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Dear Open Space Advocate:

In past City of Prescott elections, the Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai County (OSA) has hosted candidate forums to inform candidates about open space issues from the citizen's perspective, introduce our member organizations, and engage candidates in dialog. With the crowded agenda of forums and the number of candidates running, OSA did not schedule a forum for the September election. Instead, Jim Lawrence and I have been working to inform City of Prescott Council Candidates about OSA and our understanding of the open space issues in Prescott. We have focused on the \$40.7 million cap approved by the voters in May 2000. We met with the three Mayoral candidates individually for discussion and gave them documents that informed them of OSA activities, then mailed the same packet to the eight Council candidates. The information we shared with the candidates can be found on the OSA website www.yavapaiosa.org under Message from the President.

We contemplated conducting a short survey of the Candidates stance on open space, but agreed that The Courier Election Q&A featured on Day 7 on open space will suffice in distinguishing their stand on the issue. If you haven't read this series of 8 articles by Cindy Barks we recommend them as a good source for the candidates comments on the issues.

To access the article, **ELECTION Q&A: Division continues on open space issue**, please go to The Courier website: <http://www.dcourier.com>

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