

The Bigger Picture

I work full-time for you. I respond to your requests, attend council meetings and city events, and work on matters related to improving our city. Additionally, I represent Peoria on many regional boards and committees.

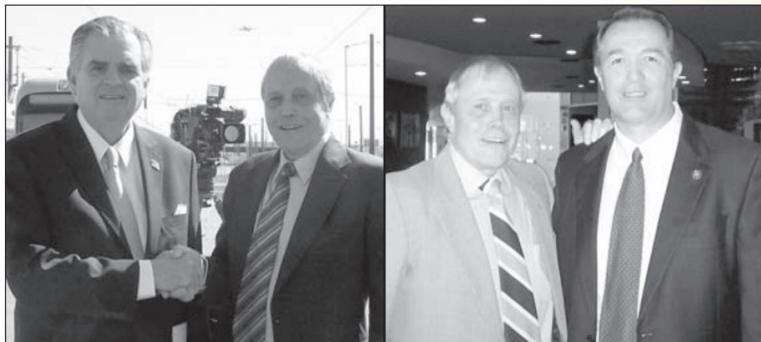
Regional transportation

I am actively involved in transportation decision-making for the Valley, representing Peoria on the region's Rail and Bus Boards and on its Transportation Policy Committee.

Because of the financial crisis, available tax revenues for streets, freeways, and transit between now and 2025 have greatly declined. I have been active in making sure that the 303 Freeway is built following the current schedule. I am also working to make sure additional lanes are added to the 101 Freeway as scheduled. The funding I requested for sound walls along the 101 Freeway between Grand and Northern Avenues has been maintained. These walls are scheduled to be built in 2011.

At the regional meetings I made sure Peoria received federal stimulus funds for transportation projects. We received:

- \$11.2 million for widening Grand Avenue in Old Town and our Palo Verde district
- \$9.1 million for widening the Union Hills interchange and connecting Beardsley to the 101 Freeway



I continue to work to bring commuter trains to Peoria along the tracks on Grand Ave. This has included meetings with Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood (left photo) and our Congressman, Trent Franks (right photo), to discuss federal cooperation.

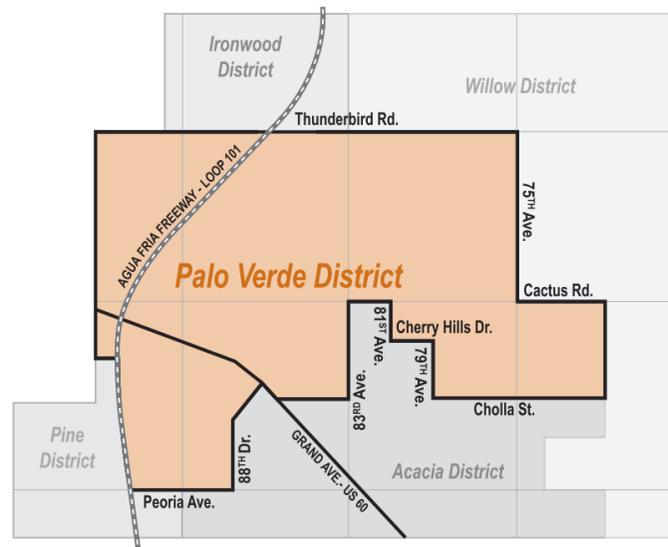
Commuter trains, which move passengers much faster than light rail trains, are needed to link us to the light rail network in Phoenix and to increase our employment opportunities.

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Block Watch.....	773-7099
Code Enforcement.....	773-7226
Dial-A-Ride.....	773-7435
Graffiti Hotline.....	773-7094
Library.....	773-7555
Parks Reservations.....	773-7137
Police Non-Emergency.....	773-8311
Utility Billing and Meters.....	773-7160
General City Information.....	773-7000
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SUMMER 2009

NEWS FROM YOUR COUNCILMAN DR. RON AAMES



Working for You

As your councilperson, I work for you and on behalf of our district and city.

I work to make sure our needs are met and that we get a good return from the taxpayer dollars we spend.

- Reducing speeding on neighborhood streets
- Identifying future city needs
- Reducing property taxes
- Making sure our city services and projects are a good value

My daily focus is to respond to specific problems you may have. Since you elected me, I have helped more than 400 of you resolve city-related matters.

Important matters I deal with on your behalf include:

- Beautifying our roadside walls and landscaping
- Eliminating graffiti
- Working with the police to keep our neighborhoods safe
- Helping our schools
- Making abandoned houses look kept-up
- Making sure trash is picked up
- Getting weeds cleared and trees and bushes trimmed along roadsides
- Supporting neighborhood block parties
- Installing neighborhood name signs
- Reducing traffic congestion
- Improving street lighting
- Fixing street and sidewalk erosion problems

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How can I help you?

What concerns do you have? What do you want improved?

