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FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE September 14, 2006 Senate Hearing Room 1 – 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Dan Anderson, Arizona Board of Regents Jay Butler, Arizona State University John Lucking, ECON-LINC Georganna Meyer, DOR Elliott Pollack, Elliott D. Pollack and Co. Hank Reardon, Reardon Economics Marshall Vest, University of Arizona

Mr. Richard Stavneak, Director, JLBC Staff, welcomed everyone to the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. He said the 2nd year of phenomenal growth in General Fund revenues has just been completed. Since the last meeting in the March, the economic focus has somewhat changed. Whereas the discussions of the past couple of years have been more about how big the expansion will be, we have moved into that phase of the economic cycle where we talk about how long the expansion will last. There is more of a difference of opinion about what the economy will be over the next 22 months as we work on revenue forecasts through the end of FY 2008. The Blue Chip believes the economy will perform near the historical average. Yet FAC members see a forecast of greater growth than the historical average. The University of Arizona cautious model shows flat growth for FY 2008, which would be a change from what has been seen recently. All the inputs together put a growth rate in the vicinity of 4%, which would be below more long-term growth rate in General Fund revenues of 7%.

Mr. Elliott Pollack gave a slide presentation and handout on the national and Arizona economies. (Click here to view handout).

Mr. Stavneak asked Mr. Pollack's perspective relative to the state as opposed to the national economy.

Mr. Pollack said the cyclicality of the revenues will be greater in the state because much of it came from movement in the single family housing market.

Mr. Tim Everill, Mr. Grant Nülle, Mr. Hans Olofsson, and Mr. Brian Cary, JLBC Staff, provided a slide presentation and handout with an overview of state revenues and issues for the panel to consider. (Click here to view handout).

Mr. Pollack asked Mr. Marshall Vest what probability is given in the low forecast.

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Mr. Vest said the low forecast is a recession type forecast. It calls for a recession similar to what was seen in 2001 or 1990 and 1991. There was 50% to 60% probability put on the base forecast and 20% on the low forecast.

Mr. Stavneak commented that the recession may have been mild based on the perspective of economic statistics, but it had a large impact on state revenue collections.

Ms. Georganna Meyer asked if the individual income tax growth rate reflect the individual rate reduction that was passed during the last session.

Mr. Stavneak said this is the baseline forecast, and does not include the rate changes.

Ms. Meyer asked if the corporate income tax growth rate takes into consideration the apportionment ratio changes over the next 3 years.

Mr. Cary said this is also a baseline forecast, and does not include the impact of tax law changes.

Mr. Stavneak asked if much credence is given to the Sarbanes-Oxley scenario and if somehow the federal accounting legislation has improved corporate profitability.

Mr. John Lucking said that he would be surprised if it is a significant proportion of the 19% increase in business profitability.

Mr. Jay Butler gave a presentation using a handout on the real estate market. (Click here to view handout).

Mr. Stavneak said that the housing market could potentially go back to historical appreciation levels. He asked Mr. Butler what he thinks about the volume of activity.

Mr. Butler said that unless something really bad happens in 2007, we will stay where we are. There is good population growth. Resale is at 5,800 per month, we haven't been below 4,000 in many years on a monthly basis. The real problem is that home builders are optimistic that they are going through a short downturn and they will see an improving market early next year. There are still a lot of new subdivisions being created, so there is belief these projects will start coming online early next year. He is not convinced of their optimism. The volume numbers will be down significantly, more like several years ago.

Mr. Stavneak asked the panel for their perspective on the economy for the next few years.

Mr. Vest said his low scenario is a recession scenario. The base scenario has a slowdown built-in more than what is found in the Blue Chip consensus. The big questions are how much will the slowdown in residential construction feed through and how much of a slowdown can we expect from consumers. The slowdown is overdue.

Mr. Stavneak asked how much it incorporates national factors as opposed to Arizona specific factors.

Mr. Vest said that the national economy is now slowing down and the forecasts are being revised. The Arizona growth was driven by population growth and real estate. Real estate has been removed at this point and the population is still growing. The residential electrical customer growth is still strong. Real estate has a bigger impact in Arizona than it does nationwide.

Mr. Lucking said that his scenario would be continued moderate growth in GDP for the U.S. The concern is now inflation. The federal government bumped up rates to relatively neutral. The consensus forecast has been driven a lot by foreign capital. The U.S. accounts for about 28% of the total world GDP. Rates

in the U.S. are more attractive than those in Japan or Europe, so foreigners do not have a lot of choice. This is the biggest market with relatively attractive rates. Unit labor costs and hourly wage rates are going up. The federal government does not have as much control as it did 15 to 20 years ago. This would be the risk factor.

Mr. Dan Anderson said he is on the slower growth end of the distribution. He is more concerned about the world economy slowing down given that the U.S. is a significant part of that economy. Inflation is headed up and the federal government will start to move interest rates up. There will be more inversion of the yield curve that historically has been a good precursor to a slow down in the economy. Growth will be slower in the next couple of years. Arizona tends to outperform the nation. When the nation is doing well we tend to mirror the nation as the national economy slows down. We are going to mirror the national economy over the next couple of years.

Mr. Stavneak asked if growth in Arizona will be in the 4% range, or closer to the historical 7% range.

Mr. Anderson replied that for the Big 3, he tends to be at the lower end of the distribution.

Ms. Meyer said that she is feeling conservative and cannot divorce the forecast from the law changes. She has fears about the law changes coming to fruition about the time that the economy starts to slow.

Mr. Hank Reardon said the economy is modestly good to the lower end of the spectrum. Arizona is in for slower growth. This is the time when we get at risk for unexpected occurrences that could wreck the direction of the economy. Inflation has become a concern.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

| Yvette Medina, Secretary |
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| Tim Everill, Revenue Section Chief |

NOTE: A full tape recording of this meeting is on file in the JLBC Staff office at 1716 West Adams.

NATIONAL ECONOMY

Finance Advisory Committee

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September 14th, 2006

Some of the Many Questions:

- What will happen with oil prices?
- Will inflation rear its ugly head?
- How will the slowdown in housing affect the local economy?

Negatives

- Slowing housing market.
- Consumer spending slowing.
- Inflation an issue?
- Rising labor costs.
- Uncertainty of oil prices.

Positives

- Employment still positive.
- Wages increasing faster than inflation.
- Still taking money out of their houses.
- Businesses lean and mean.

Weakening economies are more sensitive to shocks.

Examples of Direct Shocks:

- Unexpected oil supply disruption.
- Unexpected oil price escalation.
- Terrorist event (especially to financial or commerce infrastructure).
- International political crisis.

Examples of Indirect Shocks:

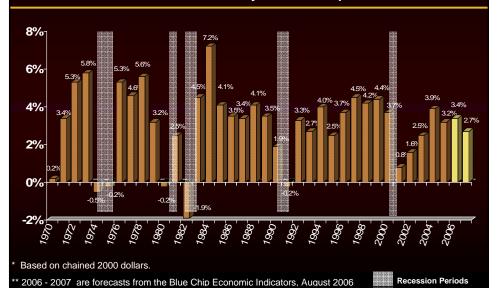
Other unpredictable events also qualify as shocks, such as the collapse of housing prices or stock market, but require some initiating event.

What is the national Blue Chip panel telling us?



