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CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA  
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## To the Voters of the City of Flagstaff:

**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!** Exercise your right to vote as a citizen of Flagstaff.

On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, the City of Flagstaff will hold a **Polling Place Special Debt Authorization Election**.

If you wish to vote in person, the mailing label on this pamphlet tells you where you are registered to vote. Polling places will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Remember that you have the option to vote early. If you are on the permanent early voting list, you will automatically receive your ballot in the mail. If you wish to cast your vote early but are not on the permanent early voting list, you may request a ballot to be mailed to you by calling Coconino County at 928-679-7860.

In the November 6, 2012, Special Debt Authorization Election, you will have the opportunity to vote on some key issues that will affect the lives of all the citizens of Flagstaff. This publicity pamphlet contains the information you will need to prepare to cast your vote. State law requires preparation of this pamphlet. In compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act, this publicity pamphlet has been prepared in both English and Spanish.

Two measures have been submitted for your consideration and you will be asked to either approve or reject them. The following pages contain the complete text of the measures, summary analyses where appropriate, ballot format, official title, descriptive title, the effect of a “yes” or “no” vote, and arguments for and against the measures. I urge you to read them carefully and thoughtfully consider them.

If you have any questions that are not answered in the pamphlet, please do not hesitate to call me at 928-213-2076.

Elizabeth A. Burke, MMC  
Flagstaff City Clerk  
City of Flagstaff, Arizona

## General Questions and Answers about the Proposed Bonds

*(This section provides basic information to assist voters. Detailed, legal descriptions of the ballot questions and projects are in a later section.)*

### Why is this election being held?

Two bond project questions are being submitted for your consideration. The bond obligations, which are the subject of these questions, will provide financing for two projects that are a part of the City’s long-range planning program.

Bonds that pledge City ad valorem secondary property taxes for their payment require voter approval. These bonds are commonly called general obligation bonds.

### How do general obligation bonds work?

If bond projects are approved by the voters, bonds will be sold periodically over approximately the next ten (10) years. If approved, bonds for each project would be issued when funds are needed for that specific project. Bonds are issued in the actual amount needed for a project, but the amount of bonds may not exceed the amount approved by voters. Bond money may only be used for the purposes specified in the bond ballot question.

If approved, these bonds will be paid by City property taxes. More specifically, the City will impose secondary property taxes to repay the principal and interest on the bonds over time. Some of the costs may be paid from other City sources that will reduce the amount of property taxes required.

Present and future residents’ taxes will be used to repay these bonds over a period of time—usually ten to twenty-five years—in the same manner that homeowners pay off a home mortgage over time.

The amount of general obligation bonds the City may issue is limited by the State Constitution. The limit is based on a percentage of the total taxable property within the City.

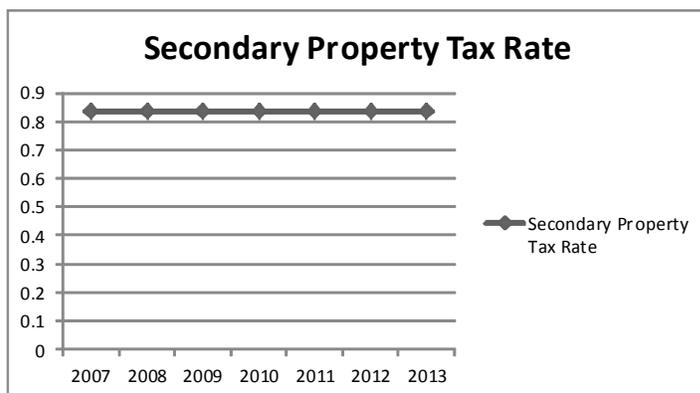
### What are primary and secondary property taxes?

Primary property taxes fund the maintenance and operation budgets for local governments. Secondary property taxes pay for bond issues, budget overrides, and special districts. Your tax bill has a separate primary and secondary property tax rate for the City as well as most other local governments.

### Will my secondary property tax rate increase if either of these projects pass?

No. While Arizona Revised Statutes require the City to make a disclosure that the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds, the City of Flagstaff intentionally only asked for projects that could be completed in the next few years. The City will time the issuance of new bonds as old bonds are repaid with the intent to keep the tax rate constant.

The City’s secondary property tax rate has remained constant over the past several years as shown on the following graph.





## **Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project**

### **Ballot Question 405**

#### ***Why is this project needed?***

Forests of the Intermountain West are threatened by a convergence of two significant factors: (1) unnatural overstocking with small trees, and (2) weather conditions that contribute to the increasing severity, size and frequency of catastrophic wildfire. The combination of excess forest fuels (both surface fuels and excess trees), combined with the certainty of lightning- and human-caused ignitions, guarantees there will always be fire in our forests.

A Flagstaff municipal bond issue would provide financial resources and voter support towards tackling those challenging elements of restoring forests within these high threat areas, providing greater protection for the Flagstaff community from the health, public safety, and economic impacts of fires and floods.

The bond project will provide value added to two areas: the Rio de Flag Watershed and Lake Mary Watershed. Two specific and significant threats are posed by the poor health of Flagstaff's adjacent forests present in these two areas.

- Failure to restore forest health in the Rio de Flag Watershed, primarily within the Dry Lake Hills area immediately north of Flagstaff, presents risk of crown fire and subsequent increased risk of flash flooding causing significant economic and infrastructure damage to Flagstaff and affecting people in the areas of Downtown, Sunnyside and Northern Arizona University (NAU).
- Failure to restore forest health in the Lake Mary Watershed area south of Flagstaff threatens the availability of the City's water supply in the event of a forest fire and subsequent flooding. Ash and sediment flowing into Upper Lake Mary, from which the City receives 50% of its drinking water, could render the lake unusable and result in increased water treatment costs.

#### ***What is the City's role?***

The City of Flagstaff will have primary oversight of the bond-funded project. Working with the U.S. Forest Service and other private and non-profit partners, the City will have a key role in the planning, the implementation, and the monitoring to ensure the project has the intended effect and taxpayer dollars are used efficiently.

