

This Petition seeks to place the State Trust Land Acquisition Act (“Act”) on the November 4, 2026 ballot to be voted on by the Cave Creek voters.

SUMMARY



The Act levies a 0.25% sales tax to fund the purchase by the Town of Cave Creek for 4,005 acres of State Trust land zoned Open Space Recreation or Open Space Conservation – all located within town limits.

This would be in addition to existing current sales taxes that are collected. **This revenue would be used exclusively for purchase of State Trust land.**

This tax would expire on the earlier of 25 years, or once sufficient funds have been collected, to provide for the State Trust land purchases.

Revenues could not be used for planning, maintenance or operations related to purchased State Trust land or any other maintenance or operations purpose.

The Act allows for but does not require the Town to bond to facilitate purchase. If the Town does bond, all revenues generated shall be utilized to pay those bonds, or any other municipal financing utilized, off. The Act requires the purchased land to be protected as Open Space while providing for appropriate public access. The Act contains a severability clause.



One cent for every \$4 spent in town will raise \$1.1 million a year. Enough to cover the entire purchase along with any interest on bonds – then the tax sunsets. It’s gone. It’s done.

Have questions or comments?
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