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JUSTICE ON THE MOVE

The Tempe City Council voted Thursday to give former **Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's** Paradise Valley adobe house a new home on city-owned land just east of Papago Park. The Paradise Valley home, which was slated for destruction, will move to Tempe this fall to become the **Sandra Day O'Connor Center for Civic Discourse**. Moving and restoring the home will be a \$2 million undertaking funded by community donations. Those interested may contribute to the **O'Connor House LLC** at www.supportriosalado.org. It is appropriate that the O'Connor home return to Tempe, as its origins and building materials come from the area. The adobe block home was formed from the earth of the Salt River where Tempe Town Lake is now located. **George Ellis** made these bricks. His daughter, **Janie Ellis**, is now the project manager responsible for moving the house. According to Ellis, the roof will be moved in several sections and the house will be reassembled block-by-block on the new site. O'Connor was actively involved in the construction of the home. She often smoothed the adobe mud and sprayed it with skim milk to seal the exterior walls.

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The pending case for the designation of the **Hayden Flour Mill and Silos** to the *Tempe Historic Property Register* [HP #26] will continue at City Council with public hearings on May 15 [intro / 1st] and June 5 [action]. These iconic historic resources are the centerpiece of **Avenue Communities'** approved redevelopment plan for the site which is currently owned by the City of Tempe. Additionally, a conservation easement will be recorded before the City sells the property to Avenue. In a letter of support for historic designation, **Mayor Hugh Hallman** explained the importance of this site by saying, "We must find the best way to link Town Lake with downtown - and right now the development of the mill and silos can do just that." For a history of the site, as well as the public meeting schedule and photos, visit:

⊖ www.tempe.gov/HISTORICPRES/HaydenFlourMillandSilos.html

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Change for CHANGE

Tempe Leadership Class XXIII and the **Downtown Tempe Community** will unveil parking meters for their new initiative, "Change for Change," an effort to help end homelessness in the Tempe community. Members of the public are invited this Friday, from 10 - 10:30 AM to learn how the meters will work. Members of TLC XXIII and representatives from the DTC will meet on the southwest corner of 5th and Mill in front of the Post Office to demonstrate how easy it is to help the homeless with loose change. The special parking meters are painted red to encourage Mill Avenue patrons to feed the meter with their spare change rather than give money directly to panhandlers. The project gives residents and visitors a way to assure money donated goes directly to assisting the homeless in a positive way. As a result, monies collected from the meters will be redirected to local nonprofit organizations that serve the homeless. TLC XXIII, DTC and **Tempe Community Council** worked together on this grassroots campaign to make the donation meter program a reality, raising \$8,000 to install the meters, which will be placed at 11 locations along the sidewalk on Mill Avenue in Downtown Tempe.

TEMPE LEADERSHIP at the TEMPE CHAMBER 480.967.7891 www.tempeleadership.org 'CHANGE FOR CHANGE' www.tlc23.com



GREEN-UP CLEAN-UP

With the help of 145 volunteers and contributors, the Town Lake Green-up Clean-up was a huge success. Workers removed five full 1 ton truck loads of invasive plants, debris and trash from the Indian Bend Wash Habitat. The Green Team also removed graffiti and applied a fresh coat of paint to the Curry Road underpass and placed decomposed granite along the multi-use path.

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