

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Phoenix, Arizona

WHEREAS, over 39,000 Phoenix residents have signed a petition in support of a ballot measure that would stop the wasteful and destructive expansion of light rail, which threatens to bankrupt local businesses and dislocate our neighborhoods and communities;

WHEREAS, the initiative petition contains more than enough signatures to refer the question of light rail expansion to voters at the August 2019 citywide election;

WHEREAS, despite the overwhelming show of opposition to light rail expansion, the City has continued to expend massive amounts of taxpayers' money in furtherance of this ruinous project—despite knowing that these funds will be wasted if, as expected, voters approve the ballot initiative;

WHEREAS, by ignoring the tens of thousands of Phoenix residents who have mobilized to stop light rail expansion and deliberately putting taxpayer money at risk, the City is attempting to circumvent the democratic process and stifle the constitutional right of initiative;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, as our elected representatives, have a duty to heed the voices of their constituents, and cease all spending on, and construction of, light rail expansion until the voters have exercised their constitutional right to decide this crucial public policy question at the ballot box.

THEREFORE:

Pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 22 of the Phoenix City Charter, I, Susan Garcia, a citizen and resident of the City of Phoenix, hereby petition the City Council to consider and enact within fifteen days, a resolution, ordinance or measure that immediately and fully terminates the appropriation or expenditure of any public funds, derived from any source, in connection with the expansions of light rail transit described in Proposition 104 (2015), until the earlier of (1) the August 27, 2019 citywide election, or (2) entry of a final court judgment (inclusive of any appeals) enjoining the qualification of initiative measure I-4-2018 for the election ballot.

Submitted this 23rd day of January, 2019.

Susan Garcia  
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