



City of Avondale

City Council Meeting

Monday, September 22, 2025

Mayor and Council

Mike Pineda, Mayor

Curtis Nielson, Vice Mayor

Tina Conde, Councilmember | Jeannette Garcia, Councilmember

Gloria Solorio, Councilmember | Shari Weise, Councilmember

Max White, Councilmember

Administration

Ron Corbin, City Manager

Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager | Dale Nannenga, Assistant City Manager

Katie Gregory, Assistant City Manager | Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

City Council Chamber

11465 West Civic Center Drive

Avondale, AZ 85323

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City Council Meeting Notice & Agenda Monday, September 22, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER | 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE | AVONDALE AZ, 85323

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REGULAR MEETING

5:30 PM

Physical Access to the Council Chambers will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF REFLECTION

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following employees will be introduced to City Council. This item is for discussion only.

Development Services Department

- Martin Moreno, Planner
- Zachary Jones, Planner
- Gilbert Garcia, Bldg. Permit Technician II (Internal Promotion)

Economic Development Department

- Carter Wright, Economic Development Manager

Engineering Department

- Joshua Begay, Associate Engineer

Finance & Budget Department

- Jaime Allen, Accounting Specialist

Office of Public Safety

- Carolyn Aguilar, Municipal Security Officer

Parks, Recreation, & Libraries Department

- Ashlie Yingling, Recreation Programmer
- Mayra Felix, Librarian I (Internal Promotion)
- Christina Amarillas, Librarian II (Internal Promotion)

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES (Time may be limited per person. Please state your name.)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are of a routine nature or have been previously studied by the City Council at a work session. They are intended to be acted upon in one motion. Council members may pull items from consent if they would like them considered separately.

a. MINUTES

City Council will consider a request to approve the August 25, 2025 City Council meeting minutes. The Council will take appropriate action.

b. SERIES 4 (WHOLESALE) LIQUOR LICENSE - JALISCO INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS, INC

City Council will consider a request to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 4 (Wholesale) Liquor License submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller, authorizing the distribution of all types of liquor (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) to Arizona-licensed retailers at Jalisco International Imports, Inc., located at 1100 North 127th Avenue, Suite 100, in Avondale and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

c. SERIES 10 (BEER AND WINE STORE) LIQUOR LICENSE - CIRCLE K #9602

City Council will consider a request to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Maria Danielle Burgess to sell beer and wine at Circle K #9602 located at 10715 West Broadway Road and authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

d. RESOLUTION 1058-0925 - AUTHORIZING PASS-THROUGH GRANT FROM GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1058-0925, authorizing the City of Avondale's acceptance of grant funding through the Gila River Indian Community Grant and passing those grant funds to the eligible City-sponsored non-profit, A Mighty Change of Heart, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. PUBLIC ART UPDATE

City Council will receive an update from staff regarding public art. This item is for discussion only.

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS (5 minutes)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers of the City of Avondale will attend either in person or by telephone or video conference call. Individuals with special accessibility needs, including sight or hearing impaired, large print, or interpreter, should contact the City Clerk at 623-333-1000 or TDD 623-333-0010 at least two business days prior to the Council Meeting.

Los miembros del Concejo de la Ciudad de Avondale participaran ya sea en persona o por medio de llamada telefonica o por video. Personas con necesidades especiales de accesibilidad, incluyendo personas con impedimentos de vista u oido, o con necesidad de impresion grande o interprete, deben comunicarse con la Secretaria de la Ciudad at 623-333-1000 o TDD 623-333-0010 cuando menos dos dias habiles antes de la junta del Concejo.

ITEM NUMBER: 4.a.

SUBJECT: Minutes

MEETING DATE: 9/22/2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

THROUGH: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1014

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area: **Connected & Engaged Community**

Avondale informs, prepares, and engages our community to ensure residents are connected to resources, the region, and each other.

PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to approve the August 25, 2025 City Council meeting minutes. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute § 38-431.01(B), the City must provide written minutes of all City Council meetings.

DISCUSSION:

City Council held a meeting and the attached minutes have been prepared for approval.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item has no budget impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approve the August 25, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.

Contact person for document distribution: Chris Pierson

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
August 25, 2025

A **Regular Meeting** of the City Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona was convened at 11465 West Civic Center Drive in open and public session at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Mike Pineda led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Members Present: Mayor Mike Pineda; Vice Mayor Curtis Nielson; Councilmembers Tina Conde, Jeannette Garcia, Gloria Solorio, Shari Weise, and Max White.

Members Absent: None.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Ron Corbin, City Manager; Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager; Katie Gregory, Assistant City Manager; Dale Nannenga, Assistant City Manager; Nicholle Harris, City Attorney; Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk; Liz Barker Alvarez, Intergovernmental Affairs Administrator; Kirk Beaty, Public Works Director; Barbara Copping, City Auditor; Cheryl Covert, Economic Development Assistant Director; Memo Espinoza, Police Chief; Joel Evans, Facilities Director; Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director; Andy Mesquita, Human Resources Director; Kimberly Moon, Engineering Director; Jodie Novak, Development Services Director; Larry Rooney, Fire Chief; Jeffrey Scheetz, Chief Information Officer; Pier Simeri, Marketing and Public Relations Director; and Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director.

Audience: Approximately 15 members of the public were present.

1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2. PRESENTATION ITEMS (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following employees were introduced to City Council. This item was for discussion only.

City Manager's Office

- Basil Ribakare, Marvin Andrews Fellow

Information Technology Department

- Robert Begazo, Sr. Network Engineer

Engineering Department

- Eric Carrasco, Associate Engineer

Office of Public Safety

- Carolyn Aguilar, Municipal Security Officer*

Fire and Medical Department

- Scott Kimme, Firefighter
- Javier Vargas, Firefighter

Public Works Department

- Alyssa Rojas, Solid Waste Equipment Opr.
- Joshua Begnoche, Solid Waste Equipment Opr.
- Sheldon Begaii, Water Reclamation Facility Opr.

**Carolyn Aguilar, Municipal Security Officer was not present and will be introduced at a future date.*

b. INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CREDENTIALLED MANAGER DESIGNATION

City Council recognized Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, for earning the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA – the International City/County Management Association. This item was for discussion only.

c. PROCLAMATION

City Council presented a proclamation recognizing September 1, 2025 as National Police K-9 Day. This item was for discussion only.

3. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Teresa Desanti, Avondale resident, stated she requested a copy of the intergovernmental agreement for unit LA175; however, there was no mention of the unit within the agreement. She submitted another request specific to LA175 and was told there was not an agreement as the vehicle is owned by the city and not leased. She noted Chief Rooney stated there was not a paramedic on LA175 pursuant to the contract; however, she has yet to receive the noted contract. Lastly, she inquired about the city's ambulance contract, claiming Chief Rooney is related to an individual with Maricopa Ambulance.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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Mayor Pineda asked if any Councilmember wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Having no requests from Council, motion was made by Councilmember Weise, seconded by Councilmember White, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

a. CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

City Council approved the 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule and authorized the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

b. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

City Council approved appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions as recommended by the City Council Subcommittee on Boards and Commissions and authorized the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

a. BUDGET TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY TO M0176 BRIDGE HOUSING

City Council considered a request to approve a budget transfer from Contingency to M0176 Bridge Housing in the amount of \$280,000, approve a budget transfer from Contingency in the amount of \$75,000 for the operations of the Family Bridge Housing, increase the award authority for the project from \$2,709,061 to \$2,989,061 and for operations of \$150,000, and authorize Finance and Budget Department staff to take the steps necessary to execute the transfer. Council will take appropriate action.