#### ***Where will this project take place?***

Primarily the project will take place outside the City, mostly on Coconino National Forest, but will also include Arizona state land. Efforts within the Rio de Flag Watershed will occur mostly in the Dry Lake Hills area, located immediately north of, and

within sight of, much of town. Additional project work will take place within the City, focused primarily on Observatory Mesa near Lowell Observatory. Project efforts within the Lake Mary Watershed will take place south of town, between Lake Mary and Mormon Mountain.

#### ***Shouldn't the State or Federal government be doing this work?***

In 2012, the federal government allocated over \$16 million to Northern and Eastern Arizona National Forests for similar work, including funding for forest treatments in the two threatened watersheds. The Arizona State Forestry Division is also providing staff and assistance. While this assistance will help, it will not accomplish the bond project outcomes because current federal funding does not address some of Flagstaff's most vulnerable areas for at least 10 years.

#### ***Are there other communities with similar projects?***

Yes – both the Denver (Colorado) Water Board and the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico have similar programs. Both have been under way for several years, and both are highly successful.

#### ***What is the probability that severe fire and flooding will occur if nothing is done?***

It is highly probable that the headwaters of the Rio de Flag will burn under high severity within the next 20 years. The headwaters of Lake Mary, as well as the areas contributing to groundwater recharge for the City of Flagstaff's well fields, are similarly threatened. Research and experience tell us that we face a high probability of severe wildfire and flooding events occurring in the near future if preventative, proactive, and risk reduction mitigation work is not completed soon. Locally, following the 2010 Schultz fire, devastating flooding occurred in the Timberline and Doney Park areas, and threatened the City's Cinder Lake Landfill.

By conducting ecologically appropriate thinning and burning, the occurrence and cost of unnaturally large and damaging wildfires can be greatly reduced. Research and experience have shown that acres burned and associated costs are exponentially reduced in treated areas as compared to non-treated areas.

#### ***Who in the City would be affected by the fires and flooding?***

Fire could immediately impact every City resident and visitor, which could include evacuation; heavy long-duration smoke; potential neighborhood damage or loss; devastation of our scenic view; and decline in business activity, home values, and tourism revenue. Flooding in the Rio, coming from the watershed being severely-burned, is estimated to be upwards of ten times the 100-year flood event, posing risk to many neighborhoods throughout the community, including Cheshire, Coconino Estates, downtown, Sunnyside, and damaging much of the NAU campus. Fires and subsequent flooding at Lake Mary would result in loss of storage capacity in the reservoir and impact water quality. These impacts would require the City to immediately seek alternate water sources (new wells) or incorporate significant engineering and filtration redesigns into the Lake Mary Water Treatment Plant.

To fully calculate the costs associated with unnatural wildfires, the impacts to watersheds, ecosystems, infrastructure, businesses, tourism industries, individuals, and the local and national economy must be included. When all damage is considered, the true costs of wildfire become significant and are shown to be 2 to 30 times greater than the fire suppression costs that are usually reported. A 2003 study conducted by the City of Flagstaff and Greater Flagstaff Economic Council predicted that a serious fire in Flagstaff (not including subsequent flooding impacts) destroying 300 homes would have a negative economic impact in the range of \$60 million.

***Will this project help protect my family, home, and neighborhood?***

Yes. Our local experience (Woody and Hardy fires), and experience throughout the Western U.S., have shown that properly planned forest treatments have a significant effect on slowing and decreasing fire severity and subsequent flooding. In the absence of such treatments, fires can easily transition into destructive events such as the Rodeo-Chediski, Schultz, and Wallow fires.

***What is meant by “forest treatments”?***

Primarily selective removal (thinning) of excessive trees, focused on small-diameter trees, debris (slash) disposal, followed by controlled burning to remove remaining unwanted material, and reinvigorating grass, flowers, and shrub growth.

***Does the wood have any commercial value?***

In some cases, it will, which will help reduce the treatment costs. But in many other areas, due to small size, steeper slopes, and difficulty of removing the material, it will not.

***Aren't others already planning to do forest treatment work in these areas?***

Parallel with this proposed project is a regional undertaking known as Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). This 20-year effort to restore over 2 million acres of northern Arizona pine forests over 20 years was funded by the Federal Government in 2012. Furthermore, a contract was awarded in May 2012 through 4FRI to thin 300,000 acres throughout the greater Flagstaff-Williams area within the next 10 years.

Working with the Coconino National Forest, other large areas adjacent to, and within, these two critical watersheds are also planned for treatment. The City actively supports the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership (GFFP), which is active in helping plan forest treatments and providing assistance for work on private lands within the area.

***Would additional fire restrictions alleviate the threat?***

Annual restrictions can certainly help reduce risk. However, unwanted wildfire (and subsequent flooding) can occur from any number of sources – natural or human-caused. A majority of forest fires in the Flagstaff area are ignited by lighting.

***What exactly will the City bond funds do?***

The funding will accelerate, leverage, and expand other planned treatments in these two watersheds. Specifically, the bond project will provide added value:

- 1) Rio de Flag Watershed – permit an additional 6,780 acres of treatments to occur, (leveraging the 2,360 acres of currently planned, 4FRI-sponsored, treatments that will also occur), and
- 2) Lake Mary Watershed – permit an additional 4,000 acres of treatments to occur (leveraging the 32,000 acres of currently planned, 4FRI-sponsored treatments that will also occur).

***Who else is going to help plan, conduct, and monitor this project?***

In addition to U.S. Forest Service, Arizona State Forestry, 4FRI and GFFP, assistance has been provided by Northern Arizona University (Ecological Restoration Institute, School of Forestry, and Geology Department), the Grand Canyon Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Friends of the Rio de Flag, along with Summit, Highlands and Mormon Lake Fire Districts. In addition, Coconino County Rural Environmental Corps and Arizona State Department of Correction crews are likely to participate. Finally, some of the work will be completed by private, professional tree service, logging, or forestry companies.

***When will work begin and end?***

If approved, project planning efforts will begin immediately, while field operations most likely will not occur until spring/summer of 2013. Once underway, completion of initial treatment activities for the 10,780 acres of City-sponsored bond project (6,780 acres in Rio de Flag and 4,000 acres in Lake Mary) will take an estimated 5-8 years.

***Are there any plans to maintain the project after the initial treatments are done?***

Yes. To protect the City's investment and to ensure the continued health of our forests and watersheds, routine, ongoing maintenance of the treatments will be required. Maintenance is far less expensive than initial treatment work, will not begin until 7-10 years after completion of the initial work, and is not part of this bond question.

