#### Yavapai County Community College District

Truth in Taxation Hearing

FY 2015-2016

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# Property Taxes in Arizona

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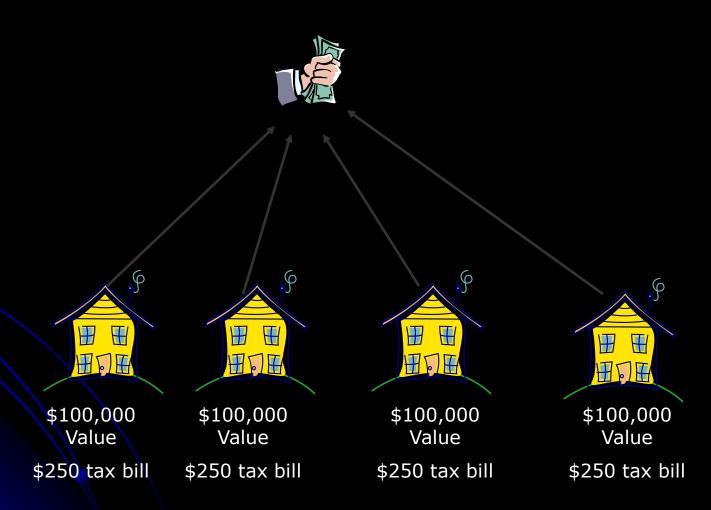
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# What Does My Property Tax Pay For?

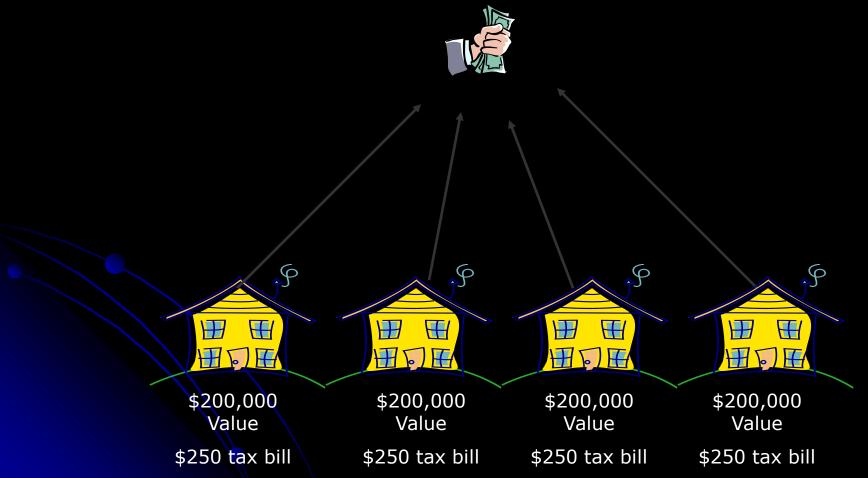
(Primary) Property tax revenues help fund:
 State and Local Governments
 Schools
 Law Enforcement
 Library

(Secondary) Special Improvements
 Sewer, Wastewater and Sanitary
 Domestic Water
 Fire Districts
 Parks
 Street Lights
 Other Capital projects

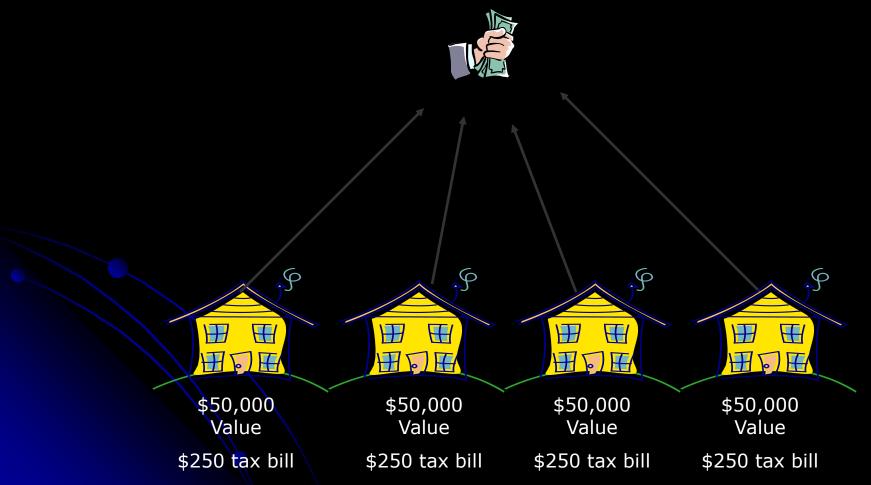
### \$1,000 Budget (Levy)



