CitizensForPhoenix.org Petition

We invite you to join with thousands of others in signing a petition in support of the following issues:

1) We accept $49 million of the city managers cuts, but have rejected the $90 million in cuts that will affect our street level police and fire service, and those cuts that will force us to abandon the most vulnerable citizens.

2) We will not oppose the Mayor's two percent food tax, but we want a two year sunset provision, not the five year sunset that was passed.

3) We require that one hundred percent of the expected $62 million in food tax revenue go into the city's General Fund and be distributed to Public Safety, Parks & Rec., Human Services, and the Office of Art and Culture in direct proportion to their share of the original 2009-2010 budget.

4) We are willing to accept the limited version of this tax and in response we expect our city manager to make up the remaining $27 million needed to balance the budget by raising revenue in the following combination of ways: increase of fees for permits and services where possible; union and non-union employee concessions; and eliminating the remaining fat in the budget that did not appear in Mr. Cavazos' plan. (Just one example of this would be giving the Mayor a chauffeur rather than a squad security detail).

5) Finally, and most importantly, we will require an independent audit of the budget, systems and processes of all city departments by a national audit firm that must report back to the council and citizens within the first 12 months, so its recommendations can be implemented as expeditiously as possible, but no later than the second 12-month period so this two year tax will not have been in vain.

Our proposal saves 65% of the city worker's jobs connected with these vital services, 91% of police, and 85% of firefighters; it does so by uniting us during the most difficult fiscal crisis we have ever faced in the City of Phoenix.

I sign my name in support of CitizensForPhoenix.org:

Name	Signature	Zip Code