***Where can I find additional information on this Question?***

For more detailed information on the Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project Question visit the City website at: [www.flagstaff.az.gov/bondinformation](http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/bondinformation). You can also refer to your Voter Information Pamphlet or contact Flagstaff Fire Department at 928-213-2500 or by email at: [flagfire@flagstaffaz.gov](mailto:flagfire@flagstaffaz.gov).



## **Core Services Maintenance Facility Ballot Question 406**

### ***What is a Core Services Maintenance Facility?***

The Core Services Maintenance Facility is used to provide maintenance and support of the delivery of core City services and programs including:

- Street maintenance, snow plowing and clearing operations, drainage maintenance, pothole and sidewalk repair, and street sweeping
- Residential and commercial trash and recycling collection, bulky trash collection, and appliance collection
- Maintenance of all City fleet including Police and Fire, Streets, and Solid Waste equipment and vehicles
- Maintenance of all City parks, athletic fields, and recreation facilities including Wheeler Park, Thorpe ballfields, and the Flagstaff Aquaplex
- Maintenance of all fleet that services water and sewer lines and wells

### ***How is this project different than the one proposed to voters in 2010?***

Based upon citizen feedback, the City has spent the last two years working to significantly lower the cost of the facility. The proposed bond request is for \$14 million. The cost of the project has been reduced by \$28 million, mostly due to purchasing property with existing buildings and infrastructure that meet the City's needs rather than building a brand new facility. The existing facility and potentially other City-owned properties will be sold and/or exchanged to offset the cost of the project. In addition, other revenue sources, including solid waste fees, will be used to help fund the project. The size of the project was reduced from 200,000 square feet on 23 acres of land to approximately 78,000 square feet on 19 acres of land.

### ***Did you consider a shared facility with other agencies?***

Yes. The City worked on a potential partnership with Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD). Northern Arizona University (NAU) offered land for the City and FUSD to lease. However, the infrastructure requirements for the large undeveloped property owned by NAU made the cost of a joint facility very high; thus, it was not a viable option.

### ***Will this increase my tax rate?***

No. The City of Flagstaff will time the issuance of new bonds as old bonds are completely repaid and in order to keep the tax rate constant.

### ***What is the need?***

A facility that is larger and outside downtown Flagstaff will allow vehicle and equipment repairs to be done in a more efficient and cost effective manner, thus allowing for better response times for core services such as fire, police, water and sewer services, street maintenance and snow plowing, and trash and recycling collection. In addition, being able to store materials and equipment in a central location would increase overall efficiencies and decrease costs.

### ***Why now?***

Relocation of the Core Services Maintenance Facility has been needed and discussed for many years. As the City has grown and core services have changed, the limitations of the existing facility and its location have become pronounced and troublesome, leading to inefficiencies in service delivery that are not cost effective.

### ***How will the project be financed?***

The proposed bond request is for \$14 million. It is anticipated that amount will be sufficient to purchase property with existing buildings that would be large enough to house the City's operations for the next 20 years and improve efficiencies and cost effectiveness. The estimated cost of the entire project is \$25 - \$30 million. The existing facility and potentially other city properties will be sold and/or exchanged to reduce the purchase price of the property. In addition, other revenue streams including solid waste fees will be used to help fund the project.

### ***Where will the project be located?***

The new Core Services Maintenance Facility would be located on West Route 66. The City underwent a public process whereby any property owner could submit a parcel for consideration for this facility.

### ***What will happen to the existing facility?***

Given its age and structural issues, the existing facility will most likely be demolished and the property used for different purpose(s). The property will not be used for similar operations and will be subject to required zoning changes and review that require public hearings to receive citizen input. Prior to sale or exchange, the site will be cleaned to address any environmental issues and will meet EPA standards.

### ***Where can I find additional information on this question?***

There are two ways to get additional information. Visit the City website [www.flagstaff.az.gov/bondinformation](http://www.flagstaff.az.gov/bondinformation) and/or call Erik Solberg, Public Works Director, at 928-213-2100.

## **CERTAIN REQUIRED INFORMATION ABOUT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

### **General Parameters**

If the November 6, 2012, bond election is successful, the City expects to sell bonds by means of a phased bonding program conducted over approximately the next ten years. The total principal amount of the bonds, if both questions are approved, would be \$24,000,000. The estimated costs of issuance associated with each issuance of bonds would be approximately \$200,000. The interest rate borne by the bonds would be determined by the market conditions that exist at the time of sale, but in no event would the maximum interest rate on the bonds exceed ten percent (10%) per annum. Repayment of both principal and interest on each issue of bonds would occur over a period of time not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from the date of issuance of each issue of bonds.

### **Estimated General Obligation Bond Issue Cost to Taxpayers**

The bonds will be repaid from an ad valorem secondary property tax levied against all taxable property within the City.

Implementing projects over time would have the effect of allowing future councils to determine the timing of projects such that the City's secondary property tax rate does not increase to fund these projects. The City of Flagstaff's current combined primary and secondary tax rate is \$1.5497 per \$100 of assessed property value. The secondary tax rate is \$0.8366 per \$100 of assessed property value.

The exhibit on Page 10 lists the existing and future debt service commitments for general obligation bonds as currently approved for the City of Flagstaff and the estimated debt retirement schedule if all the proposed bonds are approved. The issuance of the proposed general obligation bonds of the City is projected to not impact the City's current tax rate of \$0.8366 per \$100 of secondary assessed valuation.