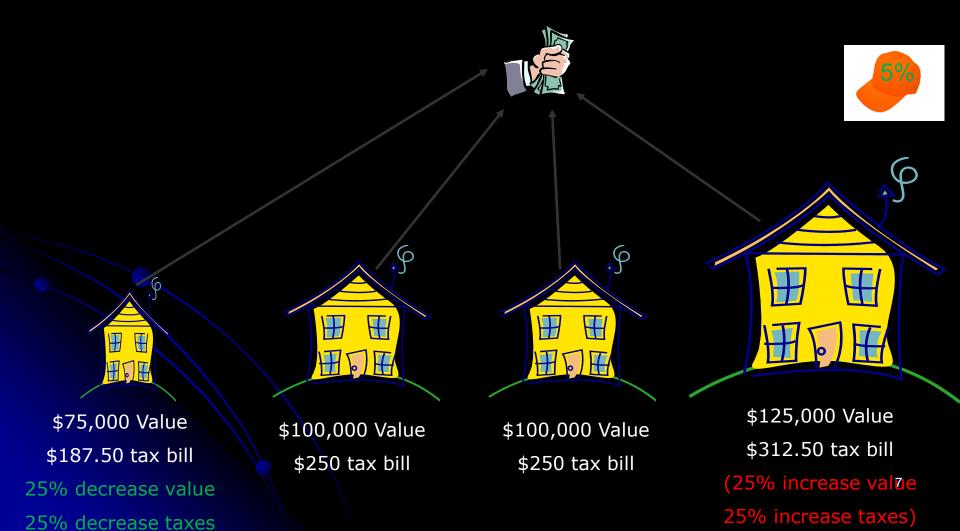
# Property Values Increase Uniformly \$1,000 Budget



# Property Values Decrease Uniformly \$1,000 Budget



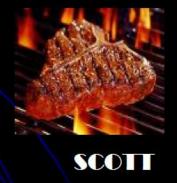
## Property Values Vary \$1,000 Budget





### Splitting the Check





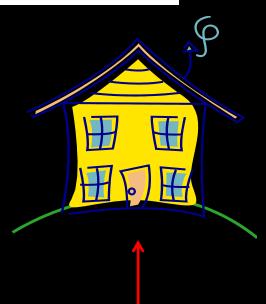
GUEST CHECK				
Lobster	\$30			
Hamburger	\$10			
Steak	\$20			
Total	\$60			

### Legislative Cost Shifting

Class	General Property Description	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	Commercial	25.0	24.5	24.0	23.0	22.0	21.0	20.0	20.0	19.5	19.0	18.5	18.0
2	Agricultural/Vacant Land	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.0
3	Residential: Owner-Occupied	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
4	Residential: Rental or Leased	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0







Assessed X % Tax Rate = Property Tax Levy





#### Constant

Assessed Value

X % Tax Rate

\$ Tax Levy

## Most states...

Constant

Assessed Value

X % Tax Rate

\$ Tax Levy

## In Arizona...

Increase

Assessed Value

X

% Tax Rate = \$ Tax Levy

New construction

Tax district may Increase levy by up to 2% per year (cumulative)

# Why did my Property Tax bill go up so much?

 Maximum increase in tax bill due to Yavapai College levy increase is typically 2% or less

- Increases larger than 2% due to
  - Change in the assessed values
    - of your property
    - of other properties
  - Cost shifting

#### Yavapai County Community College District

Truth in Taxation

FY 2015-2016 Primary Property Tax

# Truth in Taxation (TNT) Calculation Primary Property Tax Rate

#### ∘TNT Tax Rate =

Previous year's actual primary property tax levy/ ((current year's net assessed values-value of new construction) /\$100)

#### ∘TNT Tax Rate=

41,253,800/((\$2,279,183,448-\$33,821,039)/\$100) = \$1.8355

 If above this rate, we hold a Truth in Taxation public hearing

#### **Proposed Primary Property Tax Levy**

#### Proposed FY 2015–2016 Tax Levy :

Total Levy for FY 2014–2015	\$41,253,800
FY 2014–2015 New Construction	580,881
Levy amount without TNT Hearing	\$41,834,681

