



# City of Apache Junction

*Home of the Superstition Mountains*

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MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager  
FROM: Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director  
DATE: February 19, 2020  
SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement with Apache Junction Unified School District

Our current Inter-Governmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the City of Apache Junction (“City”) and Apache Junction Unified School District (“AJUSD”) is set to expire in May of this year. City and AJUSD staff have been meeting since summer, to discuss the many benefits of our partnership and potential changes to the current agreement. Both entities have worked closely with both attorneys. We are confident that our renewed IGA will provide continued sharing of tax payer-funded resources for the overall good of our citizens.

Below are the key changes we hope to accomplish (all other items remain the same):

1. Parks and Recreation to take back all maintenance of landscape and amenities at Superstition Shadows Park (rather than splitting responsibility); it was built as a city park, it is viewed by citizens as a city park and we would like to insure consistent maintenance
2. Add in language to allow the use of AJUSD bus fleet and drivers for city programs/field trips
3. Add in language to clarify the mutual marketing/promotion opportunities for both entities
4. Increase the term of the new agreement from 5 years to a maximum of 10 years
5. Minor clean-up of legal descriptions and format

At this time, staff respectfully requests consideration by the City Council to renew our agreement with AJUSD. This item will appear for presentation and discussion at your March 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Session. If all is agreeable, staff will bring back the IGA and accompanying resolution to your March 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting for final adoption.