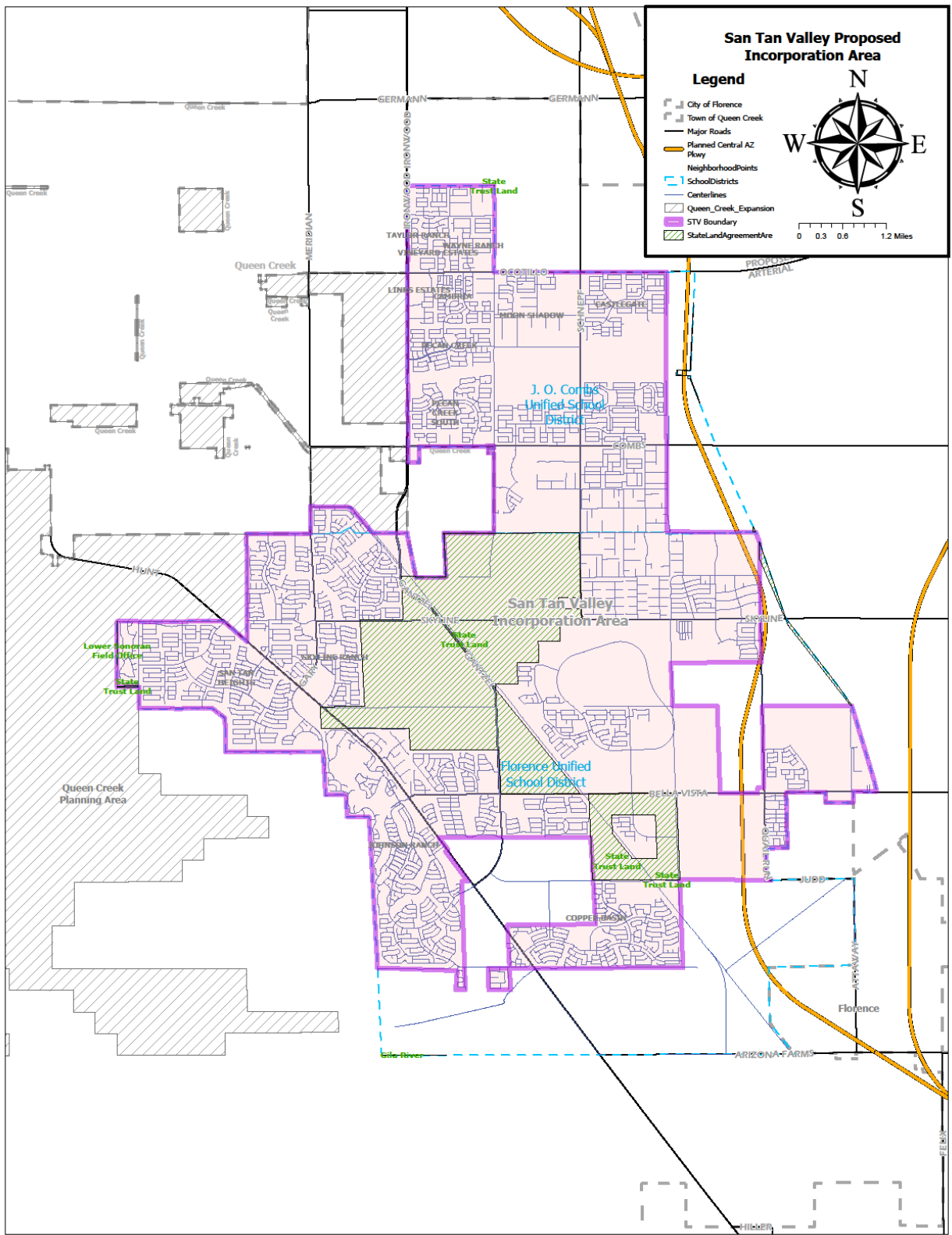
**Alternatives**

If this resolution is not approved by the City Council, a public vote will not move forward and the incorporation effort will be stopped.