Total Proposed FY2015-2016 Tax Levy. . . <u>\$42,667,700</u>

(Total Maximum Allowable Tax Levy FY 2015-16 \$45,446,918)

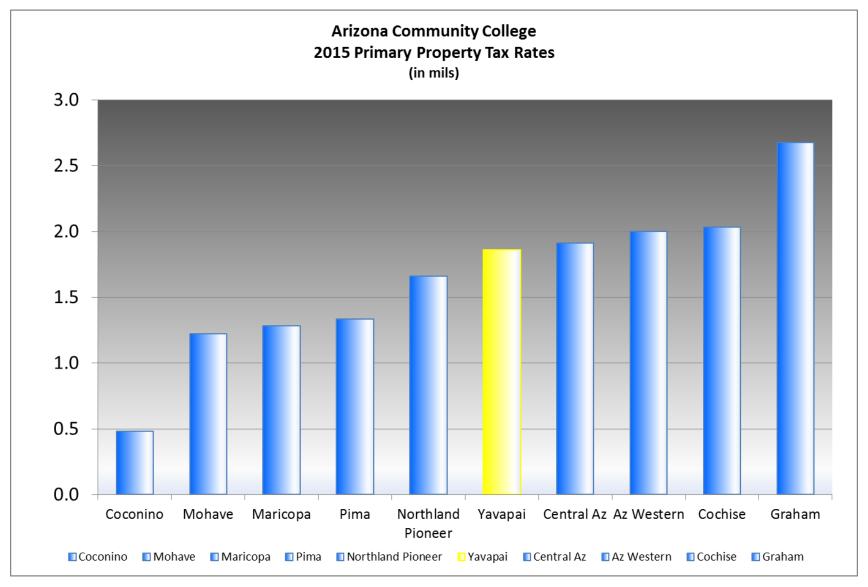
### Average Cost of Proposed Primary Property Tax Levy Increase

#### Effect on \$100,000 home:

#### Effect on \$184,100 home\*

- FY 2015-2016 without increase	\$337.92
- FY 2015-2016 with 2% Levy increase	<u>\$344.65</u>
	\$6.73/ year

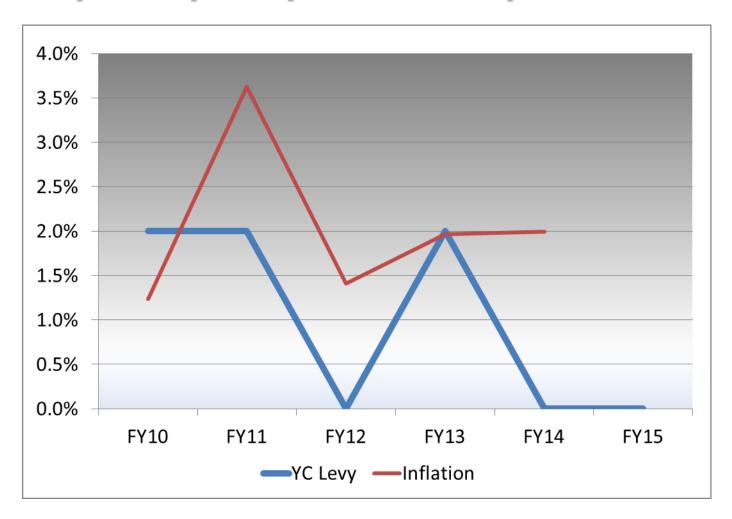
<sup>\*</sup> Median Yavapai County home value based on quickfacts.census.gov



AZ has the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest Property Tax rates in the US

Source: Consolidated Community College 2016 State Aid Request Taxfoundation.org

### Primary Property Tax Levy vs. Inflation



Inflation averaged 2% YC Tax Levy increase averaged 1%

### Fiscal Stewardship at YC

- YC did not raise its tax levy for FY14 or FY15
- Per Arizona statute, current Yavapai College expenditures per student are at or below the inflation-adjusted 1980 expenditures per student.
- Yavapai College has reduced its inflation-adjusted operating costs per student by approximately 1% per year for the past 5 years.
- As of 2011 (most recent data available), Yavapai College expenditures per student were 5% below the national community college average, and 34% below the AZ four year average expenditures per student.

### **Questions & Discussion**