



RESOLUTION 2009-774

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE,
YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR JAN BREWER'S
FY 2009-10 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Whereas, the State of Arizona is experiencing severe economic conditions resulting in hardships on our citizens as well as major reductions to state and local government revenues; and

Whereas, cities and towns in Arizona provide essential services that no other level of government or private organization provides, such as police, street maintenance, parks and other amenities that make Arizona communities a great place to live and do business; and

Whereas, since the beginning of the economic downturn nearly two years ago cities and towns across the state have reacted responsibly to decreased revenues by reducing or eliminating programs, improving efficiency, reducing operating hours, and furloughing or laying off employees; and

Whereas, various proposed legislative budget solutions have shifted the responsibility for a balanced state budget onto cities and towns by proposing to utilize local impact fee revenue, eliminate impact fee collections for three years, and re-direct municipal Vehicle License Tax funds, resulting in either further budget shortfalls locally or the necessity to raise local taxes; and

Whereas, Governor Brewer's budget proposal does not contain any of those detrimental provisions; and

Whereas, in these extraordinary times, we as town officials recognize in this specific instance that we will not receive our share of the new additional temporary state sales (TPT) tax revenue, should the voters approve the proposed one-cent increase, in order to have certainty regarding existing revenue sharing distribution formulas, support for local decision making authority and to show good faith partnership with the state government;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Camp Verde stands in support of a state budget proposal that will be fiscally responsible, sustainable and realistic and will not do significant harm to the local governments in our state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, this 17th day of June, 2009.



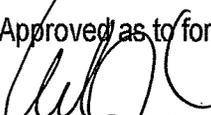
Bob Burnside, Mayor

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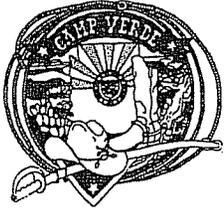


Deborah Barber, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:



Town Attorney



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June 17, 2009

The Honorable Jan Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

I am writing to you to express the Camp Verde Town Council's appreciation for your attempts to balance the state budget without shifting the financial burden to cities and towns. We are grateful that you recognize the valuable partnership between the state and local governments, and the fact that we each have responsibilities for unique and vital services to the citizens of our state.

We are also appreciative of your outspoken opposition to proposals such as 1) a moratorium on impact fees, 2) a shift in the use of impact fees away from infrastructure construction, a critical element in the ability to levy such fees and 3) the redirection of city VLT proceeds to local schools. We are encouraged by the positive ideas for cities and towns within your proposed budget that include preserving the statutory cap on HURF funds for state uses, a very critical source of funds for local job creation; and additionally find that restoration of state funding for the DPS crime lab provides for the safety and protection of our residents.

Your proposal attempts to address the grim reality of our current fiscal crises and presents a different perspective than the legislature for revenue sources such as an increase in the TPT or even property tax if approved by the voters, considered by some as more viable sources. We would assume that there will be opportunities to discuss an analysis of the impacts the imposition of an added tax will have on our local revenues, as well as a clarification of the time frame we will not receive our share of the new additional temporary state sales tax revenue, should the voters approve the proposed one-cent increase.

Cities and towns are also experiencing these same economic and fiscal conditions and realize that in order to solve our problems, difficult and sometimes controversial solutions must be proposed. Therefore, we thank you for your strong leadership in these difficult times and are certain that a budget compromise will take a long-term view for the benefit of all citizens of our state.

Sincerely,


Bob Burnside, Mayor
Town of Camp Verde