Each property owner should refer to his/her annual property tax statement issued by the Coconino County Assessor or his/her property tax bill to determine the Coconino County Assessor's full cash and secondary assessed values. That information utilized in connection with the following table will enable a property owner to determine the estimated annual and monthly tax cost that would result from the authorization and issuance of the Bonds:

**ESTIMATED AVERAGE ANNUAL TAX RATE**  
**Per \$100 of Secondary Assessed Valuation: \$0.8366**

**Residential Property**  
 (assessed at 10% of full cash valuation)

<b>Assessor's Full Cash Value<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Secondary Assessed Value</b>	<b>Est. Annual Tax Cost<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Est. Monthly Tax Cost<sup>(b)</sup></b>
<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$209.15</b>	<b>\$17.43</b>

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on an owner-occupied residence valued by the County Assessor at \$250,000 is estimated to be \$251.51 per year for 25 years or \$6,287.75 total cost.<sup>(c)</sup>

**Commercial and Industrial Property**  
 (assessed at 20% of full cash valuation)<sup>(d)</sup>

<b>Assessor's Full Cash Value<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Secondary Assessed Value</b>	<b>Est. Annual Tax Cost<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Est. Monthly Tax Cost<sup>(b)</sup></b>
<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$1,673.20</b>	<b>\$139.43</b>

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on commercial property valued by the County Assessor at \$1,000,000 is estimated to be \$2,012.11 per year for 25 years or \$50,302.75 total cost.<sup>(c)</sup>

**Agricultural Property**  
 (assessed at 16% of full cash valuation)<sup>(e)</sup>

<b>Assessor's Full Cash Value<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>Secondary Assessed Value</b>	<b>Est. Annual Tax Cost<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>Est. Monthly Tax Cost<sup>(b)</sup></b>
<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$133.86</b>	<b>\$11.15</b>

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on agricultural or other vacant property valued by the County Assessor at \$100,000 is estimated to be \$160.97 per year for 25 years or \$4,024.25 total cost.<sup>(c)</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> Assessor's full cash value is the value of a property as it appears on the tax bill and does not necessarily represent market value.

<sup>(b)</sup> Cost based on \$0.8366 tax per \$100 of secondary assessed value.

<sup>(c)</sup> Assumes the assessed value increases annually at 50% of the total projected increase in secondary assessed value as determined and described in footnote (a) to the Table that follows.

<sup>(d)</sup> Per current statutory provisions, the assessment ratio will be reduced to 19.5% in tax year 2013 and will be further reduced by one-half of one percent in each subsequent tax year until the ratio decreases to 18% for tax year 2016 and thereafter.

<sup>(e)</sup> Per current statutory provisions, the assessment ratio will be reduced to 15% in tax year 2016 and thereafter.

## Debt Limitations

The amount of indebtedness which the City can incur through the issuance of general obligation bonds is limited in the State Constitution. The Constitution states that, for general municipal purposes, the City cannot incur a debt exceeding six percent of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the City. Bonds amounting to an additional twenty percent of the assessed valuation of taxable property can be issued for supplying such specific services as water; artificial light; sewers; the acquisition and development of land for open space preserves, parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities; public safety; law enforcement; fire and emergency service facilities; and streets and transportation facilities. In other words, a total of twenty-six percent of the assessed valuation can be bonded for the projects specifically listed above.

<u>Water, Light, Sewer, Open Space &amp; Park, Public Safety &amp; Transportation</u>		<u>General Projects</u>	
26% Constitutional Limitation	\$198,971,929	6% Constitutional Limitation	\$45,916,599
Net Direct General Obligation Bonds Outstanding	( <u>41,779,576</u> )	Net Direct General Obligation Bonds Outstanding	( <u>0</u> )
Unused 26% Limitation Borrowing Capacity	<u>\$157,192,353</u>	Unused 6% Limitation Borrowing Capacity	<u>\$45,916,599</u>

### General Provisions for all Bond Questions

- The following provisions apply to all bonds to be voted on. Specific information for each authorized purpose is set out for each question.
- In addition to each specific authorized purpose, bond proceeds may be used to pay for bond insurance or other credit support for the bonds; all legal, accounting, financial, architectural, design, engineering and construction management costs; and all other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the purposes set forth in each question. The City may contract for letters of credit, surety bonds, lines of credit, or other credit or liquidity support in connection with any one or more series of bonds.
- Bonds will be issued for each approved project for the actual project amount when funds are needed to implement that project. Bond amounts may not exceed the amount authorized by voters for that project.
- The bonds may be issued in one or more series.
- Interest rates may be fixed or variable but shall not exceed ten percent (10%) per annum. Interest may be evidenced by separate certificates.
- The bonds, and any bonds issued to refund the City's bonds, may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law.
- Bonds will mature over a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from their date of issuance.
- The project amounts for each bond question represent inflated dollars estimated at the time of bond issuance.
- The price paid in acquisition of property would be at the discretion of the Mayor and City Council.
- The time frames for the start and finish of each project are approximate, and demonstrate how projects could be implemented over time if all bond projects are approved. Actual time frames will be dependent on many factors such as which projects are approved, land availability and acquisition negotiations, environmental permitting processes, utility relocations, weather, design and construction lead-time, and other variables.

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## \$24,000,000 2012 Bond Program Debt Service Schedule (c)

