

FACT SHEET
Globe Historic Main Street Program
October 27, 2015

This fact sheet is provided to factually respond to various accusations, rumors, social media posts, letters to the editor, and local media reports regarding the City of Globe, Historic Globe Main Street Program, Globe Downtown Association, and the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts.

1. It has been said that the City of Globe is not supporting or is discontinuing support for the Downtown Association and Cobre Valley Center for the Arts.

Fact: *The City of Globe has, and continues, to support both organizations in a very big way. In fact, \$40,000 is going to both organizations collectively this year and over \$400,000 has gone directly to these organizations, not including the City's investment in the City Curator (Main Street Director), thousands of staff hours, and various projects since 2006.*

City Bed Tax Disbursements Since 2006

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
CA	20,000	20,000	28,898	21,193	18,666	18,860	24,000	20,000	18,000	15,288
DA	20,000	20,000	28,898	21,193	20,000	19,627	24,000	20,000	18,000	15,288

2. It has been stated that Globe Historic Main Street is requesting financial support from the City of Globe.

Fact: *The City of Globe has been designated as a Main Street City and participates in the Arizona Main Street Program. The original designation was made through the National Trust for Historic Preservation "Main Street Program" and is overseen by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The former City Curator was a City employee and served as Main Street Director in that capacity. According to the Arizona Corporation Commission, both the Globe Downtown Association and Cobre Valley Center for the Arts have legal standing as non-profit corporations in the State of Arizona; the Historic Globe Main Street Program does not. The City of Globe is the Historic Main Street program.*

3. The Globe Downtown Association has implemented hundreds of thousands of dollars of projects in downtown Globe.

Fact: *A great partnership has been formed since the City of Globe's designation as a Main Street City with the Downtown Association and the*

Cobre Valley Center for the Arts. This partnership has facilitated many long lasting changes that have enhanced downtown. Thousands of hours were donated by many local contributors to the benefit of the City of Globe. That said, the City of Globe applied for, managed, and implemented several projects with the support of these organizations. Projects included the Amster Building elevator, Globe Gateway phases 1 & 2, Center for the Arts elevator, Center for the Arts reroofing, Railroad Depot revitalization phases 1 & 2, among others. Only the City of Globe is eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Transportation Enhancement (TEA), Arizona Heritage Fund, and direct Federal apportionments, and a great many staff hours and a large financial commitment was made by the City of Globe to complete these very important projects. The total investment in the downtown, not including City staff time, exceeds \$2,000,000 since 2000. Since 2012, the City's investment in Globe's downtown exceeds \$780,000.

4. The Cobre Valley Center for the Arts and Historic Jail are owned by the Historic Globe Main Street Program.

Fact: *The Historic Gila County Courthouse and the Historic Gila County Jail are owned by the City of Globe. They are provided, at no cost, to the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts and the Downtown Association for their use. The City purchased both properties from Gila County in 2010 and has a very specific purchase agreement with well-defined terms that include duties and obligations until 2030.*

5. The Historic Rail Depot is the property of and is managed by the Downtown Association.

Fact: *The Historic Rail Depot is owned by the Arizona Eastern Railway Company. The City of Globe holds a lease on the building and parking lot known as the Rail Depot. The City's lease expires in 2026. In addition, a second lease exists on the property that was assumed by the Downtown Association from Pyramid Development Company in the mid 2000s. The money (\$147,500) for the lease assumption was paid by the City of Globe who received the funding through a congressional allocation.*

6. The City of Globe is trying to kick the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts out of the Courthouse to make it the new Globe City Hall.

Fact: *The City of Globe has never discussed locating City Hall at the Courthouse. In fact, the City's purchase agreement with Gila County would prohibit such use.*

7. The former City Curator wasn't supposed to be a City Employee, the Main Street Director position was an honorary position given to him for all he had done for Globe. It was created so he could have health insurance.

Fact: *The former City Curator was a "Benefit Eligible" employee of the City of Globe. His original title was Main Street Director. Due to City salary study results, the position title was changed to "City Curator" to more closely mirror his documented job responsibilities.*

8. After the former City Curator's passing, the City of Globe is out to get the Downtown Association and the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts.