Chris Lopez, Neighborhood and Family Services Director, presented the bridge housing project history, provided updates regarding the design of the building, shared information about the services to be provided, reviewed the budget, and defined the action being requested.

A background of bridge housing was provided. It is temporary housing designated to fill a gap between homelessness and permanent housing. It provides a safe and supportive environment for families to work towards secure long-term housing.

The timeline of the project and site information was presented. The project includes three duplexes on the east side of Eliseo C Felix Way. The project will serve families with at least one minor child, and families should be enrolled in a housing voucher program to ensure they are set up for success. The families will be housed in the units for up to twelve months; however, on occasion families will move to permanent housing as soon as six months. The families will go through case management to develop skills in workforce development, resume writing, interview skills, as well as learning how to maintain a home.

The goals of the project include family stability, school attendance, stable employment, financial security, and permanent housing. The annual operations is \$150 thousand a year with \$60 thousand a year in ARPA funding. The budget request includes \$280 thousand from contingency for construction and \$75 thousand from contingency for project operations.

Mayor Pineda noted this project shows the city's commitment to the community as it is rare to see such a project from a city of Avondale's size. He noted the project could potentially benefit twelve families each year which is a benefit for the families through a transitional period.

Councilmember Conde thanked staff for being thoughtful in the process and providing resources and a goal in addition to the housing. She echoed the comments from Mayor Pineda, noting twelve families could be assisted each year.

In response to a question from Councilmember Conde, Mr. Lopez noted the resource center provides multiple funding streams that could be used for deposits for both rent and utilities. The families will not be responsible for utilities; however, they will be working with families to create saving accounts to help them develop a safety net for when they transition to permanent housing. Pets are not allowed on the properties; however, the department is working with non-profit partners who are armed with a variety of resources to ensure pets are not a barrier to housing. Each unit includes a covered entry and a dedicated backyard area.

Councilmember White thanked staff for being good stewards through the resource center and department. In response to a question, Mr. Lopez stated the occupancy of each unit will be approximately 4-5 people. He noted they will work with non-profits to assist with each family's unique situations, such as same-gendered siblings sharing a room. He noted there is a non-profit organizations to provide financial literacy programs. Lastly, each unit is a non-smoking unit.

Vice Mayor Nielson thanked staff for their work and bringing the project to fruition. In response to questions, Mr. Lopez noted ARPA funds do have obligation timeline of December 2026. The operator would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance which include frequent check-ins with the families. The units will be fully furnished.

In closing, Mr. Lopez acknowledged James Milanese, City Projects Administrator, and Brian Planty, Homeless Services Manager, who have been instrumental in moving the project forward. And City Council for the ongoing support of the department and project.

Councilmember White moved to approve a budget transfer from Contingency to M0176 Bridge Housing in the amount of \$280,000, approve a budget transfer from Contingency in the amount of \$75,000 for the operations of the Family Bridge Housing, increase the award authority for the project from \$2,709,061 to \$2,989,061 and for operations of \$150,000, and authorize Finance and Budget Department staff to take the steps necessary to execute the transfer; Councilmember Weise seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 6 to 1.

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Nay
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

6. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS FROM MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Garcia attended the Blank Canvas Summer Showcase hosted by the Parks, Recreation, and Libraries Department. She noted it was a great opportunity for the kids and community. She attended the Police Department's Annual Awards Banquet and thanked the officers for their service to the community.

Councilmember White attended the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials in Texas and felt honored to be a part of what they called the homecoming, advancing educational equity and excellence in economic opportunity for black Americans. She noted the conference focused on healthy cities and being sustainable and innovative. Lastly, she attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference, noting the newly created Arizona Black Caucus of Local Election Officials.

Councilmember Solorio attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference and the Civic Craft Leadership Program along with 49 other participants from across the state. She thanked staff for their support during the recent conferences.

Councilmember Weise attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference and noted Cheryl Covert, Economic Development Assistant Director, as well as the WeRide program were recognized at the conference.

Mayor Pineda joined the Code Enforcement division at the Block Watch event hosted by Mercy House and Cashion Has Heart, noting City of Avondale impact on the community.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, Councilmember White moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting; Councilmember Solorio seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Conde	Aye
Councilmember Garcia	Aye
Councilmember Solorio	Aye
Councilmember Weise	Aye
Councilmember White	Aye
Vice Mayor Nielson	Aye
Mayor Pineda	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Mike Pineda, Mayor

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 25th day of August 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

Date Approved by City Council

ITEM NUMBER: 4.b.

SUBJECT: Series 4 (Wholesaler) Liquor License - Jalisco International Imports, Inc

MEETING DATE: 9/22/2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

THROUGH: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1014

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 4 (Wholesaler) Liquor License submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller, authorizing the distribution of all types of liquor (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) to Arizona-licensed retailers at Jalisco International Imports, Inc., located at 1100 North 127th Avenue, Suite 100, in Avondale and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

A Series 4 (Wholesaler) liquor license allows a wholesaler to warehouse, sell, and distribute all types of spirituous liquor (beer, wine, distilled spirits) to Arizona-licensed retailers. Jalisco International Imports, Inc. is a new business that will be located at 1100 North 127th Avenue, Suite 100, in Avondale. Wholesaling is permitted within the planned area development (PAD).

DISCUSSION:

As required by state law and city ordinance, the application was posted for the required period of time. The Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control has accepted the submitted application as complete. The Police, Fire, Development Services and Finance Departments have reviewed the application and are recommending approval. Their comments are attached.

The business does not have an active business license; however, they have been in contact with staff and the applicant has acknowledged the requirement.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The liquor license application fee of \$250 has not been paid; however, the applicant is working with staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending approval of a request to approve an application for a Series 4 (Wholesaler) Liquor License submitted by Jeffrey Craig Miller to distribute all types of liquor (beer, wine, and distilled spirits) to Arizona-licensed retailers at Jalisco International Imports, Inc., located at 1100 North 127th Avenue, Suite 100.

Contact person for document distribution:

State of Arizona
Department of Liquor Licenses and Control

Created 08/21/2025 @ 10:39:40 AM

Local Governing Body Report

LICENSE

Number:		Type:	004 WHOLESALER
Name:	JALISCO INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS INC		
State:	Pending		
Issue Date:		Expiration Date:	
Original Issue Date:			
Location:	1100 N 127TH AVENUE #100 AVONDALE, AZ 85323 USA		
Mailing Address:	PO BOX 2502 CHANDLER, AZ 85244 USA		
Phone:	(480)730-2675		
Alt. Phone:			
Email:	LIQUORLICENSE@AZLIC.COM		

AGENT

Name:	JEFFREY CRAIG MILLER
Gender:	Male
Correspondence Address:	PO BOX 2502 CHANDLER, AZ 85244 USA
Phone:	(480)730-2675
Alt. Phone:	
Email:	LIQUORLICENSE@AZLIC.COM

OWNER

Name:	JALISCO INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS INC	
Contact Name:	JEFFREY CRAIG MILLER	
Type:	CORPORATION	
AZ CC File Number:	14129027	State of Incorporation: AZ
Incorporation Date:	12/05/2007	
Correspondence Address:	PO BOX 2502 CHANDLER, AZ 85244 USA	
Phone:	(480)730-2675	
Alt. Phone:		
Email:	LIQUORLICENSE@AZLIC.COM	