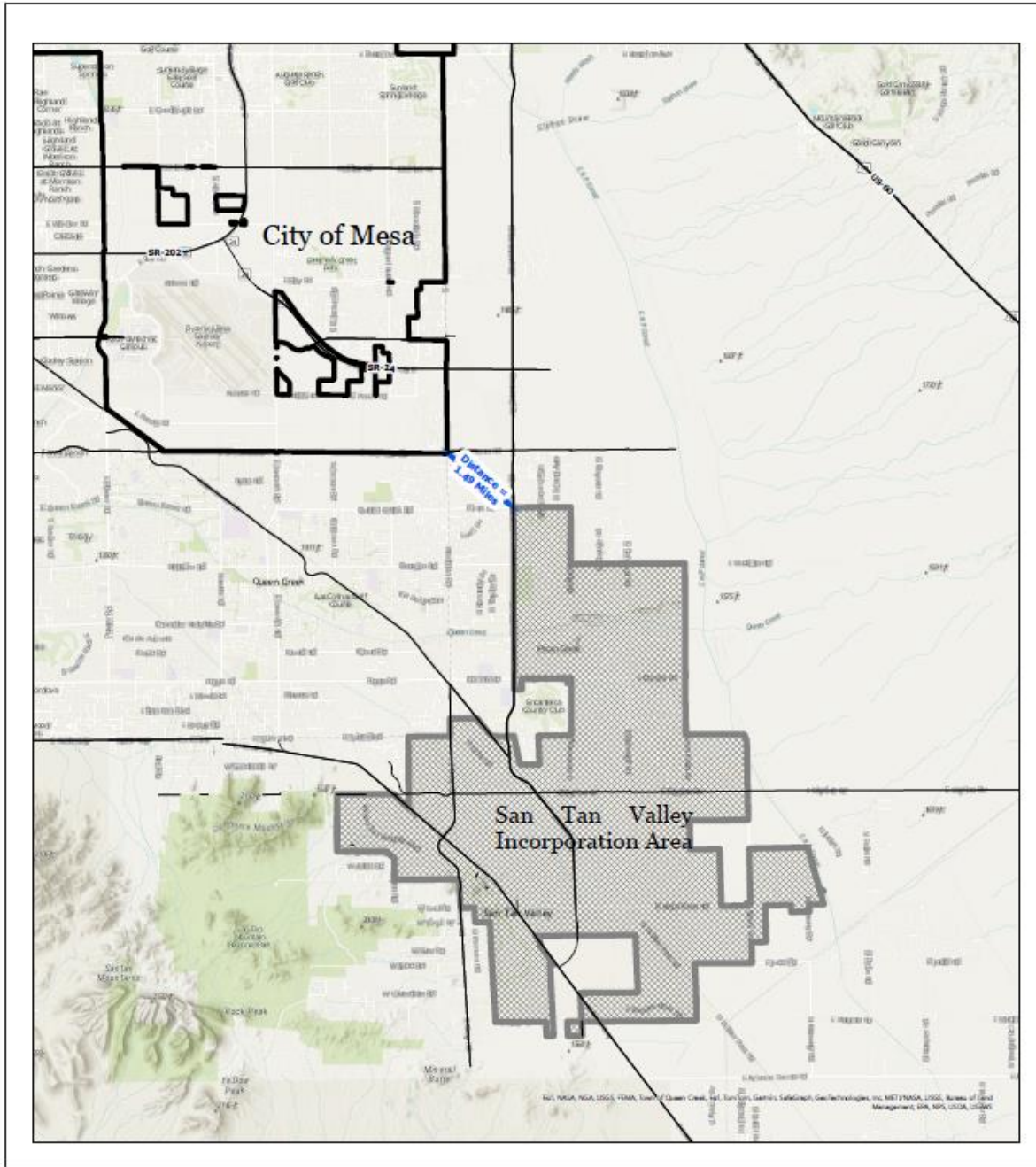
**Coordinated With**

This resolution has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office to ensure proper form and compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes.

# Exhibit A Map of Proposed San Tan Valley Incorporated Area



# Exhibit B Map of Proposed San Tan Valley Incorporated Area Distance to Mesa



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>San Tan Valley Incorporation Area Proximity to City of Mesa</b></p>	
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