



Public Hearing

The Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee

January 17, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Las Campanas Social Center - Cottonwood Room
565 West Belltower Drive

Let the committee know what you think:

1. Should the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt a half-cent general sales tax?
2. Should the sales tax revenue be spent on road repair, property tax reduction or some combination of both?
3. Should the sales tax be temporary or permanent?

The Board of Supervisors created this committee to consider public input and advise them on these questions by March 2018 to inform budget discussions. Last year the Board approved an additional property tax to fund road repair across the County and within cities and towns. It is estimated that the cost today to bring all of the roads up to at least a fair condition is over \$300 million for County roads, and over \$1 billion when including the cities and towns. With current revenue sources, including this new property tax, it would take over 35 years to fix the roads. If the Board approves a half-cent sales tax it could generate significantly more funding than the road property tax, and the road property tax could be eliminated thereby reducing property taxes. A portion of the sales tax could also be allocated to additional property tax reduction. Per state law, approval of a sales tax would require a unanimous vote of the Board. The County is not allowed to hold a public election on the issue. All other Arizona counties have a sales tax.

Please consider attending this meeting to provide your input on these questions. You can also learn more and provide comments at www.pima.gov/salestax or by calling the Pima County Administrator's office at 520-724-8661.