60th Day
10-20-2025

Name:	Title:	% Interest:
DEBORAH MEDINA GACH	Pres,Stockholder	85.00
JOE ANTHONY MANTEGNA	Stockholder	15.00

**JALISCO INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS INC -
Pres,Stockholder**

Name: DEBORAH MEDINA GACH
Gender: Female
Correspondence Address: PO BOX 2502
CHANDLER, AZ 85244
USA
Phone: (480)209-2582
Alt. Phone:
Email: DEB@SENNORRIO.COM

**JALISCO INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS INC -
Stockholder**

Name: JOE ANTHONY MANTEGNA
Gender: Male
Correspondence Address: PO BOX 2502
CHANDLER, AZ 85244
USA
Phone: (818)563-3598
Alt. Phone: (818)355-5437
Email: [REDACTED]@AOL.COM

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application Number: 357057
Application Type: New Application
Created Date: 08/11/2025

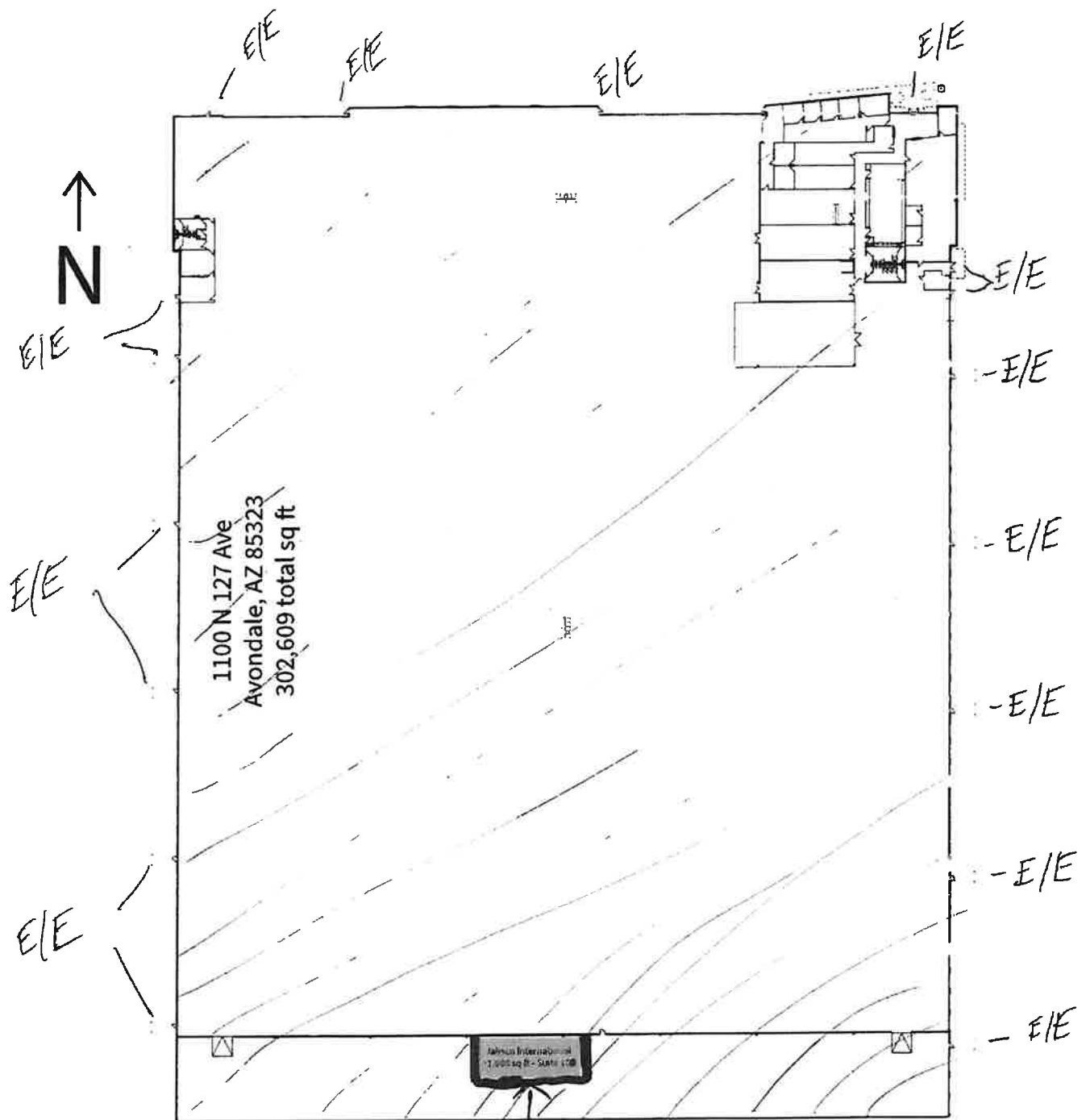
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

004 Wholesaler

- 1) Are you applying for an Interim Permit (INP)?
No
- 2) Are you one of the following? Please indicate below.
Property Tenant
Subtenant
Property Owner
Property Purchaser
Property Management Company
Tenant
- 3) Is there a penalty if lease is not fulfilled?
Yes
What is the penalty?
Still owe term
- 4) Is the Business located within the incorporated limits of the city or town of which it is located?
Yes
- 5) What is the total money borrowed for the business not including the lease?
Please list each amount owed to lenders/individuals.
0
- 6) Are there walk-up or drive-through windows on the premises?
No
- 8) Is your licensed premises now closed due to construction, renovation or redesign or rebuild?
No

DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT TYPE	FILE NAME	UPLOADED DATE
QUESTIONNAIRE	Jalisco Joe.pdf	08/11/2025
DIAGRAM/FLOOR PLAN	Jalisco new diagram.pdf	08/11/2025
QUESTIONNAIRE	Jalisco Debbie.pdf	08/11/2025
ALIEN STATUS	Jalisco alien.pdf	08/11/2025
QUESTIONNAIRE	Jalisco agent.pdf	08/11/2025
MISCELLANEOUS	Jalisco state app.pdf	08/11/2025



Licensed
Premises

1,000 sq feet



LICENSE REVIEW FORM

Type of License	4 Wholesaler		
Applicant's Name	Jeffrey Craig Miller		
Business Name	Jalisco International Imports Inc		
Business Address	1100 N 127th Ave #100 Avondale, AZ 85323		
Department Comments			
☐ Police Department		☐ Fire Department	
☒ Development Services		☐ Finance Department	
☒ Approved		☐ Denied	
Catherine Lorbeer Catherine Lorbeer (Sep 4, 2025 09:12:19 PDT) E-Signature Catherine Lorbeer Name		Deputy Director of Planning Title Sep 4, 2025 Date	

This license is scheduled for the City Council Meeting on: 09/22/2025

Please complete form by: 09/08/2025



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Department Comments			
☐ Police Department ☐ Development Services		☐ Fire Department ☒ Finance Department	
☒ Approved		☐ Denied	
<u>Finance & Budget - Revenue Divison</u> Finance & Budget - Revenue Divison (Sep 4, 2025 09:48:33 PDT) E-Signature Finance & Budget - Revenue Divison Name		Customer Service Representative Title Sep 4, 2025 Date	

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Please complete form by: 09/08/2025



