

Proposed CD 9

Ahwatukee and North Chandler: Ahwatukee is an urban village of Phoenix geographically separated from the rest of Phoenix by South Mountain and other municipalities. The southern border of Ahwatukee is Pecos Rd, which is also the boundary of the Gila River Indian Community. Ahwatukee is closely associated with North Chandler, which is the area of Chandler north of Pecos Rd. The boundary that separates North Chandler and Ahwatukee is Interstate 10. This also ties these two communities together. The two communities share a very widely known school district together (Kyrene) with South Tempe. They also share economic interests and residents from both sides of the freeway shop, work, and recreate on both sides of the freeway.

Ahwatukee and Arcadia: These two areas make up the current Phoenix City Council District 6. While they are not contiguous within the city of Phoenix, these two areas share much in common socioeconomically, demographically and culturally. They encompass an area with high educational attainment. The shared characteristics of these two areas make up a distinct part of Phoenix and a significant portion of CD9.

Tempe and Chandler: Tempe and Chandler Ahwatukee are also bound by I-10 and the Kyrene School district. Neighborhoods cross the boundaries between South Tempe and North Chandler and the entire area shares socio-economic and cultural ties. This area of the city is well established like the rest of the district and differs greatly from some of the areas of more recent growth.

Tempe and West Mesa: Tempe is the gateway between the East Valley and Phoenix. The core of Tempe is surrounded by freeways (202 on the north, 101 on the east, I-10 and 143 on the West and US 60 on the south). A significant number of people travel through Tempe on the way into Phoenix every day. While it is home to ASU, Tempe is more than a college town and has a well established population and land-locked boundaries that have forced it to take a different perspective on economic development than many other areas in the East Valley. The creation of Tempe Town Lake and the development of the Light Rail have been a key part of Tempe's makeover and a regional approach to economic development. The decision to tie West Mesa, Tempe, and Phoenix together with the Light Rail was made after studies of transportation, economic, community, and cultural issues, and the route was chosen to reflect a sensible combination of communities as they stand now and as they are likely to grow. In addition to the Light Rail, the area is tied by similar communities. The Escalante neighborhood in East Tempe has a significant Latino population that ties it in with emerging Latino neighborhoods along the Main Street corridor in West Mesa. The state's largest community college is in West Mesa and it shares much in common with ASU. Tempe Marketplace and Mesa Riverview are a couple miles down the street and share an economic bond. Tempe Lakes and Dobson Ranch are similar neighborhoods on either side of the city line. West Mesa shares much more in common economically, demographically, and culturally with Tempe than with East Mesa.

North Tempe and South Scottsdale: South Scottsdale and North Tempe share neighborhoods, commerce, and transportation routes. North Tempe is the area north of Tempe Town Lake and South Scottsdale is generally the area south of Old Town Scottsdale. The neighborhoods in South Scottsdale are

generally south of Thomas Rd and are nearly indistinguishable from North Tempe. The entire area is centered on Scottsdale Rd which runs north to south. The area also shares Papago Park, which crosses between Phoenix, Tempe, and Scottsdale.

South Scottsdale/East Phoenix/Arcadia: Much like the neighborhoods in North Tempe, South Scottsdale transitions naturally to East Phoenix and Arcadia. These areas share mixed neighborhoods of older established residents and young professionals who work downtown or at ASU. Much of these areas in East Phoenix and Arcadia share the Scottsdale School District with South Scottsdale. Like the district as a whole, urban economic policies and decisions regarding transportation and the freeway system are of shared concern.

Midtown and North Central Phoenix: Midtown is a collection of established neighborhoods and commercial areas. This is a high traffic area during the week and many people from other parts of the district come here for work. This area shares much in common with the rest of the district. It is established and has many different needs than the high growth areas outside the core of the city. This area will constantly be at the heart of transportation issues and is part of the economic hub that drives the region.