## Combined Debt Service

### Existing Bonds (b)

Fiscal Year	Secondary Assessed Valuation (a)	Total Principal	Total Interest	Debt Service	Principal Series 2013	Principal Series 2014	Estimated Interest	Debt Service
2011-12	\$791,371,939	\$4,586,539	\$1,597,907	\$6,184,446				\$6,184,446
2012-13	765,276,651	4,248,450	1,873,290	6,121,740			\$208,333	6,330,073
2013-14	810,274,918	4,174,878	2,128,271	6,303,149			500,000	6,803,149
2014-15	857,919,083	4,391,621	1,989,278	6,380,899			1,200,000	7,580,899
2015-16	908,364,725	4,588,688	1,831,811	6,420,499			1,200,000	7,620,499
2016-17	961,776,571	4,021,089	1,678,509	5,699,598			1,200,000	6,899,598
2017-18	1,018,329,034	4,073,834	1,550,077	5,623,911			1,200,000	6,823,911
2018-19	1,030,345,316	4,176,933	1,386,178	5,563,111			1,200,000	6,763,111
2019-20	1,042,503,391	4,270,396	1,221,565	5,491,961			1,200,000	6,691,961
2020-21	1,054,804,931	3,334,234	1,072,752	4,406,986	\$355,000	\$460,000	1,200,000	6,421,986
2021-22	1,067,251,629	3,011,158	938,216	3,949,374	375,000	480,000	1,159,250	5,963,624
2022-23	1,079,845,198	2,439,804	812,019	3,251,823	390,000	505,000	1,116,500	5,263,323
2023-24	1,092,587,372	733,597	721,340	1,454,937	410,000	530,000	1,071,750	3,466,687
2024-25	1,105,479,903	772,540	685,646	1,458,186	430,000	555,000	1,024,750	3,467,936
2025-26	1,118,524,566	811,642	648,044	1,459,686	455,000	585,000	975,500	3,475,186
2026-27	1,131,723,155	840,908	608,529	1,449,437	475,000	615,000	923,500	3,462,937
2027-28	1,145,077,489	885,344	567,592	1,452,936	500,000	645,000	869,000	3,466,936
2028-29	1,158,589,403	934,958	524,478	1,459,436	525,000	675,000	811,750	3,471,186
2029-30	1,172,260,758	974,756	478,930	1,453,686	550,000	710,000	751,750	3,465,436
2030-31	1,186,093,435	1,024,747	431,440	1,456,187	580,000	745,000	688,750	3,469,937
2031-32	1,200,089,337	935,000	381,500	1,316,500	610,000	785,000	622,500	3,334,000
2032-33	1,214,250,392	985,000	334,750	1,319,750	640,000	825,000	552,750	3,337,500
2033-34	1,228,578,546	1,035,000	285,500	1,320,500	670,000	865,000	479,500	3,335,000
2034-35	1,243,075,773	1,085,000	233,750	1,318,750	705,000	910,000	402,750	3,336,500
2035-36	1,257,744,067	1,140,000	179,500	1,319,500	740,000	955,000	322,000	3,336,500
2036-37	1,272,585,447	1,195,000	122,500	1,317,500	775,000	1,000,000	237,250	3,329,750
2037-38	1,287,601,955	1,255,000	62,750	1,317,750	815,000	1,050,000	148,500	3,331,250
2038-39	1,302,795,659					1,105,000	55,250	1,160,250
<b>Totals</b>					<b><u>\$10,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,321,333</u></b>	<b><u>\$125,409,125</u></b>

- (a) Secondary Assessed Valuation ("SAV") for fiscal year 2011-2012 is actual. SAV for 2012-13 is provided by the Coconino County Assessor's Office. Subsequent SAV's are assumed as follows:
- (i) For the first 5 years, average annual growth for the previous 10 years or 5.88%
  - (ii) For the remaining years, 20 percent of the average annual growth for the previous 10 years or 1.18%
- (b) The debt service requirements shown represent the aggregate annual payments supported by ad valorem taxes (certain of the City's general obligation bonds are supported by enterprise fund revenues). Existing debt service also includes estimated debt service on remaining bond authorization: \$1.10 million pursuant to the 1996 bond election, \$8.0 million pursuant to the 2004 bond election and \$6.46 million pursuant to the 2010 bond election. Certain other remaining authorization from the 2004 bond election and 2010 bond election are excluded as the City has no current plans to issue bonds pursuant to those elections.
- (c) Projected timing and principal amounts are subject to change. Assumes 5.0% interest rate on both bond issues.

The current adopted tax rate for the existing bonds and the estimated average annual rate including with the proposed bond authorization are each \$.8366 per \$100 of secondary assessed valuation.

## DESCRIPTION OF BOND QUESTIONS

### FULL TEXT OF QUESTION NO. 405

#### QUESTION NO. 405

**PURPOSE:** Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project

**Amount:** \$10,000,000

**Description:** To prevent flood damage to the City of Flagstaff ('City'), and to protect the City water supply from damages which occur from large-scale and/or severe wildfire(s) in two watersheds serving the City, shall the City be authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount up to \$10,000,000:

- to expedite and conduct forest treatments in the Dry Lake Hills watershed north of town to reduce wildfire threat, thereby mitigating subsequent flooding to Sunnyside, downtown, the NAU campus, and neighborhoods bordering the Rio de Flag;
- to plan and conduct forest treatments in the Lake Mary watershed south of the City to reduce wildfire threat, thereby protecting the storage capacity and water quality of Lake Mary; and
- to pay all costs and expenses properly incidental thereto and to the issuance of bonds?

The bonds may be issued in one or more series, will not mature more than 25 years from the date or dates of their issue, will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 10% per annum, and will have such other provisions as are approved by the City Council. The following sentence has been included on this ballot as required by Arizona Revised Statutes §35-454(C): The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

**A vote FOR the bonds shall have the effect of allowing the City Council to issue up to \$10,000,000 in general obligation bonds for planning and implementation of forest health and water supply protection projects.**

**A vote AGAINST the bonds shall have the effect of not allowing the City Council to issue up to \$10,000,000 in general obligation bonds for planning and implementation of forest health and water supply protection projects.**

**Contact Information: Paul Summerfelt, 213-2509**

### FORM OF QUESTION NO. 405 TO APPEAR ON BALLOT

#### QUESTION NO. 405

**PURPOSE:** Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project

**AMOUNT:** \$10,000,000

**FOR THE BONDS**

**AGAINST THE BONDS**

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#### ARGUMENTS "FOR" QUESTION NO. 405

Congratulations to the new Flagstaff City Council for moving quickly to bring this bond issue to the voters by a 7-0 vote and to City Staff for bringing it forward. They took a stand for Flagstaff's future.

Decades of research at NAU helped us to understand that wildfire is an inevitable fact of life in our forests. More than a century of fire suppression put us in a critical situation; fuel loads have built up for so long that forest fires now rage with a vengeance.

But it was the Schultz fire and flood on the east side of the San Francisco Peaks that made the reality of our situation so tragically clear.

We need to move as quickly as possible to thin the forests in the Dry Lake Hills on the west side of the Peaks to prevent a catastrophic fire followed by a wall of mud and debris flowing through downtown, Switzer Canyon, and Sunnyside. This treatment is listed as High Priority by the U.S. Forest Service. So is treatment of the Lake Mary Watershed to prevent our largest water supply from being rendered unusable.

But many hundreds of thousands of acres in other parts of our forests are also listed as High Priority. If we want to preserve the forests that protect the future of Flagstaff we need to move them to Top Priority and treat them NOW! Passage of this bond issue will do just that.

We can afford it. It won't raise our taxes. We definitely cannot afford not to do it.

Passage will mean that thinning of some forests in the Rio de Flag and Lake Mary watersheds can begin next spring. We didn't thin the forests burned by the Schultz fire quite in time. Let's not make the same mistake twice. Thank you.