LICENSE REVIEW FORM

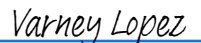
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Applicant's Name	Jeffrey Craig Miller	
Business Name	Jalisco International Imports Inc	
Business Address	1100 N 127th Ave #100 Avondale, AZ 85323	
Department Comments		
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☒ Approved ☐ Denied		
 E-Signature L. Scott Miller Name		Fire Marshal Title Sep 4, 2025 Date

This license is scheduled for the City Council Meeting on: 09/22/2025

Please complete form by: 09/08/2025



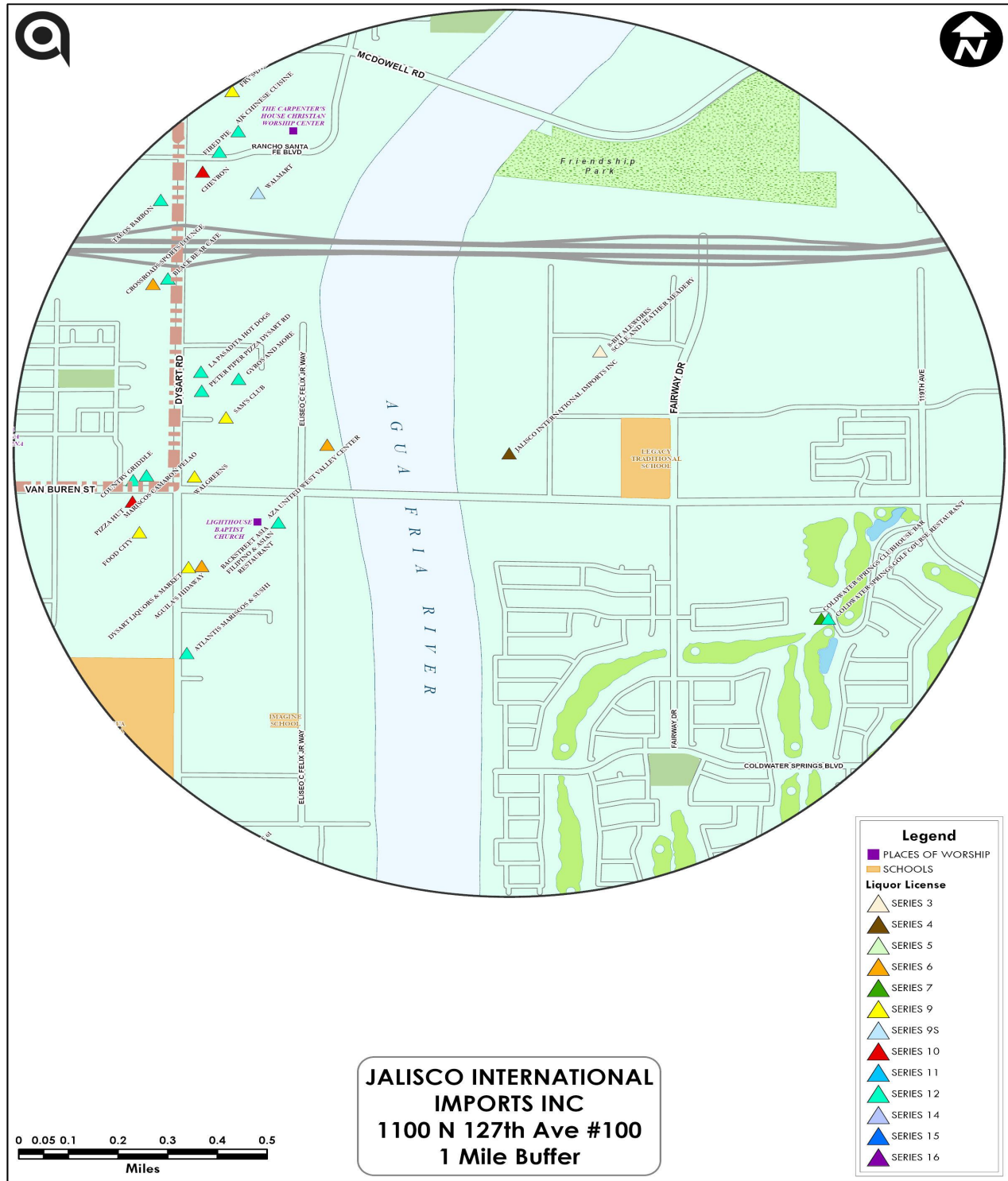
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Applicant's Name	Jeffrey Craig Miller	
Business Name	Jalisco International Imports Inc	
Business Address	1100 N 127th Ave #100 Avondale, AZ 85323	
Department Comments		
☒ Police Department ☐ Fire Department ☐ Development Services ☐ Finance Department		
☒ Approved ☐ Denied		
 Varney Lopez (Sep 4, 2025 14:04:28 PDT) _____ E-Signature		Lieutenant _____ Title
Varney Lopez _____ Name		Sep 4, 2025 _____ Date

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Please complete form by: 09/08/2025

GIS MAP



ITEM NUMBER: 4.c.

SUBJECT: Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License - Circle K #9602

MEETING DATE: 9/22/2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk, (623) 333-1214

THROUGH: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1014

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

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PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to recommend approval to the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control of an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store) Liquor License submitted by Maria Danielle Burgess to sell beer and wine at Circle K #9602 located at 10715 West Broadway Road and authorize the City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

Circle K #9602 is a new business to be located at 10715 West Broadway Road. The application has been reviewed by staff, and there are no concerns at this time.

DISCUSSION:

As required by state law and city ordinance, the application was posted for the required period of time. The Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control has accepted the submitted application as complete. The Police, Fire, Development Services and Finance Departments have reviewed the application and are recommending approval. Their comments are attached.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The liquor license application fee has not been made; however, the applicant is working with staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending approval of a request to approve an application for a Series 10 (Beer and Wine Store)

Liquor License submitted by Maria Danielle Burgess to sell beer and wine at Circle K #9602 located at 10715 West Broadway Road.

Contact person for document distribution:

25 9 11 Lic. Dept # 934

State of Arizona
Department of Liquor Licenses and Control

Created 09/11/2025 @ 09:38:10 AM

Local Governing Body Report

LICENSE

Number:	Type:	010 BEER AND WINE STORE
Name:	CIRCLE K STORE #9602	
State:	Pending	
Issue Date:	Expiration Date:	
Original Issue Date:		
* Location:	10715 W BROADWAY ROAD TOLLESON, AZ 85353 USA	
Mailing Address:	LICENSING DC-36 PO BOX 52085 PHOENIX, AZ 85072-2085 USA	
Phone:	(520)518-0046	
Alt. Phone:		
Email:	AZLICENSE@CIRCLEK.COM	

AMENDMENT

AGENT

Name:	MARIA DANIELLE BURGESS
Gender:	Female
Correspondence Address:	LICENSING DC-36 PO BOX 52085 PHOENIX, AZ 85072-2085 USA
Phone:	(520)518-0046
Alt. Phone:	(602)728-6603
Email:	AZLICENSE@CIRCLEK.COM

OWNER

Circle K Store
#9602
Job # 355871

Name: CIRCLE K STORES INC
Contact Name: MARIA DANIELLE BURGESS
Type: CORPORATION
AZ CC File Number: F00065980 State of Incorporation: AZ
Incorporation Date: 04/08/1957
Correspondence Address: LICENSING DC-36 PO BOX
52085
PHOENIX, AZ 85072-2085
USA
Phone: (520)518-0046
Alt. Phone:
Email: AZLICENSE@CIRCLEK.COM

