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WeSERV Endorses Prop 413 to Protect Maricopa County Public Safety Funding

CHANDLER, Arizona (September 23, 2026): West and Southeast REALTORS® of the Valley (WeSERV) today announced its support for Proposition 413, which asks Maricopa County voters on November 3, 2026, to extend the county's existing one-fifth-of-one-cent public safety sales tax for 20 years.

"Every day, our REALTORS® sit down with families who are making one of the biggest decisions of their lives," said Roger Nelson, CEO of WeSERV. "They want to know their neighborhood is safe and their costs are predictable. Prop 413 helps us keep that promise to the communities we serve."

The tax, first approved by voters in 1998 and renewed in 2002, generates about \$300 million each year. It funds jail construction and renovation; jail operations and maintenance, including correctional health; and programs to reduce jail costs. Without voter approval, the funding is set to expire in March 2027. Prop 413 is not a new tax, it continues a small, voter-approved tax that is paid by residents and visitors. County officials have warned that letting the tax expire could force significant property tax increases, alongside potential reductions in service. For REALTORS®, the connection of safe neighborhoods and predictable property tax bills are central to a healthy housing market, to buyer confidence, and to the long-term value of homes in Maricopa County.

"This proposition is so important to continue services and safety for our citizens," said Christine Bayer, Chairperson of the Board. "It is not a tax increase but a tax extension that needs to continue." WeSERV is proud to join a broad coalition of businesses and community leaders who support Proposition 413 and are working to educate voters on its importance. Proposition 413 will appear on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot. Voters can find more information at elections.maricopa.gov.

About the West and Southeast REALTORS® of the Valley:

West & SouthEast REALTORS® of the Valley, Inc. (WeSERV), established in 1946, is a member-driven, not-for-profit REALTOR® trade association that serves over 23,000 REALTORS® and affiliates throughout Cochise, Maricopa, Pinal, and Santa Cruz Counties. Association volunteers and the Member Services Team work together to deliver resources, services, and education with a vision to be One Premier Association and the mission to provide services that lead to member prosperity.