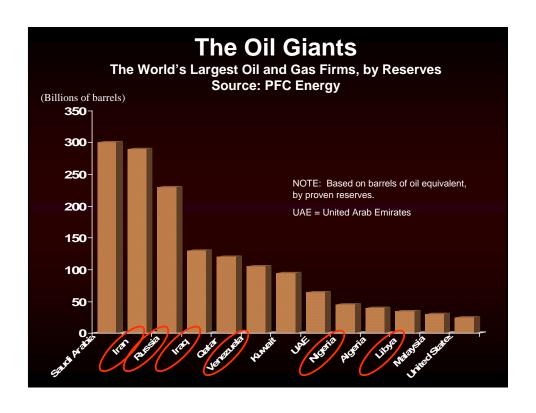
United States Real Gross Domestic Product* Annual Growth 1970 - 2007**

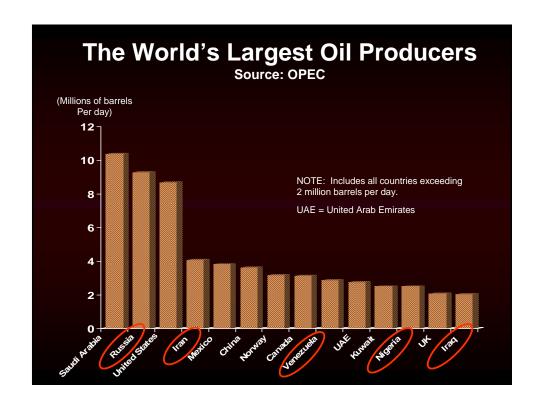
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis & Blue Chip Economic Indicators

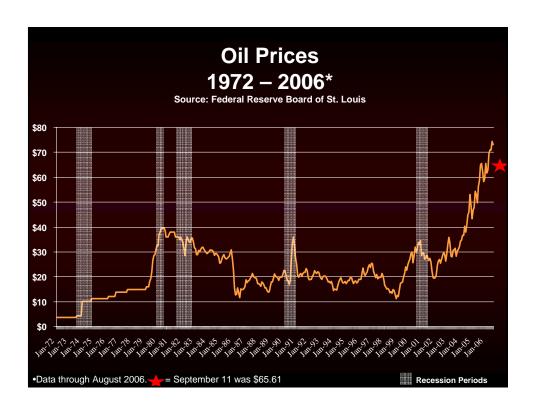


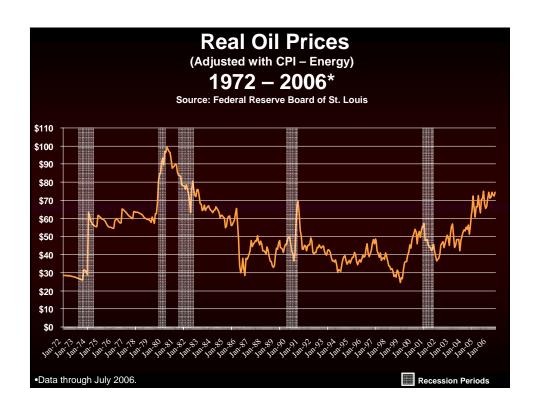






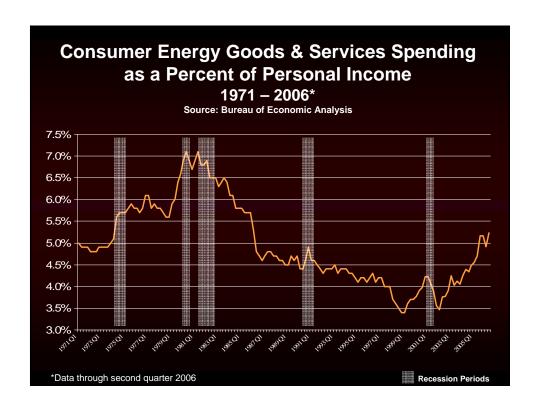






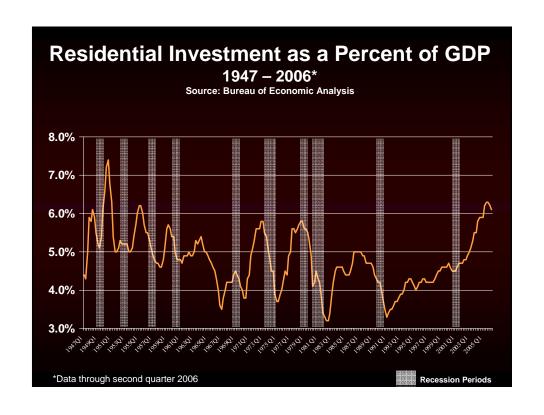
Impacts of high prices:

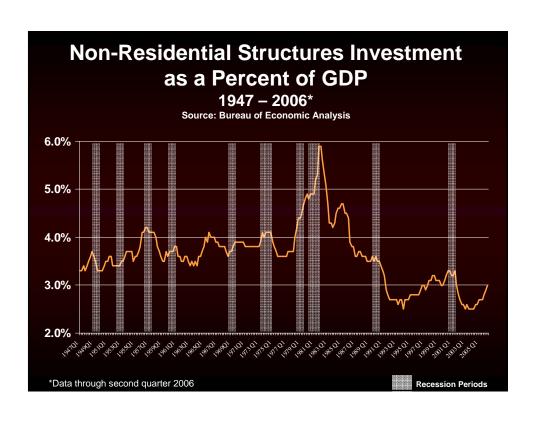
- Cuts into consumer spending.
- Squeezes corporate profits and leads to less hiring and spending.
- ➤ Price effects→CPI →Bond prices

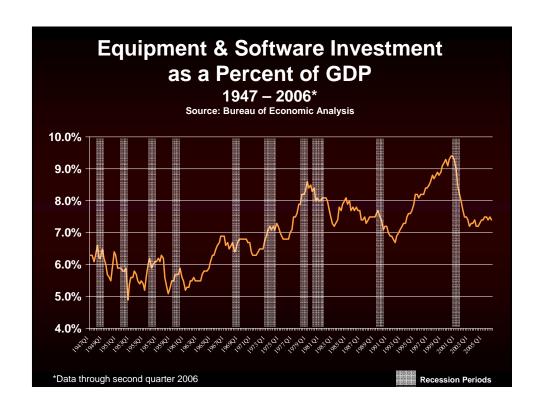


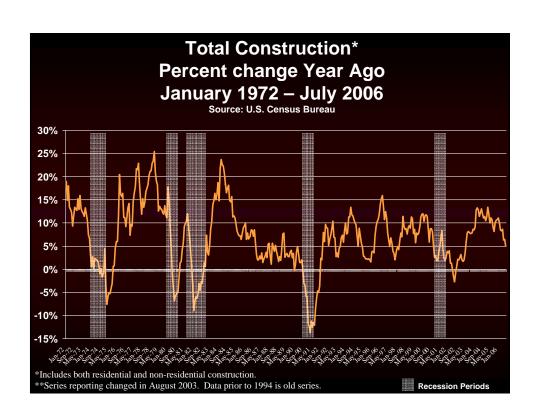
The future of oil prices is uncertain.

The longer they are high, the greater probability of viable alternatives being found.