Friends of the Rio de Flag  
Jack Welch, Board President  
John Grahame, Board Secretary

**RE: Question 405: Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project**

The Grand Canyon Trust is a regional conservation organization that has been working for over 25 years to find science-based, commonsense solutions to environmental challenges across the Colorado Plateau. The Trust has been working for decades to protect Flagstaff and other communities from the wildfire risks brought about by unhealthy forests. Today, we continue to lead efforts within the Four Forest Restoration Initiative to restore health and resilience to all of northern Arizona’s ponderosa pine forests.

We believe that Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project considered under Question 405 is an important investment for the people of Flagstaff and that it represents a commonsense approach to addressing a crucial challenge facing Flagstaff.

We strongly support the types of forest restoration treatments that would be implemented by this bond. We believe that these forest treatments will reduce the risk of severe fire on Dry Lake Hills, which could otherwise lead to catastrophic flooding downtown, on NAU’s campus, and in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Flagstaff. We also believe that these treatments will help protect Lake Mary’s water quality, ensuring a continued surface water supply for the City of Flagstaff.

We understand that implementation of these forest treatments is expensive, and that U.S. Forest Service budgets are not adequate to complete the needed work. For this reason, Grand Canyon Trust has worked with numerous partners and City staff to explore alternative avenues for funding this much-needed forest restoration work. We believe that the bond measure considered under Question 405 is an effective tool for funding these initial forest treatments.

We urge citizens to vote YES on Question 405: Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project.

Ethan Aumack Director of Conservation Programs Grand Canyon Trust	Evelyn Sawyers Senior Director of Finance Grand Canyon Trust
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**“PRO” Argument, Question 405**

What does “forest health” mean? Aren’t our forests healthy right now? There seem to be so many trees, green things, and animals. Unfortunately, no. The forests around Flagstaff are not healthy, and I’d like to tell you why, why that matters, and why you should vote “for” Question 405.

A healthy forest is in balance with the natural forces that act on it. Lightning-caused forest fires are one of these forces, but over the last century we systematically fought these fires. Consequently, today there are too many trees spaced too closely together, too much undergrowth, and too much dead and decaying material on the forest floor. Any fire today—particularly in our dry and windy spring—would not be small and rejuvenative, but massive and catastrophic. The Schultz fire of 2010 exemplifies this.

A catastrophic wildfire scorches and denudes the landscape, leading to major flooding and huge amounts of dirt and debris entering the waterways. If this happened in the Rio de Flag or Lake Mary watersheds, Flagstaff would see devastating floods downtown, across NAU, and the southside; sedimentation of Lake Mary and possible loss of it as our most affordable water supply; and economic, ecological, and scenic (“viewshed”) impacts that would last for generations.

Question 405 would allow the City to begin thinning parts of these two critical watersheds early next Spring. “Thinning” means removal of excess growth, much as a hairstylist uses those scissors. Although other government agencies are undertaking similar projects (e.g., Four Forest Restoration Initiative, 4FRI), for Flagstaff these are not enough and not soon enough.

A vote “for these bonds” is a vote for proactiveness, collaboration, forest health, and above all else a safer community.

Brad Garner  
Flagstaff resident

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The Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership (GFFP) has been working for more than 14 years to protect the Flagstaff community from catastrophic wildfire and to restore the health of forest ecosystems and watersheds. During development of the Greater Flagstaff Community Wildfire Protection Plan, two critical areas were identified for immediate restorative treatments - the Rio de Flag and Lake Mary watersheds. To mitigate the potential threat from the extreme flooding of the downtown, NAU, Sunnyside, Country Club and Lake Mary areas that would follow a sever wildfire, GFFP highly recommends residents of the City of Flagstaff vote **“FOR”** the Forest Health and Water Supply Protection Project – Ballot Question #405. Without this funding, the US Forest Service will not be able to treat these critical areas within the next 10 years. The Shultz Fire and subsequent flooding of our eastside neighborhoods is testimony to an extreme wildfire event that recently impacted our community and the torrential flooding that occurred in its aftermath. Approval of this bond will: 1) provide the resources needed to achieve immediate planning and treatment of critical watersheds; 2) provide protection for the Dry Lake Hills portion of the Rio de Flag watershed; 3) provide protection of Lake Mary, one of our key water supplies, from sedimentation and water quality impacts; 4) assure leverage of limited Federal and State funding and resources for these areas; and 5) provide ecological restoration of thousands of acres of forest ecosystems and associated wildlife habitat that can be enjoyed by future generations. GFFP urges all voters to approve this bond to meet the critical long-term needs of our community before it is too late. **Remember, it is just a matter of time - our forests will burn and we need to protect our community, watersheds, and landscapes.**

Steve Gatewood  
Wildwood Consulting, LLC

**ARGUMENTS “AGAINST” QUESTION NO. 405**

No arguments submitted.

FULL TEXT OF QUESTION NO. 406

**QUESTION NO. 406**

**PURPOSE:** Core Services Maintenance Facility

**Amount:** \$14,000,000

**Description:** To provide adequate space for maintenance, storage and repair of City fleet and equipment; materials storage; administrative offices and space for other City needs including Facility Maintenance, Park Maintenance, Street Maintenance, Solid Waste and other Public Works & Utility functions, shall the City of Flagstaff be authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount up to \$14,000,000:

- for acquisition of land, purchase of equipment, building design and construction, and/or rehabilitation of existing facilities for a core services maintenance center; and
- for the infrastructure and utilities associated with the acquired facilities; and
- to pay all costs and expenses properly incidental thereto and to the issuance of bonds.

The bonds may be issued in one or more series, will not mature more than 25 years from the date or dates of their issue, will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 10% per annum, and will have such other provisions as are approved by the City Council. The following sentence has been included on this ballot as required by Arizona Revised Statutes §35-454(C): The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

**A vote FOR the bonds shall have the effect of allowing the City Council to issue up to \$14,000,000 in general obligation bonds to design and construct and/or rehabilitate an existing facility of a core services maintenance facility.**

**A vote AGAINST the bonds shall have the effect of not allowing the City Council to issue up to \$14,000,000 in general obligation bonds to design and construct and/or rehabilitate an existing facility of a core services maintenance facility.**

**Contact Information: Erik Solberg, 213-2105**

FORM OF QUESTION NO. 406 TO APPEAR ON BALLOT

**QUESTION NO. 406**

**PURPOSE:** Core Services Maintenance Facility

**AMOUNT:** \$14,000,000

**FOR THE BONDS**

**AGAINST THE BONDS**

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**ARGUMENTS "FOR" QUESTION NO. 406**

**For Question 406: Core Services Maintenance Facility**

The City maintenance yard is a place where heavy equipment is maintained, repaired, and stored. Tens of big road graders, trucks, front-end loaders and other equipment that keep our city functioning are greased, oil changed, and repaired at the maintenance yard.