Fact: *The City has not changed, suggested changes, or modified any plan, program, or event since the City Curator's passing. It is unknown to the City why the negativity, accusations, demands, and overall frustration being voiced after the City Curator's passing were not apparent or present previously.*

9. The City is trying to stop all special events downtown and is not supporting local non-profits.

Fact: *To the contrary, this year the City of Globe budgeted \$25,000 of in-kind match to support special events in Globe. As of October 1st the City has awarded over \$20,000 of in-kind services to non-profits and community organizations in Globe. In addition, the City of Globe budgeted \$15,000 in the 2015/16 budget for non-profit grants and has recently awarded grants to both the Boys and Girls Club and the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts.*

10. The City of Globe wants to control the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts and the Downtown Association.

Fact: *The City and these organizations have a mutual interest in working together. The City of Globe has no desire to control any non-profit corporation in the City. These two entities are tenants in City buildings. The City needs the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts to occupy the Historic Courthouse in order to satisfy the requirement in the CC&R's that the City use the Old Court House as a "community fine arts center". The City desires to have positive relationships with all non-profits, especially those that occupy City facilities and utilize City funds for their operations. Partnerships with these organizations were designed to be symbiotic not autonomous.*

11. By not supporting the Downtown Association and the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts, the City is not following its General Plan.

Fact: *The Globe General Plan includes three key categories, Building the Economy, Quality of Life, and Community Building. Each of the categories has several subcategories and ultimately is broken down into sixty separate implementation goals (see the City website). The topics are diverse and comprehensive. As you can see from the facts provided above, the City of Globe is investing heavily in the downtown and the organizations in question. The City's annual budget process and five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are how the City sets priorities and funds strategic investments. The General Plan is a twenty year guidance document that is considered in policy decisions. The City is following the 2025 Globe General Plan.*

12. The City of Globe needs to spend more resources on the downtown and the programs facilitated by the Downtown Association and the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts.

Fact: *The City of Globe recently approved our 2015/16 annual budget. As mentioned above, significant resources have been dedicated to the organizations in question and to non-profits and other community organizations in Globe. One thing that has not been mentioned as part of these discussions has been the City's failing infrastructure including streets, water distribution system, sewer collection system, parks, and other critical City facilities. Decisions of the past to not fund maintenance and replacement of critical infrastructure have caught up with the City in the form of Notices of Violation, Consent Orders, and comprehensive infrastructure failure. The 2015/16 budget approval had to dip into the City's savings for an additional \$240,000 because projected 2015/16 expenditures exceed projected revenue.*

13. The money for the City Curator's salary has already been budgeted. Why can't those funds be provided to the Downtown Association so that Paul Tunis can carry on the former Main Street Director's good work?

Fact: *It is true that the City Curator position was programmed, as a City employee, in the 2015/16 annual budget. It is also true that the City has eliminated twenty staff positions over the last three fiscal years. The positions eliminated have included but are not limited to: police officers, firefighters, parks employees, public works employees, police/fire dispatchers, library staff, active adult center staff, and administration staff. It is ultimately the City Council's decision on whether to reallocate the funds in question. Any reallocation will require a budget amendment and additional contractual negotiation.*

14. Why is the City of Globe considering discontinuing the Main Street Program?

Fact: *The City of Globe has never discussed discontinuing the Main Street Program. Once again, the City of Globe has the Main Street designation, not any other group. The only discussion of ending the Main Street Program came from an article authored by Paul Tunis in the Silver Belt. At this time the City is discussing a request from the Downtown Association to reallocate \$35,000 in the City's personnel budget to the Downtown Association in addition to the \$40,000 of Bed Tax Funds and \$2,500 non-profit grant already allocated to the Downtown Association and the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts in Fiscal Year 2015/16.*

15. From the City's perspective, what will happen if the \$35,000 formerly paid to the City Curator is reallocated to the Downtown Association?

- *The City would be providing an additional \$35,000 or \$77,500 total to the Downtown Association and the Cobre Valley Center for the Arts in 2015/16.*
- *The City will no longer have a City Curator (Main Street Director) position.*
- *The City will no longer have an employee whose job is to seek grant funding for, and oversee activities and events in the downtown.*
- *The City's relationships with our downtown organizations and conversely, all non-profits would likely change.*
- *The City will no longer be able to ensure accountability for the use of taxpayer funds.*
- *The City will not have oversight in the hiring, management, and performance review of the person in charge of the City's Main Street Program.*
- *The City may have to hire, or reassign an existing employee, to cover many of the responsibilities provided by the former City Curator.*
- *Focus and priorities will likely not be citywide, but guided by the desires of a few, non-elected citizens.*
- *Any financial distribution would have to comply with Arizona State Law and would likely include some type of legally binding agreement, reporting structure, and financial audit.*