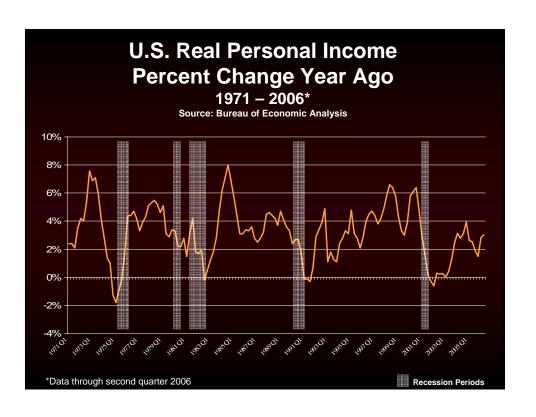


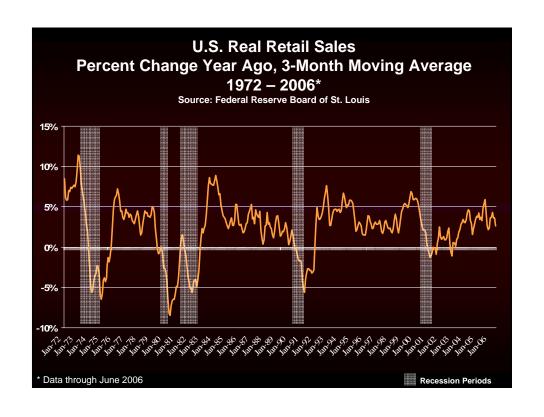


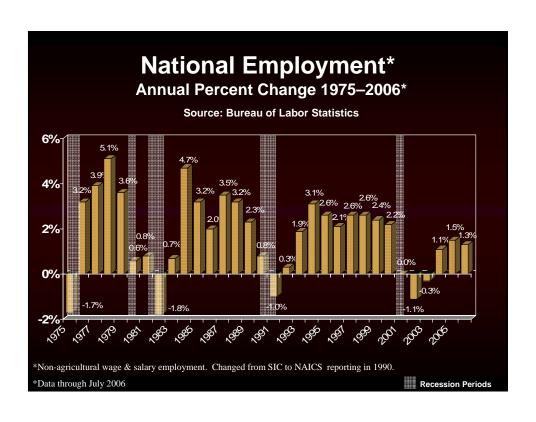


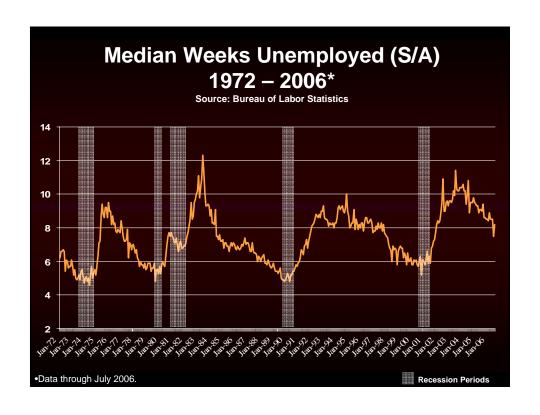


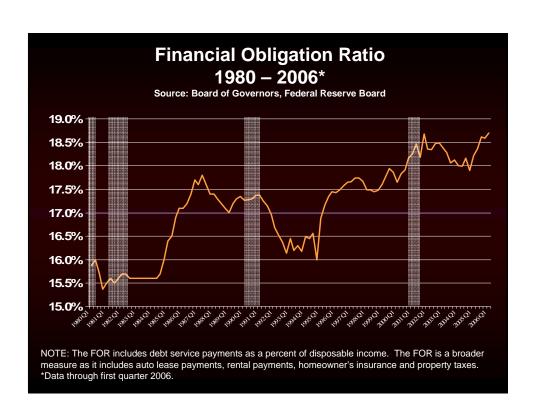
Are people making ends meet?

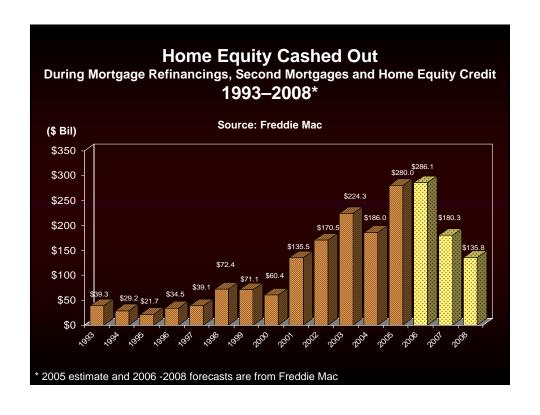


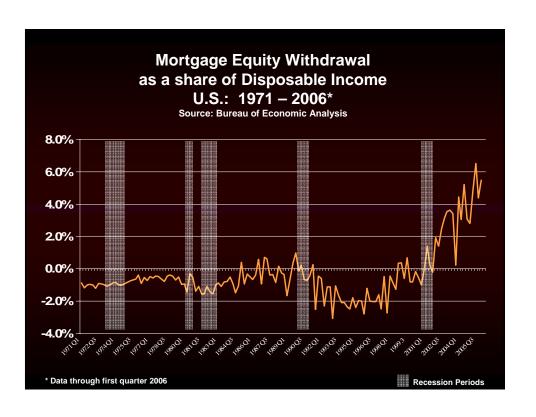




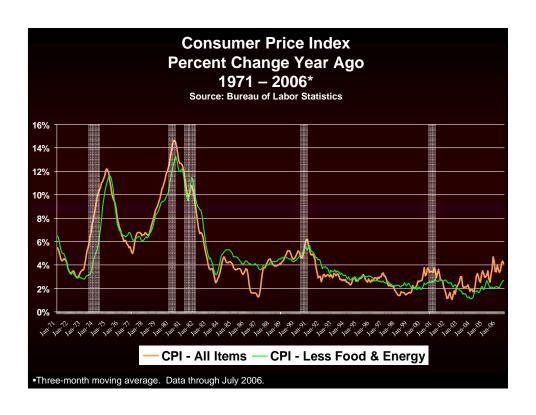


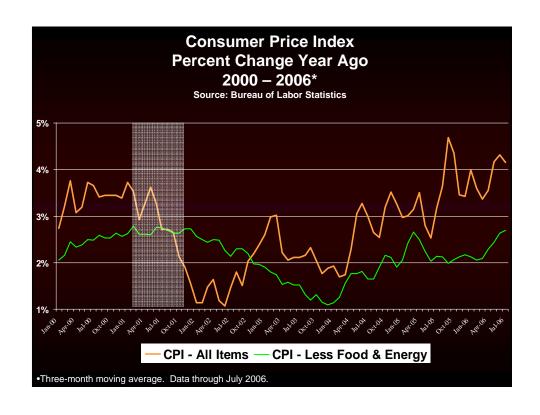


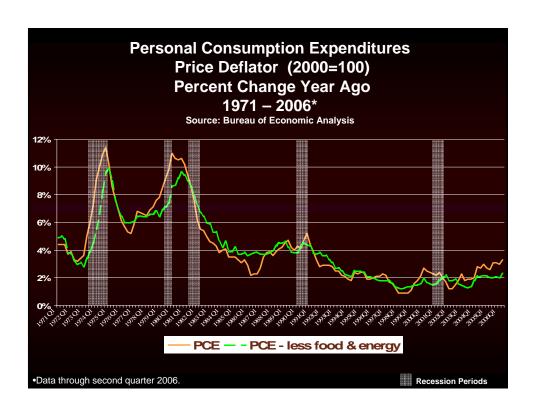


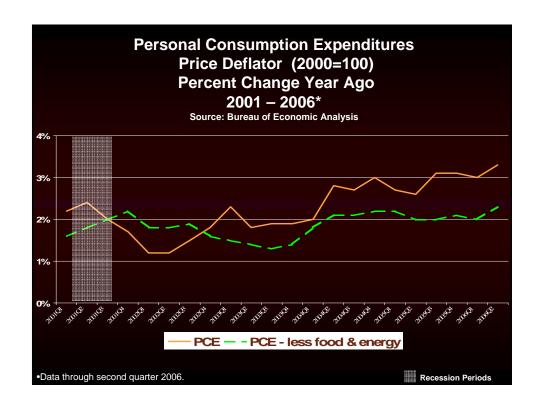


Will inflation get ugly?