Officers / Stockholders

Name:	Title:	% Interest:
CIRCLE K DELAWARE INC	Stockholder	100.00
MARIA DANIELLE BURGESS	Asst. Secretary	
KATHLEEN K CUNNINGTON	President, Sec, Treas, Director	
MORTEN MICHAEL JENSEN	VP	

CIRCLE K STORES INC - Stockholder

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CIRCLE K CORPORATION - Pres/SEC
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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application Number: 355871
Application Type: New Application
Created Date: 08/05/2025

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

010 Beer and Wine Store

- 1) Are you applying for an Interim Permit (INP)?
No
- 2) Provide name, address, and distance of nearest school.
(If less than one (1) mile note footage)
Over 1 mile
Quentin Elementary
11050 W Whyman Avenue, Avondale, AZ 85323
- 3) Are you one of the following? Please indicate below.
Property Tenant
Subtenant
Property Owner
Property Purchaser
Property Management Company
Property Owner

- 4) Is there a penalty if lease is not fulfilled?
No
- 5) Is the Business located within the incorporated limits of the city or town of which it is located?
No
If no, in what City, Town, County or Tribal/Indian Community is this business located?
City of Avondale
- 6) What is the total money borrowed for the business not including the lease?
Please list each amount owed to lenders/individuals.
N/A
- 7) Are there walk-up or drive-through windows on the premises?
No
- 8) Does the establishment have a patio?
No
- 9) Is your licensed premises now closed due to construction, renovation or redesign or rebuild?
Yes
If yes, what is your estimated completion date?
10/1/2026

DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT TYPE	FILE NAME	UPLOADED DATE
ALIEN STATUS	Alien Status form MDB.pdf	08/05/2025
ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS	Officer List.pdf	08/05/2025
ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS	Written Consent from the board of directors - Morten Jensen.pdf	08/05/2025
DIAGRAM/FLOOR PLAN	Scan_from_WARLM0408-05-2025-091126.pdf	08/05/2025
QUESTIONNAIRE	Scan_from_WARLM0408-05-2025-091150.pdf	08/05/2025
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SIGNING AUTHORITY OF MORTEN JENSEN

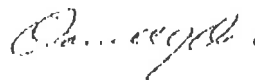
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This consent may be executed in counterparts, all of which shall be deemed to be part of one and the same original instrument.

Dated as of September 30th, 2021.



KATHY CUNNINGTON



DARRELL DAVIS

Circle K Stores Inc.
Texas 6/8/51
Charter No. 0010697700
FIN# 74-1149540

OFFICE	Name	BUSINESS ADDRESS
AZ DOL * President/Treasurer/Secretary/Director	Kathy Cunningham	1130 W Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ 85284
AZ DOL Assistant Secretary	Danielle Burgess	1130 W Warner Rd, Tempe, AZ 85284

* Director

Business Address: 1130 W. Warner Road, Bldg B, Tempe, AZ 85284 (602) 728-8000

Domicile Address: % CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service Company, 701 Brazos Street, Suite 1050, Austin, TX 78701

12,000,000 Shares Authorized, 1,000 Issued at \$1.00 Par. 100% owned by Circle K Delaware Inc. (FIN: 46-0520672)

Circle K Stores Inc. is qualified in:

AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, FL, GA, ID, KS, LA, MS,
MO, NV, NM, NC, OK, OR, SC, TN, TX, UT, WA

Corporate Structure:

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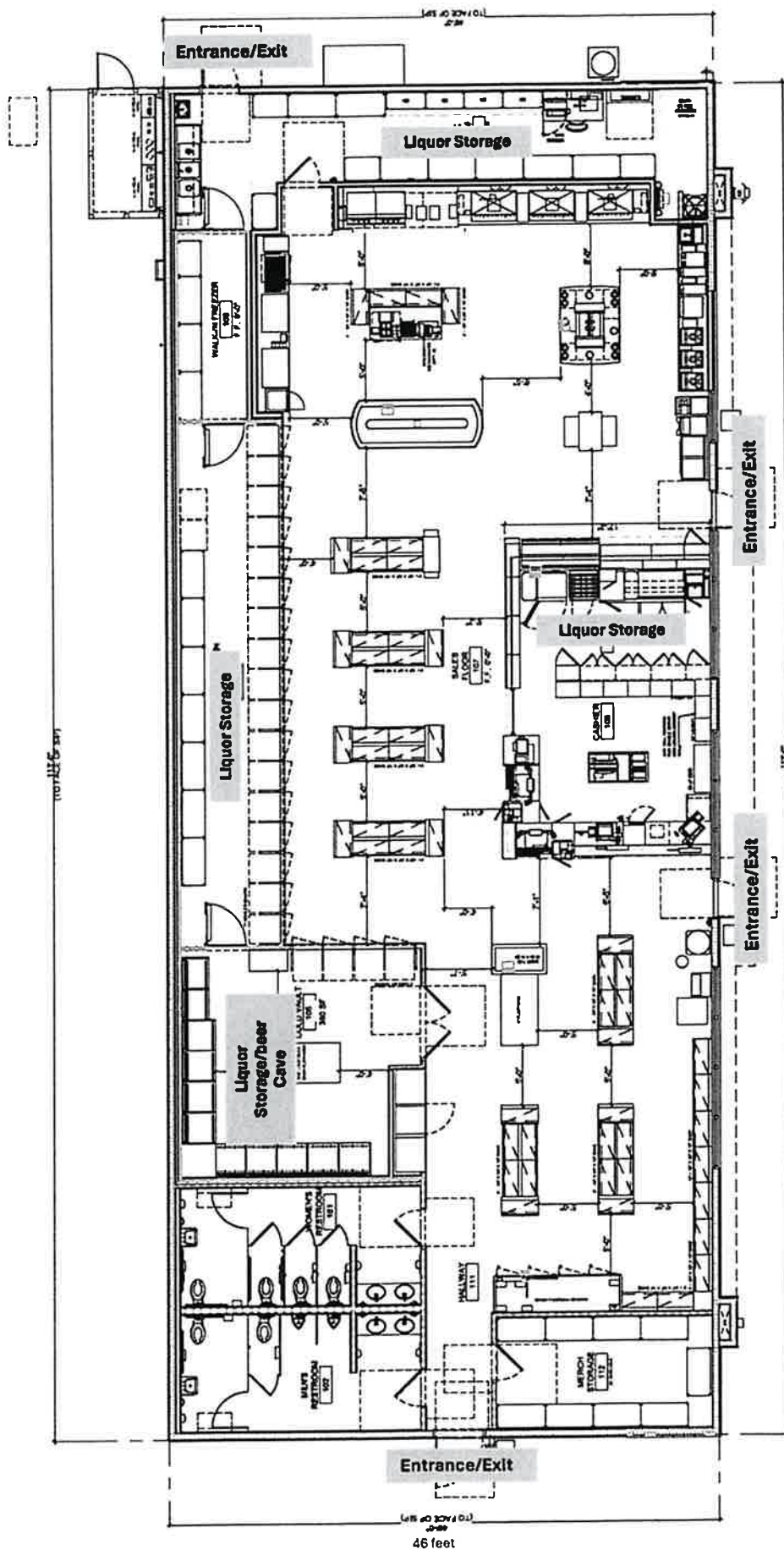


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Circle K Store #9602
10715 W Broadway Road
Tolleson, AZ 85343

