

# Preserve ballots

## Summary

Date	Action	Prop	Vote For/Against
May 23, 1995	Proposition to increase transaction privilege (sales) tax to supplement efforts to acquire Preserve land.	400	64%/36%
Sept. 10, 1996	Proposition to authorize the sale of bonds for the Preserve	404	74%/26%
Nov. 3, 1998	Charter Question relating to disposition of Preserve lands.	410	80%/20%
	Proposition to allow the use of tax funds for property in the extended Preserve boundary.	411	70%/30%
Sept. 7, 1999	Question to authorize bond sale for Preserve.	Q 1	77%/23%
May 18, 2004	Question to increase transaction privilege (sales) tax fund Preserve acquisitions.	Q1	54.5%/45.5%
	Question to authorize bond sale for Preserve acquisitions.	Q2	58%/42%

Date	Ques	Voters	Ballots	Numbers			Percentages			Question
				For	Against	Total	Yes	No	% voted	
5/23/1995	400	96338	20231	12873	7204	20077	64.12%	35.88%	21.00%	Increase sales tax to raise money
9/10/1996	404	110696	19933	14675	5258	19933	73.62%	26.38%	18.01%	Authorize sale of bonds
11/3/1998	410	117466	52979	39429	9340	48769	80.85%	19.15%	45.10%	Disposition of Preserve lands
	411			33934	14738	48672	69.72%	30.28%		Use of funds for extended boundary
9/7/1999	Q1	117466	33472	25573	7499	33072	77.33%	22.67%	28.50%	Authorize sale of bonds
5/18/2004	Q2	117072	33844	17196	14339	31535	54.53%	45.47%	28.91%	Increase sales tax to raise money
	Q2			18285	13215	31500	58.05%	41.95%		Authorize sale of bonds

## May 23, 1995 Special Election

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- Proposition to increase transaction privilege (sales) tax to supplement efforts to acquire Preserve land

## Sept. 10, 1996 Special Election Bond Authorization

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- Proposition to authorize the sale of bonds for the Preserve
- Referendum to approve or reject Council vote to rezone property from R1-43 to R1-18 ESL in Case 47-ZN-94

## Nov. 3, 1998 Special Election

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- Charter Question relating to disposition of Preserve lands
- Proposition to allow the use of tax funds for property in the extended Preserve boundary

### **Sept. 7, 1999 Special Election**

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- Question to authorize bond sale for Preserve
- Question to facilitate creation of a Cultural Theme Park

### **May 18, 2004 Runoff/Special Election**

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- Question to increase transaction privilege (sales) tax fund Preserve acquisitions
- Question to authorize bond sale for Preserve acquisitions
- Question to increase transaction privilege (sales) tax to fund Public Safety services and capital needs

### **Ballot Language**

#### **May 23, 1995 Special Election**

#### **Proposition 400**

Referred to the people by the city council, pursuant to article 6, section 9 of the city charter

Shall the city council be authorized to increase the rate of transaction privilege and use taxes in the city by two-tenths (.2) of one percent (1%), for a period of thirty (30) years, or less, to provide funds to supplement private efforts to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve for the purpose of maintaining scenic views, preserving plant and wildlife, and supporting our largest industry, tourism, while providing appropriate public access and passive outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors?

#### ***Descriptive Title***

This proposition would authorize the city council to increase the rate of transaction privilege and use taxes applied in the city, for period of 30 years, or less, to supplement private efforts to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

A "yes" vote shall have the effect of authorizing the city council to increase transaction privilege and use taxes for 30 years, or less, for the purpose of acquiring land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of denying the city council the authority to increase transaction privilege and use taxes for the purpose of acquiring land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

## **Sept. 10, 1996 Special Election Bond Authorization**

### **Proposition 404**

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY BY THE CITY COUNCIL

**OFFICIAL TITLE** - Shall the city council be authorized to approve bonds to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran preserve, to be paid only from the proceeds of the two-tenths (.2%) of one percent (1%) transaction privilege and use tax which was approved by the voters at the special election held on May 23, 1995, for the purpose of acquiring such land.

**DESCRIPTIVE TITLE** - This proposition would give the city council voter approval to authorize bonds to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran preserve, which would be paid for using only proceeds from the transaction privilege and use tax previously authorized by voters for such land acquisition.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of giving the city council voter approval to authorize bonds to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, which would be paid for only from the transaction privilege and use tax previously approved for such purposes.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of not giving the city council voter approval to authorize bonds to acquire land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

## **Nov. 3, 1998 Special Election**

### **Proposition 410**

#### **City Charter amendment relating to designation, removal of designation and disposition of Preserve lands**

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of providing for the designation of preserve lands, prohibiting disposition of preserve lands and limiting the removal of the preserve designation without a vote of the qualified electors.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of making preserve lands subject to existing legal provisions relating to real property, including those relating to sale or transfer of interests in real property.

### **Proposition 411**

#### **Allowing existing tax revenues designated for preserve land. to be used within the extended Preserve boundary**

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of allowing use of tax revenues designated to acquire preserve land to be used within the extended boundary.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of requiring that revenues designated to acquire preserve land be used only within the original recommended study boundary.

## **Sept. 7, 1999 Special Election**

### **Question 1**

Shall the City of Scottsdale be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$200,000,000 to provide funds for the purpose of acquiring land for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve or refinancing obligations incurred for that purpose and to pay all necessary legal, financial consulting and other related costs and fees in connection therewith; such bonds to be issued in one or more series, maturing not more than 25 years following the date of the issuance of each series, and bearing interest at a rate or rates not higher than 12% per annum?

## **May 18, 2004 Runoff/Special Election**

### **Question 1**

Shall the city of Scottsdale be authorized to impose and collect a special transaction privilege and use tax for a period of thirty (30) years at a rate equal to .15 percent (.15%) of the gross proceeds of sales or gross income from business in the city of Scottsdale to provide funds to be used solely for the general purposes of acquiring land and interests in land, and constructing improvements thereto, for the McDowell Sonoran preserve and paying related financing costs and fees in connection therewith?

### **Question 2**

Shall the city of Scottsdale be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the city in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) to provide funds to be used for the purposes of acquiring land and interests in land, and constructing improvements thereto, for the McDowell Sonoran preserve, or refinancing obligations incurred for that purpose, and paying all necessary legal, financial consulting and other related costs and fees in connection therewith; such bonds to be issued in one or more series, maturing not more than thirty (30) years following the date of issuance of each such series, and bearing interest at a rate or rates not greater than ten percent (10%) per annum? this ballot proposition shall be inoperative and of no force or effect if ballot question number 1 above is not approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the city of Scottsdale voting at the election.