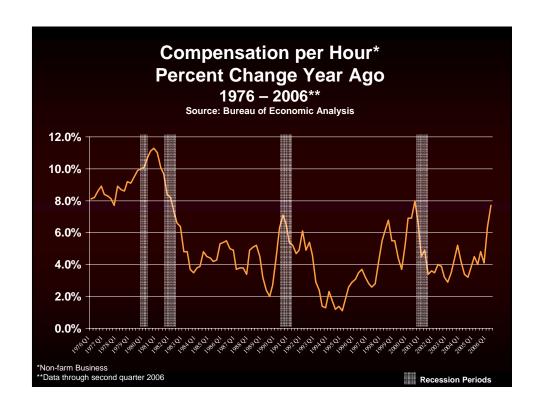


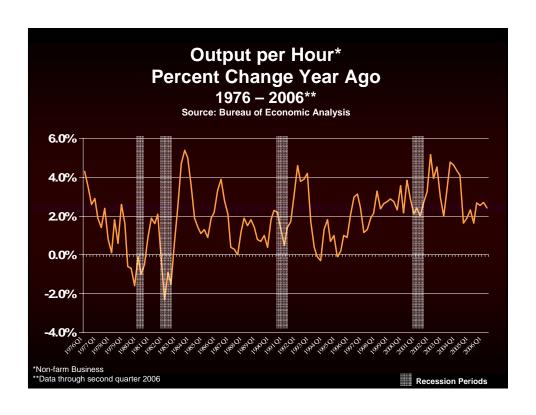


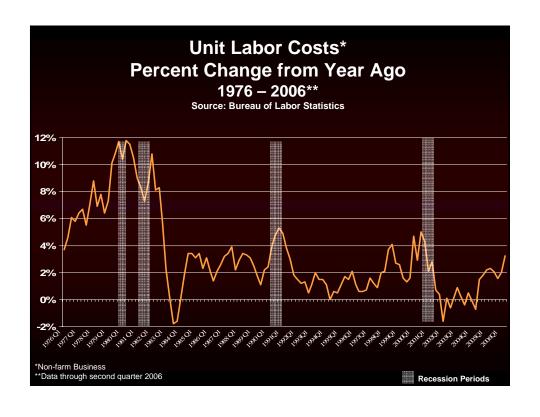


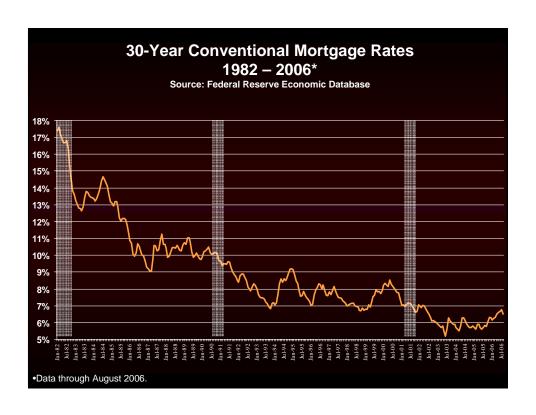


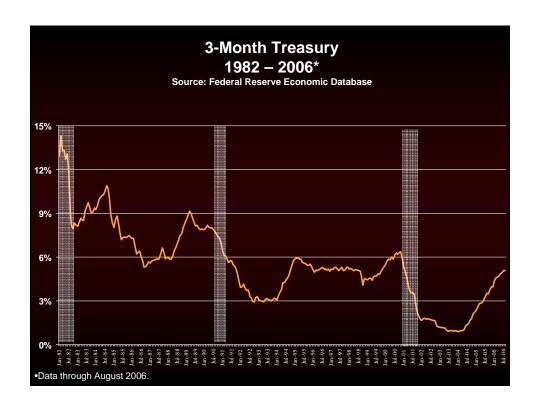


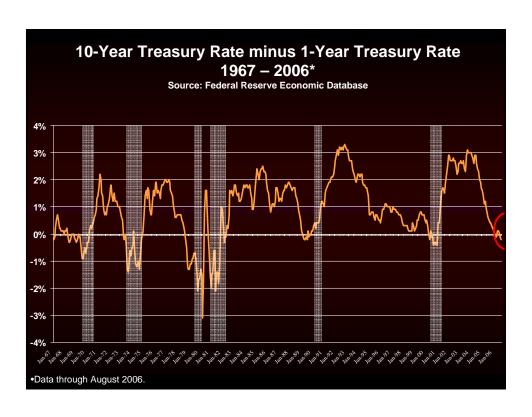




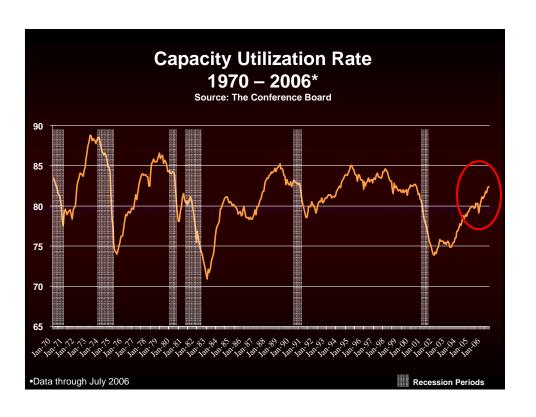




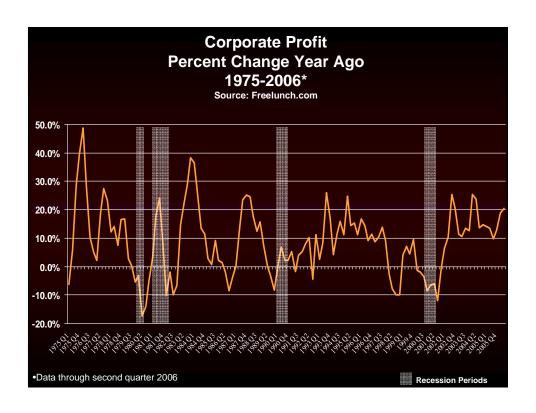


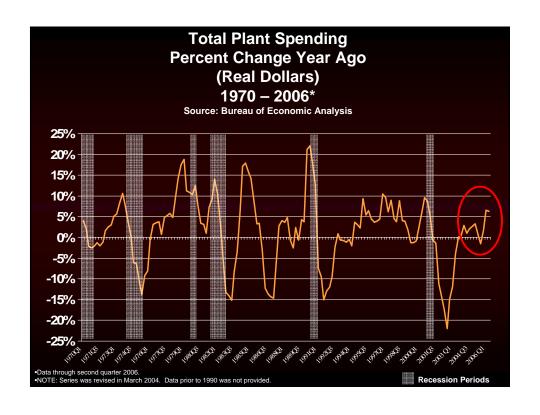


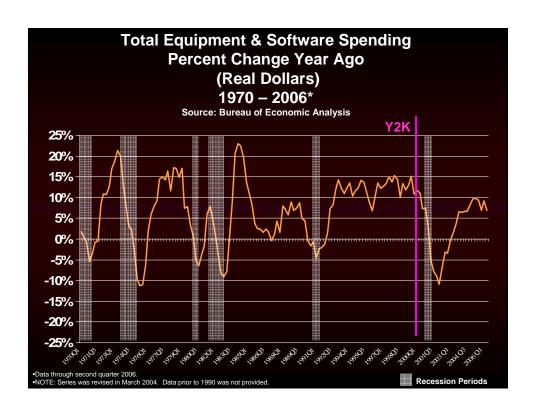
Can business pull us forward?

