



Jordan Rezell/Larson, Newspapers sync with sound at Sedona Public Program's Tech Tuesday activity.

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Candidates forum explores city issues

The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau, Sedona Lodging Council and Sedona Main Street Program is sponsoring a City Council and Mayoral Candidate Forum on Tuesday, July 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Sedona Rouge Hotel and Spa.

During the forum, candidates will acquaint us with their backgrounds and their visions for Sedona. Candidates will then address prepared questions dealing with their vision for the local economy and business interests in our community.

Joel Gilgoff, chairman of the chamber's Board of Directors said, "Understanding the issues, knowing the candidates and voting are the most important things you can do to assure the future of your business." He added, "This is critical, yet it's one of the easiest things you can do."

The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau has almost 1,000 members that are deeply concerned about Sedona's well-being.

The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau involvement in community affairs continues to be an important element of our organization's goals. We encourage everyone involved with the business community to attend this forum, meet the candidates and learn their positions on the issues which affect your business, as well as the economic health of our community as a whole.

Besides the prepared introductions and questions, a "rapid fire" Q-and-A session will give a quick glimpse to voters on the candidates conceptual agreement or non-support of several business-related issues. Topics such as Dark Skys designation, the new bed tax increase and its commitment to destination marketing efforts and limited allowance of alcohol on city-

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improvements and city services.

If Home Rule does not pass, we will be limited to a budget that is mandated by the state based on population, leaving nearly \$10 million in revenue generated, but inaccessible for the city to use for important projects and services. This 30 percent decrease will have massive impacts on the quality of life and city services that we all enjoy. The city's sound financial

management practices, recognized nationally, as well as a hefty reserve fund that shelters us in the event of disasters, show how well Home Rule has served our community.

The state-imposed limit on expenditures is set without assessment of the city's responsibility to address major capital requirements, public safety issues and operational or emergency needs — and without regard to the amount of revenue generated.

Therefore, even if the city brings in more revenue, we will not be allowed to spend it. Our hands will be tied to access our own income for our own needs and priorities.

If Home Rule is approved, the city will be able to access all of its sales and bed tax revenues to address critical capital improvement needs now and in the



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