LET'S TALK

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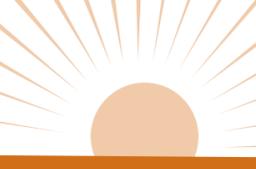
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Palo Verde District



Improving Our District

Roadside beautification



New Stuccoed & Painted Wall & Plantings on 83rd

Many of you have told me how much you like the roadside improvement program I got started. And how pleased you are that it led to Peoria establishing a permanent program.

In addition to more frequent weeding and trimming, the program includes a commitment to enhancing the look of the walls and landscaping along our roadsides. Painting and landscaping improvements are a part of all these wall enhancements. Some walls are also stuccoed. The first enhancements were completed last year along the north side of Cactus between 85th and 89th and on the north side of Grand east of 91st.

In 2009 these walls and rights-of-way have already been enhanced in our district:

Street	From
75 th	Thunderbird to Cactus
83 rd	Sweetwater to Cactus
N. side of Cactus	79 th to 81 st
87 th	Sweetwater to Cactus

Later this year these enhancements will be done:

Street	From
91 st	Grand to Peoria
S. side of Cactus	77 th to 79 th

In addition to making our neighborhoods nicer to live in, these improvements help our property values.

Neighborhoods getting names

Identifying your neighborhood by its name helps create neighborhood pride and a sense of community. It also helps visitors find your home.

So far I have installed neighborhood entry signs for Cactus Heights, Cobblestone Village, Sweetwater Place, Peppermill Run, Foxwood, and Cactus Point Crossing, where the wall was also painted to match the rest of Cactus.

Sunset Village is also scheduled to get a neighborhood entry sign this year.

Let me know if your neighborhood doesn't have a neighborhood entry sign, so we can work together to get you one.



Neighbors Paul Rosenfeld (left) and Mike Heath (right) with Councilman Aames at Foxwood Entry Sign Celebration

Receive a neighborhood grant

Neighborhood improvement grants up to \$12,000 are available through the city for both HOA and non-HOA neighborhoods. Earlier this year Sky View received a grant to install wrought-iron fences around their perimeter. Windmill, Crosswinds, and Villagio Estates have just received grants for projects to improve their neighborhoods.

Please contact Councilman Aames to learn about particulars and how to apply. It's easy and your neighborhood will look better and your property values will increase.

A Better City

Two outstanding citizens



Councilman Aames with Santos Diaz at Peoria HOPE Health Fair and Parade

Santos Diaz who organizes the HOPE (Helping Other People Excel) annual Peoria Health Fair and Parade. Thank you!



Ward Triplett with Councilman Aames in Sky View

A new park & trailhead for our district

There was no trailhead planned in the Palo Verde District for Peoria's north-to-south trail system. I worked with Community Services to change that. There will be a trailhead and it will be at our future Scotland Yard Park.

That park, to be located south of Grand and Scotland Avenues between 93rd and the 101, has now been funded. The design work for the Scotland Yard Park will be done this year and the park will be built in 2010.

I would like to honor two citizens who make our district a better place. They are Ward Triplett, who quarterly sponsors a Red Cross bloodmobile drive in the Sky View neighborhood, and

Road map for our future

As your councilperson, I address the current needs of our district. But I also work with the mayor and other council members, the city manager, city departments, city boards and commissions, and citizens like you to define and shape the future for our city.

The underlining goal for our future is long-term sustainability, which is the ability to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The sustainability areas to be focused on are:

- Development that encourages employment opportunities, livable neighborhoods, public spaces, and recreational and other amenities
- Multi-modal transportation (roads, freeways, buses, commuter rail, light rail, and bicycling) for easy movement within the city and regionally
- Sound water management, including groundwater recharge and water reuse
- Trails and wildlife habitat corridors
- Focus on solar and other renewable energy for existing facilities and new developments
- Identifying practical, convenient, and creative solutions for increasing residential and business energy efficiency
- Minimizing waste through recycling and other programs for residences and businesses
- Developing regional partnerships for economic development

Please let me know your ideas on these areas.

Supporting Schools and Block Parties

Schools

Our children are our future. I support educational excellence in our district in many ways.

I am a member of the Oasis Elementary oversight board. I have provided funding for non-budgeted programs or equipment at Peoria HS, Centennial HS, Oasis Elementary, Cheyenne Elementary, and Peoria Elementary. I am a member of the Peoria Unified School District Career and Technical Education advisory committee.

Please let me know what non-budgeted programs or equipment needs there are at the schools your children attend and I will see if I can provide support.



Oasis Principal Tom Corcoran with Councilman Aames

Block parties

Block parties are important because they result in neighbors becoming friends, keeping an eye on each other's houses, and helping each other. Also they are fun. I recently attended fun block parties at Sky View and Ridgemere Estates. I sometimes can provide financial support for block parties. So contact me if you would like to arrange one. Also, ask for my Block Party Kit.



Ridgemere Estates Block Party

More Photos and Your Opinions

Please visit my website at <http://www.peoriaaz.gov> if you would like to view more photos of activities, events, and changes in our neighborhoods, district, and city. Also, let me know your opinions about issues. For example, what is your opinion about a casino being located at Northern and the 101? And let me know if there are persons in our district who should be recognized because they are making our city a better place.