DB

Amended Address
Maria Danielle Burgess
9/11/2025
Maria Danielle Burgess

AMENDMENT

Job # 355871
Circle K store
#9602

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LICENSE REVIEW FORM

Type of License	10 Beer and Wine
Applicant's Name	Maria Danielle Burgess
Business Name	Circle K Store #9602
Business Address	10715 W Broadway Rd Tolleson, AZ 85353
Department Comments	
The subject property allows for Community Commercial (C-2) uses in the Verde Trails Planned Area Development (PAD). Approval of a conditional use permit is required for convenience stores and gas stations. Circle K received approval of a conditional use permit on June 18, 2025. The site plan and design review was approved on July 15, 2025.	
☐ Police Department	☐ Fire Department
☒ Development Services	☐ Finance Department
☒ Approved	☐ Denied
<u><i>Catherine Lorbeer</i></u> Catherine Lorbeer (Sep 4, 2025 09:05:43 PDT) E-Signature	<u>Deputy Director of Planning</u> Title
<u>Catherine Lorbeer</u> Name	<u>Sep 4, 2025</u> Date

This license is scheduled for the City Council Meeting on: 09/22/2025

Please complete form by: 09/08/2025

LICENSE REVIEW FORM

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Applicant's Name	Maria Danielle Burgess
Business Name	Circle K Store #9602
Business Address	10715 W Broadway Rd Tolleson, AZ 85353
Department Comments	
No active Business License- No record found of application.	
☐ Police Department	☐ Fire Department
☐ Development Services	☒ Finance Department
☒ Approved	☐ Denied
<u>Finance & Budget Revenue Division</u> Finance & Budget Revenue Division (Sep 4, 2025 09:43:17 PDT) E-Signature Finance & Budget Revenue Division Name	Customer Service Representative Title Sep 4, 2025 Date

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Please complete form by: 09/08/2025

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 L. Scott Miller (Sep 4, 2025 11:21:30 PDT) _____ E-Signature	Fire Marshal _____ Title
L. Scott Miller _____ Name	Sep 4, 2025 _____ Date

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Please complete form by: 09/08/2025

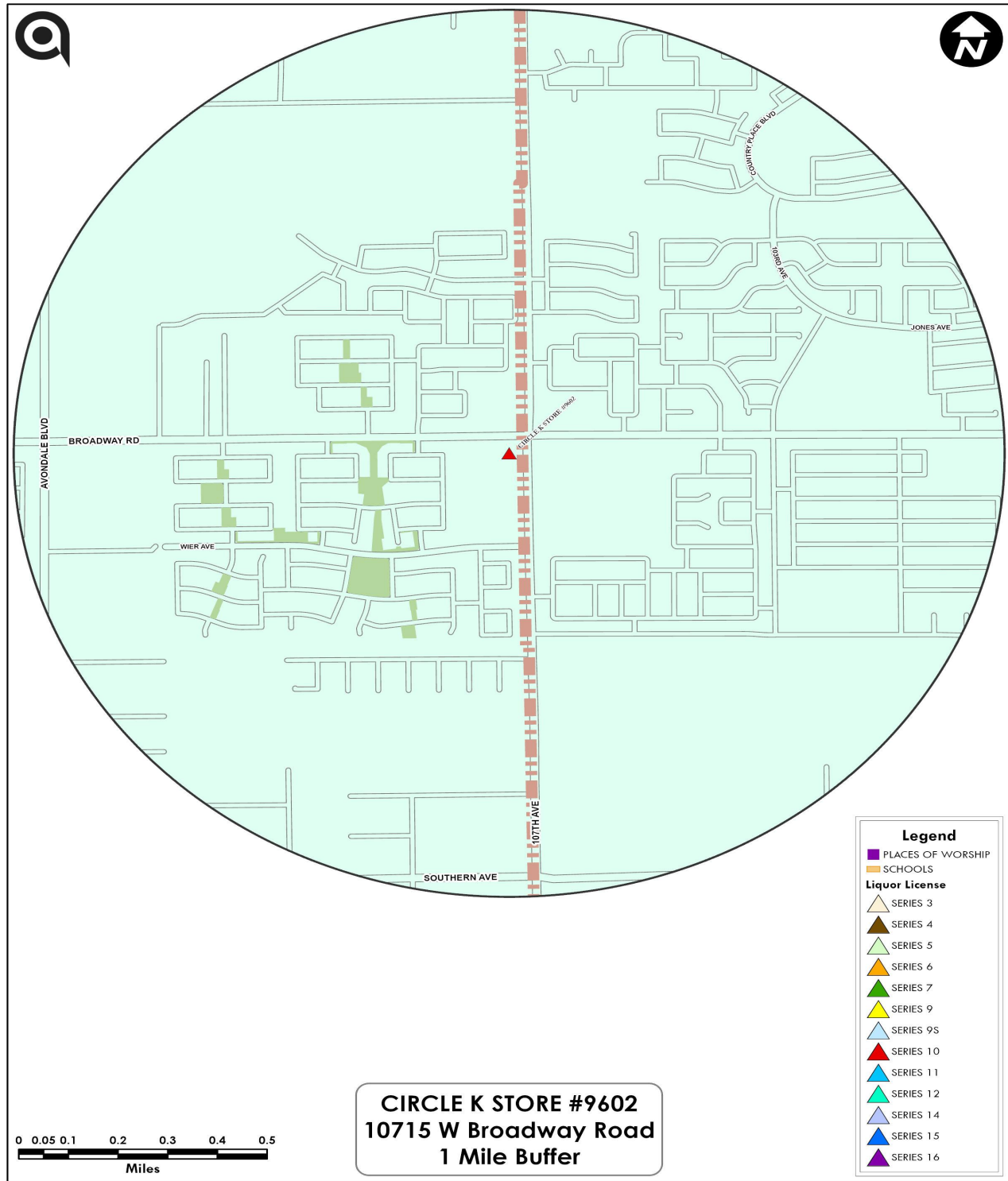
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<u>Varney Lopez</u> Varney Lopez (Sep 4, 2025 14:16:32 PDT) E-Signature <u>Varney Lopez</u> Name	<u>Lieutenant</u> Title <u>Sep 4, 2025</u> Date

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Please complete form by: 09/08/2025

GIS MAP



ITEM NUMBER: 4.d.

SUBJECT: Resolution 1058-0925 - Authorizing Pass-Through Grant from Gila River Indian Community

MEETING DATE: 9/22/2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Renee Weatherless, Finance and Budget Director

THROUGH: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area: **Connected & Engaged Community**

Avondale informs, prepares, and engages our community to ensure residents are connected to resources, the region, and each other.

PURPOSE:

City Council will consider a request to adopt Resolution 1058-0925, authorizing the City of Avondale's acceptance of grant funding through the Gila River Indian Community Grant and passing those grant funds to the eligible City-sponsored non-profit, A Mighty Change of Heart, and authorize the Mayor or City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents. The Council will take appropriate action.

BACKGROUND:

Under Proposition 202, the Gila River Indian Community makes 12% of their annual gaming revenue available to local governments and to eligible City-sponsored non-profit organizations for services that benefit the general public. Under the proposed agreement, the City of Avondale will be a pass-through of this grant to A Mighty Change of Heart. A Mighty Change of Heart provides children in foster care with duffle and school backpacks to help them with the necessities, from clothing and school supplies to personal items that provide comfort and security.

DISCUSSION:

On the execution of the award agreement, the Gila River Indian Community will issue payment in full to the City. The parties agree that the City is responsible for disbursing these funds. After the distribution, the City shall have no further responsibility to the Gila River Indian Community or A Mighty Change of Heart with respect to the funds or the use of these funds.