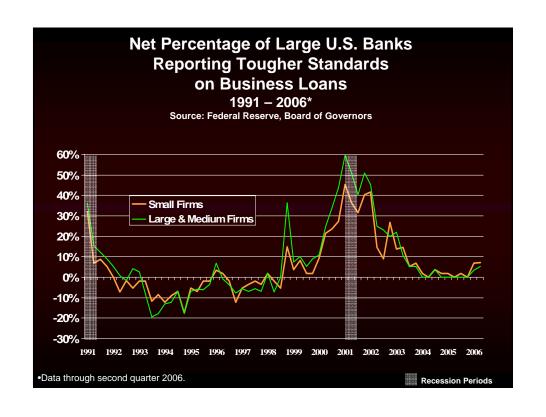




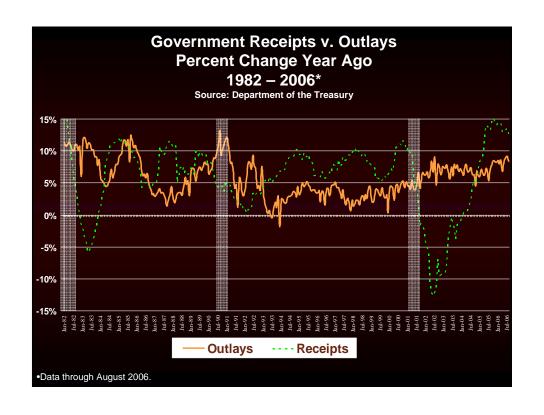


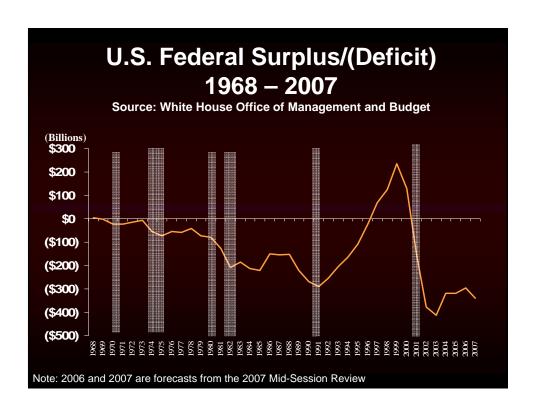


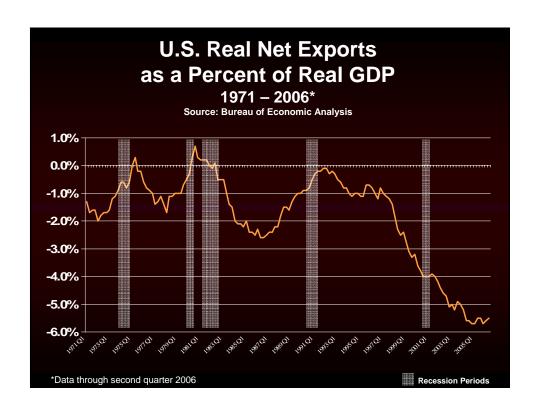


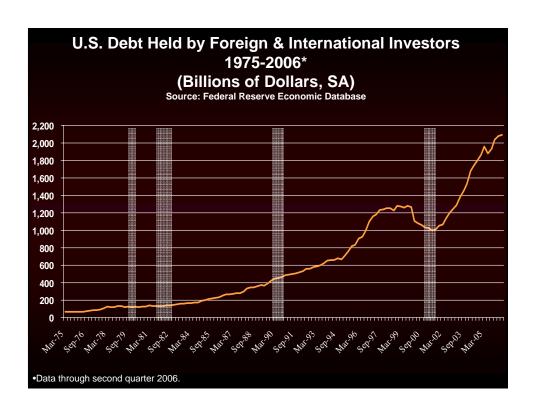
















U.S. OUTLOOK - 2007

- **■** Consumer spending (+ / -)
- **■** Business spending (+)
- **■** Fiscal stimulus (-)
- Monetary stimulus (+ / -)
- \blacksquare Real incomes (+ / -)
- Businesses mean and lean (+)
- Productivity growth still positive (+/-)
- Job growth (+)
- Inflation (-)
- Low interest rates (-)

Question of the Day: Is a recession on the horizon?

Answer:

At some point, yes, but not now.

Most likely it's the 7th inning, not the bottom of the 9th.



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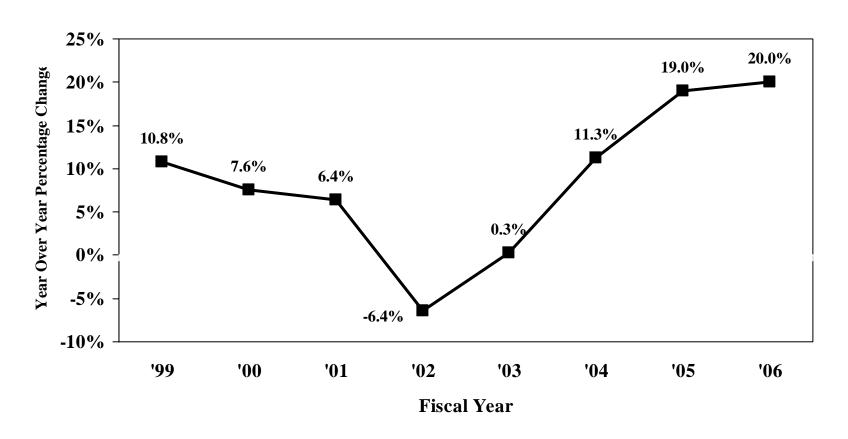
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FY 2006 Revenue Collections 2nd Year of Extraordinary Growth

- Baseline revenue collections for FY 06 were 20% over FY 05 collections.
- Highest two-year growth in at least the last 35 years.

General Fund Baseline Revenue Growth Rate

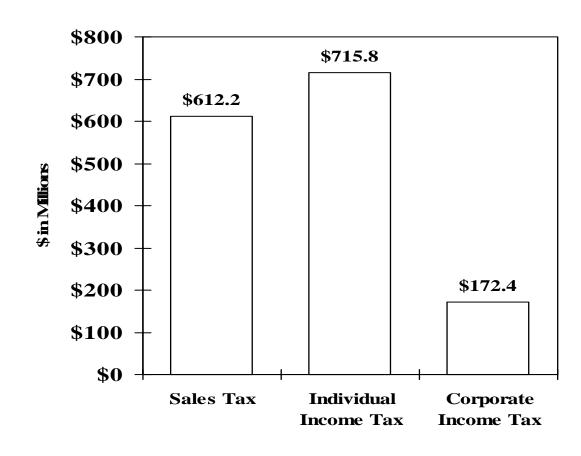


^{*} Excludes statutory and one-time changes.

FY 2006 Major Tax Collections were \$1.5 Billion Higher than Prior Year

- All Three Major Categories Were Strong

- 16.7% Sales Tax Growth
- 24.1% Individual Income Tax Growth
- 24.6% Corporate Income Tax Growth



FY '06 above FY '05

FY 2006 Revenue Collections

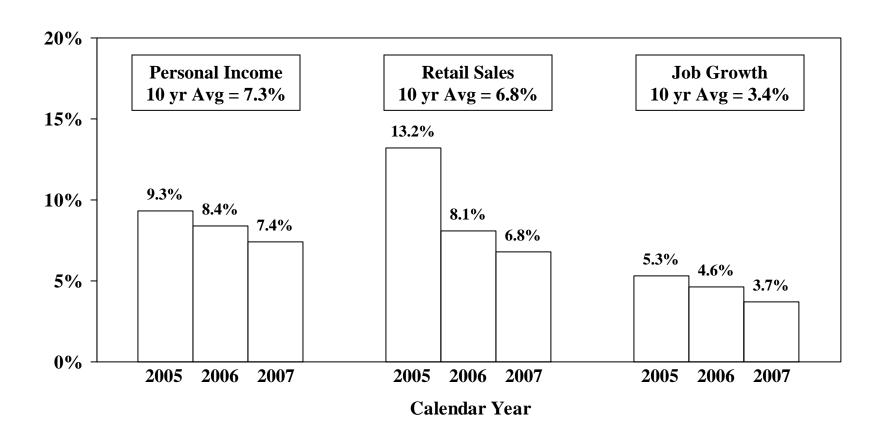
Factors Behind High Growth

- Strong construction industry, both residential and commercial.
 - Arizona building permits up 21% in calendar 2004, leveled off in 2005 – reflected in FY 2006 revenue collections.
- Business profitability impacted both corporate and individual income tax collections.
- Real estate market began to cool in mid-2005, however strong conditions up to that point affected FY 2006 collections.
 - High level of capital gains.
 - Real estate industry income.

