

Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS) Ballot Question

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Advisory Board

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25 Years of Trails, Open Space and Parks Program (TOPS)



- **Important Accomplishments To Date:**
 - 7,500 acres of open space acquired
 - 67 parks built or improved (**Most recent Panorama Park**)
 - 53+ miles of trail constructed
- **First Open Space Purchase: Stratton Open Space**
- **Most Recent Open Space Purchase: Fisher's Canyon Open Space**
- **Program set to expire December 31, 2025**



Palmer Mesa Trail-under construction

Ballot Components



- Extend the 0.1% sales and use tax for 20 years
- 1 cent for every 10 dollars of sales
- Expiration date, December 31, 2045
- *New- based on public input*
 - In the Open Space category-language committing a minimum of 75% of those funds for acquisition
- *New- based on public input*
 - removing words “development” and “restoration from the proposed 2023 ballot question.
- Align spending flexibility in Trails and Open Space categories for property regardless of how it was acquired

Revised Ballot Question



WITHOUT IMPOSING ANY NEW TAX OR INCREASING THE RATE OF ANY EXISTING TAX, SHALL THE EXISTING 0.1% (ONE TENTH OF A CENT) CITY SALES AND USE TAX FOR TRAILS, OPEN SPACE AND PARKS (TOPS) BE EXTENDED FROM ITS CURRENT EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2045, WITH THE SAME USES FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP, AND TRAILS AND PARKS ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE, **THE ABOVE CONSTITUTING NO CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM EXCEPT ALLOWING FUNDS DEDICATED TO MAINTENANCE OF TRAILS AND OPEN SPACES TO BE USED REGARDLESS OF HOW THE TRAIL OR OPEN SPACE WAS ACQUIRED, (AND IN THE OPEN SPACE CATEGORY A MINIMUM OF 75% OF FUNDS TO BE SPENT ON ACQUISITION OF NEW OPEN SPACE)** AS A CONTINUATION OF A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND EXCEPTION TO ANY CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY, AND CHARTER REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITATIONS THAT MAY OTHERWISE APPLY?

___ YES

___ NO

TOPS Funding Division



Trails, Open Space and Parks

TOPS Revenue by Category

TOPS Administration – 3%

TOPS Maintenance – 6%

Divide the Remaining Balance

TOPS Trails Category – 20% max

TOPS Parks Category – 20% max

TOPS Open Space Category – 60% min

*within the 60% open space category- a minimum of 75% to be spent on acquisition of new open space



Nancy Lewis Park

Decision Timeline for Ballot Question



- December 7, 2022 -TOPS Working Committee Presentation
- December 8, 2022 -Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory (PRCS) Board Presentation
- December 12, 2022 - City Council Work Session
- January 4, 2023 -TOPS Working Committee Recommendation
- January 4, 2023 - PRCS Board Special Meeting Recommendation
- January 10, 2023 - City Council Regular Session consideration of proposed ballot question
- January 24,2023 - Final date to refer measures to the 2023 Municipal General Election
- April 4, 2023 - Municipal General Election

Next steps



- Additional public comment will be taken at the January 2023 meetings of TOPS Working Committee, PRCS Board and at City Council's Regular Session on January 10, 2023
- TOPS Working Committee will make a recommendation on January 4, 2023
- PRCS Board will make a recommendation on January 4, 2023
- January 10, 2023 -City Council will consider the proposed ballot question



Questions and Discussion