BUDGET IMPACT:

No budget impact as Avondale will serve as a pass-through of this grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the agreement to pass-through funding from the Gila River Indian Community Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to A Mighty Change of Heart.

Contact person for document distribution: Maggie Lam, Shawn Pierce, Aneyssa Romo

RESOLUTION NO. 1058-0925

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY AND PASSING THOSE FUNDS TO THE ELIGIBLE CITY-SPONSORED NON-PROFIT, A MIGHTY CHANGE OF HEART.

WHEREAS, the Gila River Indian Community (the “Community”) accepts grant applications for Proposition 202 funding from municipalities and state and local agencies for projects relating to education, health and wellness and public safety (the “Community Priority Areas”); and

WHEREAS, the Community permits non-profits to apply for these grants by partnering with municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale (the “City”) partnered with A Mighty Change of Heart (the “AMCH”) and submitted a grant application to the Community for funding to provide essential resources and support to improve the lives of foster and kinship children; and

WHEREAS, the Community has awarded the City and AMCH a grant in the amount of \$25,000 and the City desires to accept the grant funds on behalf of AMCH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVONDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council authorizes (i) the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Gila River Indian Community and (ii) disbursement of the grant funds to A Mighty Change of Heart to be used in a manner consistent with the provisions of the grant proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. The Mayor, the City Manager, the City Clerk, and the City Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to cause the execution of the necessary documents and to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona,
September 22, 2025.

Mike Pineda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nicholle Harris, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A
TO
RESOLUTION NO. 1058-0925

[Grant Application]

See following pages.



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25-139C

Cover Sheet

Click field or use up/down arrow keys to move among fields

Municipality Information	
1. Date of Application: 3/24/2025	
2. Name of City, Town or County: Avondale	
3. Mayor (City or Town) or Board of Supervisor's Chairman (County): Mike Pineda, Mayor	
4. Mailing Address: 14465 W Civic Center Dr.	
5. City: Avondale	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85323
6. Acknowledgement of Submission by Authorized Municipality Representative: Typed Name/Title: Ron Corbin, City Manager Email Address: rcorbin@avondaleaz.gov Signature: <u>Ron Corbin</u> Ron Corbin (Mar 27, 2025 10:31 PDT)	
Applicant Information	
7. Department/Organization Name: A Mighty Change of Heart	
8. Select Organization Type: 501c3 Non-Profit ☒ If Non-profit please attach IRS Determination Letter	
9. Application Contact Person: Darin Moss Title: President/CEO	
10. Phone Number: 623-308-5428	
11. Mailing Address: 7730 N 175 th Ave	
12. City: Waddell	State: Arizona Zip Code: 85355
13. Email Address: dmoss@amchaz.org	Website Address: www.amchaz.org
Project Information	
14. Project Title: Comfort & Care for Foster Children in Arizona	
15. Purpose of Grant: Improving the lives of foster and kinship children by providing essential resources and support where they are, ensuring they have the opportunity to thrive.	
16. Priority Funding Area	Education
17. Annual amount requested	\$25,000
18. Number of years that funding is requested	1
19. Total amount requested (annual amount x number of years)	\$25,000
20. Has your organization received past funding from GRIC? If yes, list each year and amount	No
21. Geographic area served	State of Arizona

Attest:

Marella J.

City Clerk



For Office Use Only:		
Data Entry	Receipt	Evaluation
☐ Approval – Amount/Term		☐ Denial



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Narrative

Please structure your proposal to provide the following information in the order indicated. Provide the narrative in paragraph form in the text field provided. Please be thorough but strive for brevity.

1. Briefly describe your organization's history, mission and goals.

A Mighty Change of Heart was founded by Darin and Kara Moss, inspired by their journey as foster parents in Arizona. They witnessed firsthand how children entered foster care with their belongings in trash bags, lacking even basic necessities. Determined to restore dignity to these children, they launched A Mighty Change of Heart to provide personalized duffle bags filled with essentials, comfort items, and clothing for children in foster and kinship care.

Since its inception, the organization has distributed over 11,000 bags across Arizona, impacting approximately 1,500 children each year. These bags serve not only as a source of material support but also as a message of care and belonging. The organization is volunteer-driven and relies on community partners and donors to fulfill its mission.

A Mighty Change of Heart's primary goal is to improve the experiences of children in foster care by ensuring they have access to essential items during critical transitions. The organization also seeks to expand its reach and deepen its impact through increased community engagement and support.

2. To determine eligibility for this grant please select one item in the drop-down below.

Non-Profit

If Municipal, please go to number 3 below.

If Non-Municipal or Non-profit, please describe how the services provided by your organization align with a government service of the supporting municipality. Explain how this project will support that service and describe the municipality's role in the project if applicable (beyond serving as a pass-through).

The services provided by A Mighty Change of Heart (AMCHAZ) align well with the values and vision of the City of Avondale and the warehouse is located in Avondale. As a city known for its inclusivity, compassion, and progressive approach to growth, Avondale fosters a harmonious community where individuals and families feel supported to reach their goals. AMCHAZ's mission to support vulnerable children within the foster care



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system through essential resources like clothing, hygiene items, school supplies, and birthday gifts directly contributes to Avondale's quality of life and aligns with the city's welcoming nature.

Beyond serving as a pass-through, the City of Avondale can further support AMCHAZ's impact through:

-Public Awareness Campaigns: Promoting AMCHAZ's services through city communication channels, such as newsletters, social media, and community meetings, to increase visibility and community engagement.

-Capacity Building: Providing technical assistance and resources to strengthen AMCHAZ's volunteer recruitment, training, and retention efforts.

-Facility Access: Offering city facilities for donation drives, volunteer training, and community events that benefit foster children.

By embracing these opportunities, Avondale can reinforce its vision as a community where everyone—regardless of their background or circumstances—has the opportunity to thrive.

3. Describe the proposed project, objectives, and your plan to implement.

Project Title: Comfort & Care for Foster Children in Arizona

Project Summary:

This project will provide duffle bags filled with essential and comfort items to foster and kinship children within the Gila River Indian Community and greater Arizona. Each bag will be customized based on the child's age and needs, containing clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, books, and a comfort item such as a blanket or stuffed animal.

Objectives:

- Provide at least 1,500 children with personalized duffle bags within one year.
- Increase accessibility to essential resources for children in foster care, particularly those in tribal communities.
- Strengthen relationships with foster agencies and tribal social services to ensure efficient distribution.

Implementation Plan:

1. **Procurement & Assembly** – A Mighty Change of Heart will source and purchase bag contents, ensuring high-quality items tailored to different age groups. Volunteers will assemble the duffle bags.
2. **Partnership Coordination** – The organization will work with child welfare agencies, tribal social services, and foster care programs to identify children in need.
3. **Distribution** – Bags will be distributed through social services, foster agencies, and direct requests from caseworkers.



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4. **Community Engagement & Awareness** – Awareness campaigns will promote the project and encourage community involvement through fundraising and volunteer efforts.
4. Describe how the proposed project satisfies one or more of the priority funding areas identified by the Gila River Indian Community.

This project aligns with the Gila River Indian Community's priority funding areas, specifically:

- **Education** – Providing school supplies and books in the duffle bags ensures that foster children have the tools they need to succeed in their studies.
 - **Health & Wellness** – Hygiene kits promote personal care and self-esteem, while comfort items support emotional well-being during difficult transitions.
 - **Public Safety** – By supplying children with proper clothing, shoes, and necessary items, we enhance their safety and reduce vulnerabilities.
5. Identify the needs/problems to be addressed, the target population and number of people to be served by the project.