What would be the very worst location for our City Maintenance Yard? The worst location is where it is now! It is sandwiched between Thorpe Park baseball fields, three schools, the city pond, and bordering the Rio de Flag and a residential area! One could not imagine a worse location.

It has needed to be relocated for literally decades. Each year it becomes more expensive and inefficient to function in its current location. Each year it becomes more expensive to move it to a proper location. For financial, safety and efficiency reasons, we must relocate the facility as soon as possible. Now is the time.

Please vote for 406, it makes good sense and good business.

Nat White

**Please support Ballot Question 406; Core Services Maintenance Facility.**

Flagstaff has grown by 12,600 people just since 2000. That is more road miles to maintain, more trash to pick up, more park usage, in general more pressure on antiquated infrastructure and systems now in place to serve you. With no expectations for these growth trends to diminish, we must plan now for a future where the City can meet those needs, not only without interruption, but more efficiently.

With serious regard to voters concerns about taxpayer indebtedness, the City has engineered a plan to accommodate growth for a fraction of the costs initially proposed.

We owe it to those who serve us to give them the tools to do so safely and efficiently now and in the years to come. I believe support for Question 406 will deliver the core services you demand with the efficiency you also demand at an affordable price. Vote yes on Ballot Question 406.

Al White, Former Councilmember for 12 years

Consolidation of the various locations for the Flagstaff Public Works and Utilities activities has long been an important issue for those city departments. Work schedules and efficiencies are currently hindered by the separations that must be dealt with on a daily basis. Centralizing the actions necessary to accomplish the work goals set by the city cannot continue being pushed to the back burner.

Example: We all want and expect the snow to be cleared from our city streets in a timely fashion. Did you know when a city snow plow breaks down it must be repaired outside in the bad weather because our current facilities don't have the inside space or the ability to lift one of those large pieces of equipment off the ground for repairs?

Vote yes on Question 406 on November 6th. Our city work force, upon whom we all depend, deserves our support.

Jack Welch

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#### **Question 406: Core Services Maintenance Facility**

I have been a resident of the Greater Flagstaff Area for 36 years. I am also a 30 year veteran of the fire service, 24 of those years as the Fire Chief of an outlying Fire District. My years of experience have taught me the perils that occur when proper vehicle maintenance is insufficient. Local government's mission is to provide core services such as snow removal, street maintenance, trash and recycling and most importantly the public safety aspects provided by police and fire. The vehicles required to provide these expected services are expensive. The required maintenance of such vehicles is essential for the reliable delivery of service and the safety of those operating them.

The current facility for providing vehicle maintenance is woefully inadequate. Many of the vehicles being serviced do not fit inside and must be worked on outside in the elements. The current location is not compatible with the residential neighborhood that surrounds it. Vehicle maintenance can be a noisy 24 hours a day, seven days a week operation. Due to inadequate storage space, services cannot be centralized which results in lost time and higher fuel expenses traveling to various sites throughout the City.

The City of Flagstaff brought this issue to the public two years ago and it was not approved. Fair enough. But the need and current deficiencies have not gone away. The City is proposing a cost effective proposal to address the needs identified and to mitigate the problem. They have reduced costs by 28 million dollars. They heard the concern of the voters that the cost was too high and have worked hard to make it more responsive to the voice of the taxpayers.

I support the passing of Question 406. I hope you also support the passage of Question 406.

Jim Pond

#### **Question 406 Core Services Maintenance Facility**

The City of Flagstaff is in need of a new all-purpose Core Services Yard. Currently the City has four other yards scattered across the City and a central location would cut costs and increase efficiencies. It would also allow workers a facility to work on equipment out of the elements and in a safe location. One of the City's current facilities was built in 1913 and is outdated to the point it is in need of major repairs and upgrades and was actually built for horse barn. We are growing and need to provide properly sized and equipped facilities to city workers as we grow.

It is important to all our citizens to have a facility that will lower costs and increase efficiencies, bring all public works staff into one location and create a facility all can be proud of.

Kim Davenport

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Dear Voter,

For our city to plan for it's 21st century future, we cannot rely on antiquated, 20th century infrastructure and equipment. We must have the capacity to meet future planning challenges and needs. So I ask that you vote in support of this bond in order to properly sustain and grow our community and economy.

Matthew Capalby

#### **ARGUMENTS "AGAINST" QUESTION NO. 406**

No arguments submitted.

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## IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

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**Date of election:** Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Last day to register to vote:** Tuesday, October 9, 2012

**Early voting begins:** Thursday, October 11, 2012

**Last day to request that a ballot be mailed to you:** Friday, October 26, 2012

The Coconino County Elections Office must receive your written or verbal request for a ballot to be mailed before the close of business on Friday, October 26, 2012. Be sure to specify where (complete mailing address) you would like your ballot to be sent.

**Last day to vote early in person:** Friday, November 2, 2012

You may vote early in person by appearing at the Coconino County Elections Office, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours or by depositing your voted ballot in either one of the white ballot drop boxes located at the Coconino County Office Building, 110 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona or in front of the Coconino County Health and Community Services Building, 2625 North King Street, Flagstaff Arizona.

**Last day to return a ballot that was mailed to you:** Tuesday, November 6, 2012

In order for your ballot to be valid and counted, your ballot and affidavit must be delivered to the Coconino County Elections Office prior to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. You may also deposit your ballot and affidavit at any polling place designated for this election between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

### **CHECK THE MAILING LABEL OF THIS PAMPHLET FOR YOUR ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE.**

### **ELECTORS WHO VOTE AT THE POLLING PLACE ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT IDENTIFICATION BEFORE RECEIVING A BALLOT.**

**LIST 1: Acceptable forms of identification with voter's photograph, name, and address. The address must reasonably match the precinct register (1 form of identification required):**

- Valid Arizona driver's license
- Valid Arizona non-operation identification license
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification.