What is the Current Economic Outlook?

- Elliott's Presentation Addressed National Economy
- Arizona Economic Indicators Show Mixed Picture
- Business Conditions Index's 2006 average of 60 points is below 2004-2005 average of 65.5, but still above neutral point of 50.
- Leading Index negative in 5 of first 6 months of 2006.
- Business Leaders Confidence Index declined 8.1 points to 49.8 in 3rd Quarter.
 - Index has fallen below neutral point of 50, indicating a possible economic slowdown.

While Arizona Blue Chip Forecasts A Slowdown in CY 2006 and CY 2007, Projections Remain Near Historical Averages

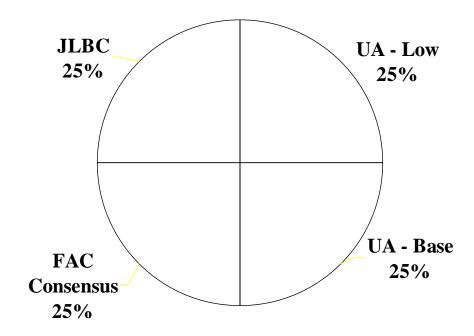


FAC Forecast is a Component of "Big 3" General Fund Revenue Consensus Estimate

UA Model Represents 50% of the Forecast

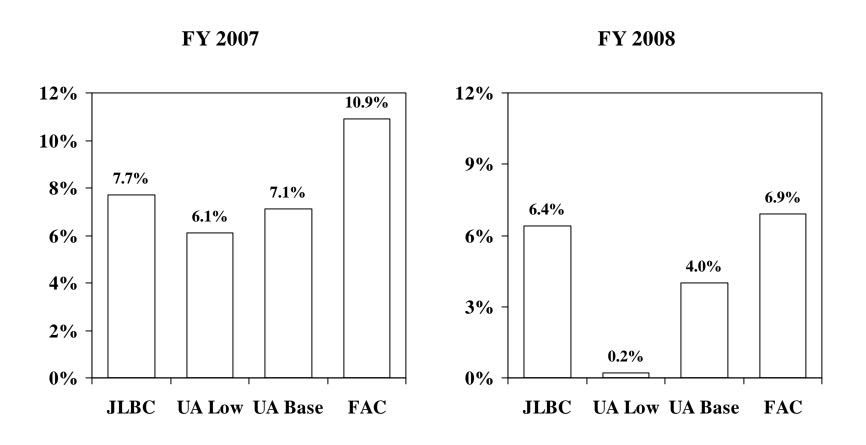
Big 3 forecast equally weights:

- FAC average
- UofA model base
- UofA model low
- JLBC staff forecast
- Remaining revenues (6% of total) are staff forecast



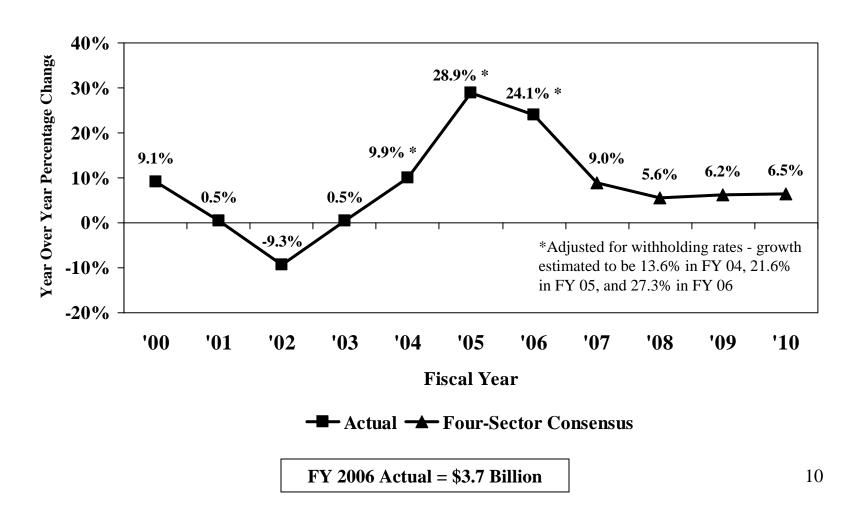
"Big 3" Forecast Growth by Input

- UA Models More Cautious Than Other 2 Inputs, Especially in FY 2008



Individual Income Tax Growth Rate FAC Consensus Higher Than 4-Sector Forecast

11.7% for FY 2007 and 7.2% for FY 2008



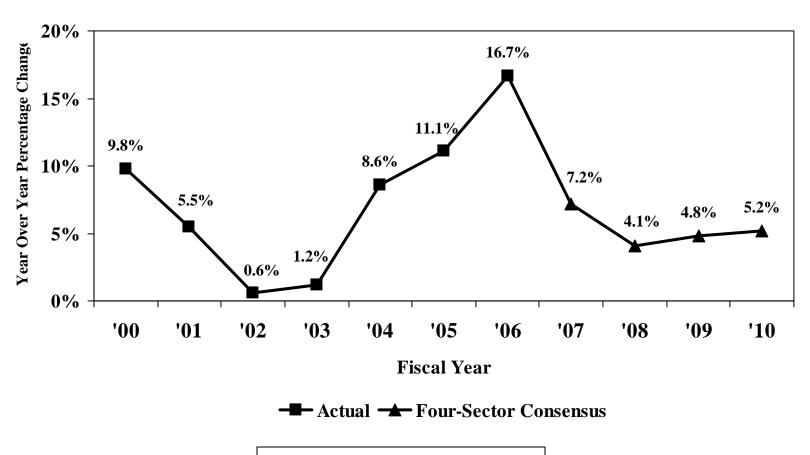
FY06 Individual Income Tax Growth of 24.1% Fueled By A Strong Arizona Economy

- Job growth of 5.3% and average wage increase of 5.1% explains less than 50% of this growth.
- Remainder attributable to:
 - Increased small business profitability as evidenced by a 14.7% growth in proprietors' income.
 - Large but still unknown amount of capital gains.

