

# City of Mesa

## Future Ballot Measures

January 12, 2023



# Arizona Constitution

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- Requires the adoption of a balanced budget. Estimated revenues and resources equal to appropriated expenditures
- Imposes an expenditure limitation for all cities and towns based on FY1979/80, adjusted for population
- Allows for local election approval of an Expenditure Limitation Alternative

# Types of Expenditure Limitation Alternatives

- Home Rule – allows the City to maintain local control of the annual budget amount and determine the necessary expenditure limitation while remaining within available revenues and resources. Effective for 4 years.
- Permanent Adjustment to Expenditure Base – allows the City to permanently adjust the expenditure base to a level other than the FY1979/80 amount. The new base is then adjusted for population and inflation in future years.

# History of Home Rule Elections

A home rule  
alternative  
was  
approved by  
voters in  
March 2000

It was renewed in  
March 2004,  
March 2008,  
November 2010,  
November 2014,  
November 2018

Renewed in  
November  
2022 and  
effective until  
June 30, 2027

# General Obligation (GO) Bond Election History

Purpose	Amount of Authorization since 2008	Last Election
Cultural	\$28.0M	2018
Parks & Recreation	\$152.7M	2018
Public Safety	\$352.0M	2022
Streets	\$290.0M	2020

# Proposition 400

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- ½ cent sales tax that funds transportation projects and transit operations
- Voter approved November 2, 2004
- Began on January 1, 2006
- Ends on December 31, 2025
- The City has received approximately \$580M to date



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