**An identification is "valid" unless it can be determined on its face that it has expired.**

**LIST 2: Acceptable forms of identification (no photo) with voter's name and address. The address must reasonably match the precinct register (2 forms of identification required):**

- Utility bill of the elector dated within 90 days of the date of the election (may be electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable TV)
- Bank or credit union statement dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona vehicle registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Vehicle insurance card
- Recorder's Certificate
- Valid United States, federal, state, or local government issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the county recorder

### **LIST 3: Acceptable forms of identification, one with photo, one without (2 forms of identification required):**

- Any valid photo identification from List 1 in which the address does not match the precinct register accompanied by one valid item from List 2
- U.S. Passport without address and one valid item from List 2
- U.S. Military identification without address and one valid item from List 2

If you don't provide identification as described, you will be issued a provisional conditional ballot. You must provide identification to the County Recorder or to an official deemed acceptable by the County Recorder per the instructions provided at the polling place in order for the provisional conditional ballot to be processed and counted as follows:

**Last day to provide identification:** Tuesday, November 14, 2012

### **TO VOTE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE**

Your polling place will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. You will receive voting instructions at your polling place on the proper procedures for voting your ballot and depositing it into the ballot box.

Any registered voter may, at the voter's option, be accompanied by a minor who is permitted in the voting booth pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-515(E); be accompanied and assisted by a person of the voter's own choice; or be assisted by two election officials, during any process relating to voting or during the actual process of voting on a paper ballot, machine, or electronic voting system. A person who is a candidate for an office in that election, other than the office of precinct committeeman, is not eligible to assist any voter. [A.R.S. § 16-580(G)].

Any qualified elector who, at 7:00 p.m., is in the line of waiting voters shall be allowed to prepare and cast a ballot.

### **TO VOTE BY MAIL/EARLY BY MAIL**

If you are on the permanent early voting list, your ballot will automatically be mailed to you around October 11, 2012.

If you are not on the permanent early voting list, you may request an early ballot by calling the Coconino County Elections Office at 928-679-7860 or appearing between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Coconino County Elections Office, 110 E. Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Your voting packet will come with complete instructions on how to fill out your ballot. After you have filled your ballot out, sign the postage-paid envelope, and mail it to the Coconino County

Elections Department. You may also deposit your voted ballot in either one of the white ballot drop boxes located at the Coconino County Office Building, 110 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona or in front of the Coconino County Health and Community Services Building, 2625 North King Street, Flagstaff Arizona; or take it to the Coconino County Elections Office at 110 East Cherry, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### **WHO CAN VOTE?**

In order to vote in any City election, you must be eighteen years of age or older, live within City limits, and be registered to vote at least 29 days prior to an election. The last day to register to vote for the General Election is **October 9, 2012 (28 days due to the holiday)**.

### **IF I HAVE TO REGISTER TO VOTE, WHERE DO I GO TO TAKE CARE OF THAT?**

Contact the Coconino County Elections Department located at 110 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff. The telephone number for that office is 679-7860. Information is also available online at [www.coconino.az.gov/elections](http://www.coconino.az.gov/elections) regarding voter registration.

### **WILL I BE ABLE TO VOTE IF I'M OUT OF TOWN FOR THE ELECTION?**

If you plan to be out of town during the balloting period and do not have a forwarding address where your ballot can be sent, you may request an early ballot from the Coconino County Elections Office, 110 East Cherry, Flagstaff, Arizona (928-679-7860). Your voted early ballot can be returned to the Elections Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or dropped off at one of the two white ballot drop boxes located at the Coconino County Office Building, 110 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona or in front of the Coconino County Health and Community Services Building, 2625 North King Street, Flagstaff Arizona; or take it to the Coconino County Elections Office at 110 East Cherry, Flagstaff, Arizona.

However, if you are planning to be out of town during the ballot mailing period but have an address where your ballot can be sent, please let the Coconino County Elections Office know where to send your official ballot. You need to let the Elections Office know by October 26, 2012. That way, if you are out of town, your ballot will reach you in time to vote.

### **I'VE RECEIVED MY BALLOT IN THE MAIL. NOW WHAT DO I DO?**

Once you have received your ballot, read all the instructions carefully. Fill out your ballot in **BLACK** ink. Then, place your voted ballot in the return envelope, sign the envelope, and drop it in the mail. The return envelope is self-addressed and the return postage has been pre-paid for you. If you do not want to mail your ballot, you can drop it in one of the white ballot drop boxes located at the Coconino County Office Building, 110 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona or in front of the Coconino

County Health and Community Services Building, 2625 North King Street, Flagstaff, Arizona or deliver it to the Coconino County Elections Office.

All ballots must be returned to the Coconino County Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. The Coconino County Elections Office will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day to receive your ballot.

### **I LOST MY BALLOT. WHAT DO I DO?**

If you lose your ballot, all you need to do is go to the Coconino County Elections Office, 110 East Cherry, Flagstaff, Arizona, and vote a provisional ballot. Remember that all ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

### **I MADE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT. WHAT DO I DO?**

If you made a mistake on your ballot, all you need to do is take your spoiled ballot to the Coconino County Elections Office, 110 East Cherry, Flagstaff, Arizona and vote a provisional ballot. Remember that all ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

If you did not receive a ballot, your voter registration information could be wrong. If you did not receive your ballot, go to the Coconino County Elections Office, 110 East Cherry, Flagstaff, Arizona, and vote a provisional ballot. Remember that all ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

### **IF I MOVE TO A DIFFERENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS, WILL VOTING MATERIALS BE FORWARDED TO ME?**

No. Voting materials cannot be forwarded to a different address from that listed on your voter registration. It is important for the Coconino County Elections Office to have your **CURRENT** information on file. If you change your name or your residential address, you must re-register to vote by October 9, 2012. To determine whether or not your registration is current, please contact the Coconino County Elections Office at (928) 679-7860, or go to the County Elections Office located at 110 East Cherry Avenue, Flagstaff, Arizona.

For more information about the November 6, 2012, Special Bond Authorization Election, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 213-2076.