Sales Tax Growth Rate

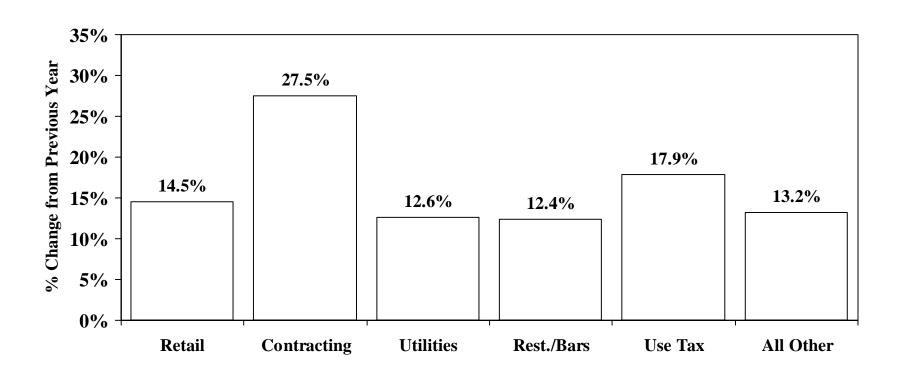
FAC Consensus Higher Than 4-Sector Forecast

10.1% for FY 2007 and 7.3% for FY 2008



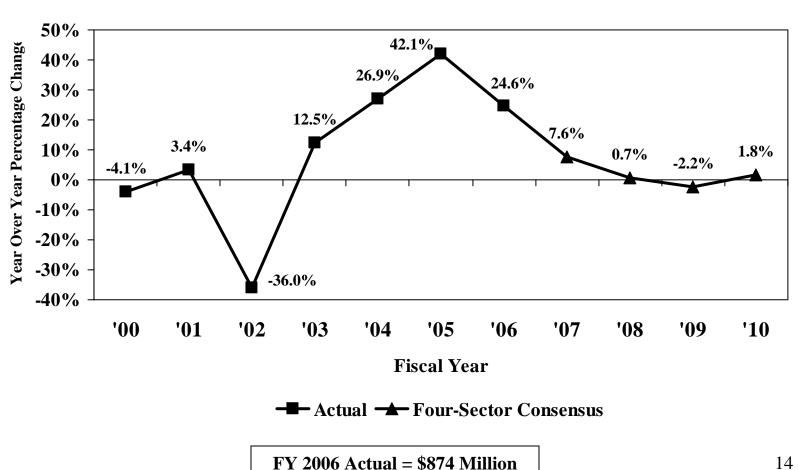
FY 2006 Sales Tax Collections Were Strong Across All Major Categories

- Overall Growth was 16.7%



Corporate Income Tax Growth Rate FAC Consensus Higher Than 4-Sector Forecast

11.6% for FY 2007 and 3.6% for FY 2008



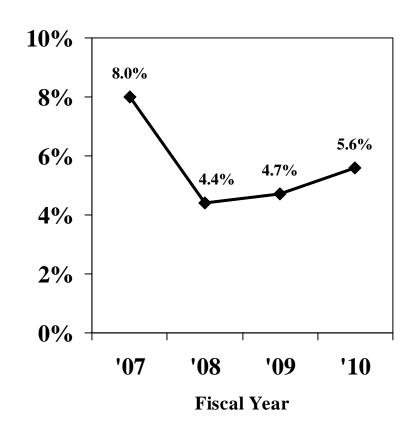
Exceptional Growth Pushed Corporate Tax Revenue to Record Levels in FY 2006

- U.S. corporate profits soared by 19.1% in 2004, 12.5% in 2005, and 19.7% in the first half of 2006.
- Sarbanes-Oxley accounting reform induced better compliance and fewer taxavoidance strategies.
- 2004 federal law may have led to a one-time repatriation of more than \$350 billion in U.S. corporate profits.

Big 3 Forecast Growth

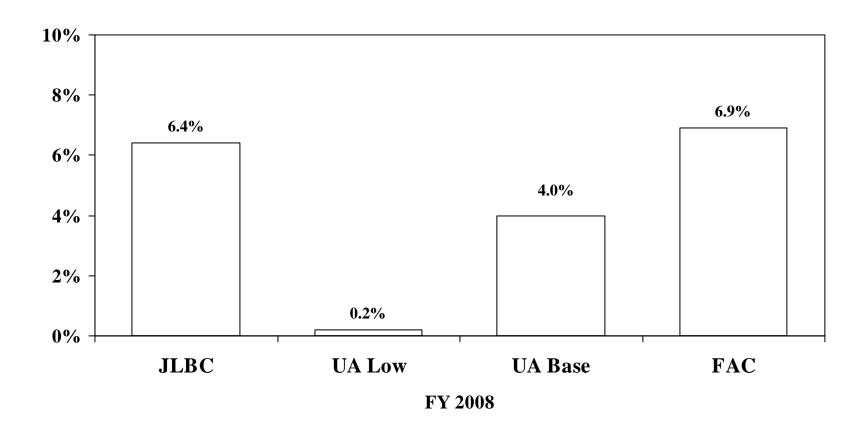
Four-Sector Consensus Forecast Has Growth of 8.0% in FY 2007 and 4.4% in FY 2008

- '07 Growth of 8% would be steep decline from 20% in '06, but close to budgeted rate.
- Year to date '07 data is inconclusive.
- '08 Forecast is pulled down by flat growth scenario in the UA-Low Model.
- Without UA-Low, '08 grows by 5.8%.



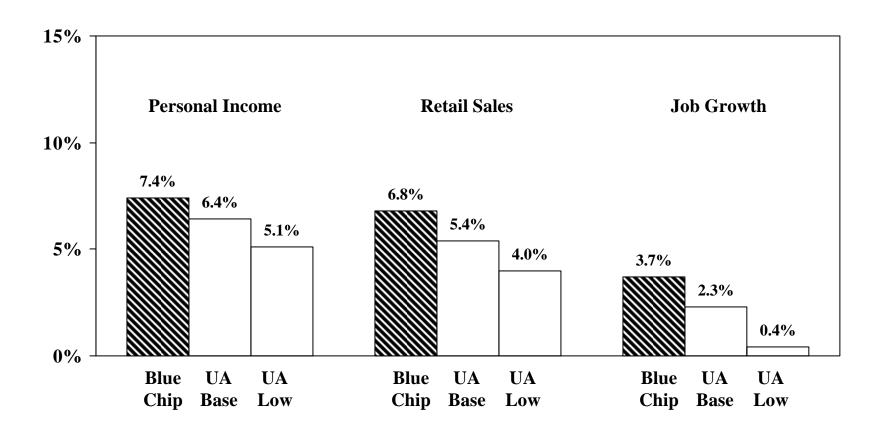
"Big 3" Forecast Growth by Input

- 25% of FY 2008 Consensus is Based on a No-Growth Scenario



What are the Chances for a Flat Revenue Growth Scenario?

- Blue Chip More Optimistic than UA Models for CY 2007



Evaluating the Odds of Flat Revenue Growth How Does that Compare to the Odds of a Recession?

- National Blue Chip places the odds of a recession at 21% in 2007
 - Based on responses from 55 panelists
 - Top 10 Average 33.1%
 - Bottom 10 Average 9.5%
- Arizona Blue Chip was asked when the next recession would occur in Arizona
 - 13% said prior to 2008
 - 20% said 2008
 - 67% said 2009 or beyond

