City Council Report

Date: April 2, 2018

To: City Council

From: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Incorporation Vote for San Tan Valley, Arizona
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request the City Council approve a resolution allowing for a public vote for the incorporation of San Tan Valley, Arizona.

Background

Under recent changes to Arizona Revised Statutes, a proposed incorporation area with a population over fifteen thousand people must receive support from any municipality within six miles of the proposed incorporation boundary that has a larger population than the area proposed to be incorporated. If all jurisdictions that meet the criteria approve, the County Board of Supervisors in which the proposed incorporation would occur must call an election allowing the voters that reside within the boundaries to decide if the area will form a municipality.

Discussion

A citizen group calling for the incorporation of San Tan Valley filed the statutorily required boundary map and petition language with the Pinal County Elections Department on October 6, 2017. The department accepted the documents, which began the signature gathering process. Ten percent of registered voters in a proposed incorporation area must sign the petition before the Board of Supervisors can officially call an election for August 28, 2018.

As required by state statute, the City of Mesa was approached by the citizen group requesting the City's support of their incorporation effort.

The City of Mesa supported previous incorporation efforts in 2005 and 2010.

Using the recent changes in state law, only the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert must approve the incorporation request.

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.