

Public Comment - Fiscal Year 2025 Tentative Budget

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Dear Peoria City Councilmembers,

I have reviewed the City of Peoria 2025 Budget proposal and as a former Captain with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, I am encouraged by the proposed \$995 million budget to support growth needs in public safety without raising taxes.

With 30 years in law enforcement, I understand the importance and need for a properly funded and staffed public safety agency. There is nothing more frustrating than to be a police officer or a fire fighter and lack the funds, personnel, and equipment to provide the best services possible to the citizens under your protection. Waiting for a disaster or a crisis to happen to provide funding or resources is too late. Peoria should not rely or depend on other Cities or agencies to service or protect its citizens. Public Safety agencies have to prepare and anticipate without knowing all the potential parameters and having City officials who recognize, plan and budget such agencies are the ones who value their citizens by providing the best possible protection for the future.

As a retiree living in Peoria, I want to feel safe and confident that the City of Peoria is ensuring proper public safety services and personnel are made available to all citizens and the 2025 budget proposals gives me that assurance.

I live in an age restricted community in Peoria where fears and the opportunity to be a victim are high. Please don't cut corners or defund public safety budgets for projects where individual agendas or public opinion is the current trend. Do not sacrifice the safety of your citizens or place a price or value on saving a life or preventing crime.

Thank you for supporting a strong Peoria where citizen safety and wellbeing are a priority and worth fighting for.

Feel free to add my notes to next week's council meeting.

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