FY 2007-FY 2010 Quartile Forecast Worksheet

| | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Sales Tax | | | | |
| JLBC Forecast (9/7/06) | 6.9% | 6.5% | 6.0% | 6.0% |
| UA - Low (8/06 revision) | 5.4% | -0.6% | 1.9% | 3.7% |
| UA - Base (8/06 revision) | 6.3% | 3.2% | 5.1% | 5.7% 5.7% |
| FAC (9/14/06 Survey) | 10.1% | 7.3% | 6.3% | 5.7 % 5.5% |
| FAC (9/14/00 Survey) | 10.1% | 1.3% | 0.3% | 5.5% |
| Average: | 7.2% | 4.1% | 4.8% | 5.2% |
| Individual Income Tax | | | | |
| JLBC Forecast (9/7/06) | 8.2% | 7.1% | 6.8% | 6.6% |
| UA - Low (8/06 revision) | 7.3% | 2.7% | 4.9% | 5.2% |
| UA - Base (8/06 revision) | 8.6% | 5.3% | 7.1% | 7.4% |
| FAC (9/14/06 Survey) | 11.7% | 7.2% | 6.1% | 6.6% |
| Average: | 9.0% | 5.6% | 6.2% | 6.5% |
| Corporate Income Tax | | | | |
| JLBC Forecast (9/7/06) | 9.8% | 3.0% | 2.4% | 2.4% |
| UA - Low (8/06 revision) | 4.0% | -6.6% | -13.5% | -3.1% |
| UA - Base (8/06 revision) | 5.0% | 2.8% | -2.5% | 2.2% |
| FAC (9/14/06 Survey) | 11.6% | 3.6% | 4.9% | 5.7% |
| Average: | 7.6% | 0.7% | -2.2% | 1.8% |
| Overall Weighted Average: | 8.0% | 4.4% | 4.7% | 5.5% |
| Overall Weighted Average-3 sector: (exclude UA Low) | 8.6% | 5.8% | 5.8% | 6.0% |

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Arizona Single Family Construction Activity

| County | 2002 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------|------|------|------|
| | | | |

| Maricopa | 63 % | 52 % | 56% |
|----------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Pinal | 8 | 16 | 16 |
| Pima | 12 | 13 | 15 |
| Coconino | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Yavapai | 4 | 5 | 5 |

Arizona Single Family Average Permit Value

County 2002 2005 2006

| Maricopa | \$155,080 | \$184,025 | \$195,540 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Pinal | 108,130 | 125,090 | 113,680 |
| Pima | 151,220 | 168,725 | 178,530 |
| Coconino | 145,910 | 200,835 | 189,430 |
| Yavapai | 136,725 | 179,985 | 184,750 |

Arizona Commercial Construction Activity

Share of State Commercial Activity

| 2005 | 2006 |
|------------|-----------------------|
| 75 percent | 79 percent |
| 4 | 2 |
| 10 | 7 |
| 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 2 |
| | 75 percent 4 10 |

Arizona Commercial Construction Activity

Share of County Total Construction Activity

| County | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------|------------|------------|
| Maricopa | 23 percent | 26 percent |
| Pinal | 6 | 6 |
| Pima | 12 | 12 |

New Housing Permits

| 20 | 006 | Y | TD |
|----|-----|---|----|
| | | | |

2005

2004

□ 2000s

□ 1990s

□ 1980s

□ 1970s

Maricopa

17,600

43,256

48,136

Pinal

6,959

18,191

11,495

239,598

242,161

151,796

171,406

Median New Home Price Maricopa County

\$159,990

\$173,240

\$195,000

\$251,795

\$296,665

New Home Median Sales Price

| Area | Second | Second |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Qtr. | Qtr. |
| | 2005 | 2006 |
| Maricopa County | \$240,610 | \$313,775 |
| N. Scottsdale | 611,035 | 830,750 |
| Phoenix | 224,465 | 294,435 |
| Peoria | 316,340 | 394,995 |
| Surprise | 231,295 | 311,035 |
| Chandler | 298,380 | 456,145 |
| | | |

New Home Median Sales Price

| Area | Second Qtr 2005 | Second Qtr 2006 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pinal County | \$187,515 | \$249,915 |
| Apache Junction | 263,190 | 313,130 |
| Casa Grande | 173,870 | 246,940 |
| Maricopa | 205,000 | 263,115 |
| Queen Creek | 186,335 | 245,985 |
| | | |

Resale Home Market Maricopa County

SALES ACTIVITY

110,835

102,115

73,785

MEDIAN PRICE

\$ 240,500

\$ 174,815

\$ 155,000

RESALE HOME MARKET

| SAI | LES |
|-----|-----|
|-----|-----|

2006 YTD

□ 2005 YTD

□ 2004 YTD

□ 2003 YTD

Maricopa

41,835

68,235

56,745

41,200

Pinal

2,565

3,220

1,640

Resale Median Sales Price Maricopa County

| Area | Second Qtr. 2005 | Second Qtr. 2006 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Maricopa Cou | inty \$235,500 | \$265,000 |
| Scottsdale | 521,250 | 615,000 |
| Phoenix | 182,500 | 223,000 |
| Mesa | 210,000 | 248,000 |
| Surprise | 231,000 | 255,000 |
| Glendale | 215,000 | 250,000 |
| | | |

Housing Market Pinal County

| | New | Resale |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2004 | 7,445 | 3,790 |
| 2005 | 15,370 | 6,110 |
| 2006 (thru Jul | ly) 8,470 | 2,565 |
| 2004 | \$145,900 | \$137,500 |
| 2005 | 199,025 | 189,990 |
| 2006 (July) | 236,015 | 200,000 |

RESALE MEDIAN SALES PRICE

| Area | Second Qtr 2005 | Second Qtr 2006 |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pinal County | \$186,000 | \$211,000 |
| Apache Junction | 193,500 | 224,450 |
| Casa Grande | 152,000 | 179,000 |
| Maricopa | 222,500 | 256,500 |
| Queen Creek | 205,840 | 235,000 |
| | | |

Housing Indicators Maricopa County

Affordability

| Year | Resale | New |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|
| 2000 | 117 | 100 |
| 2001 | 124 | 108 |
| 2002 | 124 | 113 |
| 2003 | 126 | 113 |
| 2004 | 114 | 102 |
| 2005 | 84 | 80 |
| □ 2006 2 nd Qtr | 71 | 60 |

COMPARATIVE RESALE HOUSING PRICES

| Areas | Second Qtr. 2005 | Second Qtr. 2006 |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| United States | \$219,400 | \$227,500 |
| Phoenix | 243,400 | 272,200 |
| San Diego | 605,600 | 613,100 |
| Las Vegas | 300,100 | 319,100 |
| Dallas | 149,100 | 146,400 |
| Atlanta Source: NAR | 166,500 | 173,900 |

Median Rate of Appreciation Maricopa County

2000

4.8 percent

2001

5.4 percent

2002

6.0 percent

2003

6.3 percent

2004

8.4 percent

2005

14.1 percent

1981-2005

4.4 percent

Housing Indicators Maricopa County

Inventory Turnover

| Year | Resale | New |
|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 2002 | 7 percent | 3 percent |
| 2003 | 8 percent | 4 percent |
| 2004 | 11 percent | 5 percent |
| | | |

7 percent

3 percent

1982-2004

Housing Indicators Maricopa County

Jobs per resale home

| Year | Resale |
|------|--------|
|------|--------|

2000 29

2001 26

2002 25

2003 22

2004 16

2005 16

1982-2005 28

Other Real Estate Topics

- Condomania
 - New projects
 - Conversions
 - Commercial

- Retail Development
- Industrial Development

CONDOMINIUM MARKET NEW HOMES

Permits

□ 2006 YTD 3,330

2005 4,526

2004 2,597

Median New Unit Sales Price

2006 \$220,000

2005 214,615

2004 186,485

CONDOMINIUM MARKET RESALE HOMES

Sales Activity

□ 2006 YTD 9,255

2005 21,290

2004 18,835

Median Resale Home Price

2006 \$176,000

2005 \$ 150,000

2004 \$ 114,530

APARTMENT MARKET

UNITS AUTHORIZED

□ 2006 YTD 2,533

2005 3,250

2004 4,997

2003 4,836

□ 1990s 51,608

□ 1980s 137,436

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY 2006 YTD

Retail Office

Inventory 111,698,554 59,025,097

New Supply 1,396,895 731,221

Absorption 2,463,303 1,669,936

Vacancy 7.8 percent 16.9 percent

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