Needs/Problems Addressed:

- Many foster children enter the system with little to no personal belongings, creating distress and insecurity.
- Children in tribal and rural communities often lack access to basic necessities when entering foster care.
- Foster care transitions can be traumatic, and providing personal comfort items can ease anxiety and foster resilience.

Target Population:

- Foster and kinship children throughout Arizona.
- An estimated 1,500 children will receive duffle bags annually.

6. Define the project as a new or continuing program. Has GRIC previously funded this project?
- **Month 1-2:** Procure materials and assemble bags and establish/expand partnerships and finalize distribution plans.
 - **Month 3-12:** Distribute bags on a rolling basis.

The timeline is flexible, and the project can scale based on funding availability.



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7. Provide a brief timeline including start and finish dates. Indicate if the timeline is flexible.

AMCHAZ distributes bags on a rolling, daily basis. AMCHAZ creates monthly reports on the number of children impacted. The timeline is flexible.

8. Identify other organizations, partners or funders participating in the project and their roles.

Arizona Department of Child Safety – Helps identify children in need.

Foster Care Agencies – Facilitate bag distribution to foster families.

Community Donors & Volunteers – Provide financial and volunteer support for assembly and outreach.

9. Would you be able to implement the proposed plan if your organization received partial funding for this project?

Yes, the project can be scaled based on available funding. A Mighty Change of Heart would prioritize distribution within the Metro Phoenix area and expand as additional resources become available.

10. Describe your plan for project financial sustainability beyond the grant period. If this is a program/project previously funded by the Gila River Indian Community, describe efforts made towards the previously described sustainability plan.

A Mighty Change of Heart has a diversified funding model that includes:

- **Community Fundraising** – Annual events and donation drives sustain ongoing operations.
- **Corporate & Foundation Grants** – New targeted pursuit of funding from local and national foundations.
- **In-Kind Donations** – Partnerships with businesses provide donated items, reducing financial strain.
- **Volunteer Support** – A dedicated volunteer base helps keep operational costs low.

Additionally, the organization is committed to seeking long-term partnerships with tribal entities and local businesses to ensure sustainable support for foster children in need.

11. Describe your plan to document progress and results.

Progress will be tracked through:



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- **Quantitative Data:** Number of bags distributed, children served, and agencies partnered with.
- **Qualitative Data:** Testimonials from foster children, caregivers, and caseworkers highlighting the impact of the program.
- **Financial Accountability:** Detailed reporting on how grant funds are spent, ensuring transparency.
Regular reports will be compiled to evaluate effectiveness, identify areas for improvement, and demonstrate outcomes to funders and stakeholders.

12. Indicate any application to and/or awards made by a tribe other than the Gila River Indian Community for state shared revenues for this and any other project for the past five (5) years.

AMCHAZ has not pursued funding from any tribe ever.



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Project Budget

Budget Period: 10/1/25-9/30/26

For each budget item listed, please provide a narrative description on the following Project Budget Detail page.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Proposed Budget Expense (list each budget item)	Amount requested from GRIC	Amount requested or secured from other sources	In Kind or matching contributions	Total Budget
1. Duffle Bags and Products	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$25,000
2. Duffle Bag Program Operations	\$5,000	\$51,000	\$0	\$56,000
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Total Budget	\$25,000	\$56,000	\$0	\$81,000



Gila River Indian Community Grant Application Grant Cycle 2025

Project Budget Detail

Please provide a narrative description for each of the project budget items listed on the previous page. Include the dollar figure and how it was attained.

1. Duffle Bags & Product – AMCHAZ purchases and emborders each bags and purchases items not donated
2. Duffle Bag Program Operations – Costs cover transportation costs, technology, and rent
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Other explanation: Click here to enter text.

To ensure a complete application and proper submission please refer to the Grant Application Instructions.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: OCT 05 2016

A MIGHTY CHANGE OF HEART INC
C/O DARIN MOSS
18128 WEST DESERT LN
SURPRISE, AZ 85388-1662

Employer Identification Number:
81-3155104
DLN:
17053208346046
Contact Person:
S J YINGLING ID# 31698
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
March 8, 2016
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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Status Paid	Amount \$11.00	PAID
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Status Paid	Amount \$11908.20	PAID

BILL TO :

NAME : Darin Moss
EMAIL : dmoss@amchaz.org
ADDRESS : 7730 N 175th ave
CITY: Waddell
STATE: AZ **ZIP :** 85355
CELL NUMBER: 6233085429
OFFICE PHONE: 6233085429

SHIP TO:

LOCATION:
NAME: Darin Moss
BUSINESS NAME: CHANGE OF HEART
ADDRESS: 9950 WEST VANBUREN ST
SUITE 108
CITY: AVONDALE
STATE: AZ **ZIP :** 85323
CELL NUMBER: 6233085429
OFFICE PHONE: 6233085429

ORDER DETAILS

ITEM PRICING



Price (1000 @ 14.8):	\$14,800.00
Base Color Price :	\$0.00
Setup Charge:	\$99.00

Subtotal :	\$14,899.00
Shipping:	\$0.00

Item Total:	\$14,899.00
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Print On : Front Side Imprint
Imprint Color : (4+ Full Color)
Imprint : Custom graphic (Waiting)
Estimated Delivery Date: November 04 - 05, 2024

Order Total

20% Discount Total :	-\$2,979.80
Grand Total :	\$11,919.20

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ITEM NUMBER: 5.a.

SUBJECT: Public Art Update

MEETING DATE: 9/22/2025

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Corey Larriva, Parks, Recreation, and Libraries Director

THROUGH: Tracy Stevens, Assistant City Manager, (623) 333-1014

REVIEWED: Ron Corbin, City Manager, (623) 333-1011

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This agenda item supports the following Avondale Strategic Outcome Area: **Community Well-Being**

Avondale is a city where all people feel safe, supported, and connected to resources that promote and enhance their well-being. The City prioritizes public safety, natural resources, healthcare, and wellness while promoting mental, physical, and emotional health for all to enjoy an enriching quality of life.

PURPOSE:

City Council will receive an update from staff regarding public art. This item is for discussion only.

BACKGROUND:

Public art plays a role in creating opportunities for cultural tourism, economic development and image building. Per City of Avondale Zoning Ordinance – Section 11, Public Art is to beautify the community with a wide variety of quality artistic elements. Residents and visitors may enjoy the artistic elements and will often return to experience them again while shopping or doing business.

The Municipal Art Committee and the Public Art Master Plan seek to define Avondale as a unique sense of place, with a community identity that celebrates the past and embraces the future as a rich and vibrant arts and entertainment center celebrating the talents and culture of the people who live here.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department coordinates with the Municipal Art Committee to review, approve, install, and maintain public art in conformance with the Public Art Master Plan and has completed some significant pieces over the last year with a full schedule moving forward. The committee also maintains monies collected by the City in accordance with the fee in lieu contributed to the Public Art Fund, for later purchase and installation of public art. Staff will provide an overview of recently completed projects, status updates of new installations, and a schedule for FY2026 art projects.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The FY2026 budget includes \$463,000 in the Public Art fund and includes \$485,000 in the CIP Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion only.

Contact person for document distribution: Corey Larriva, Stacy Swainston, Marissa Dailey