



The Planning Center Receives Award from American Planning Association

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The Planning Center has been awarded a 2009 State Planning Award in Public Participation by the Arizona chapter of the American Planning Association (AzAPA) for leading the El Mirage General Plan public participation process.

The award, considered the most prestigious statewide professional recognition for the planning industry, was presented to The Planning Center on October 14 at the AzAPA conference held in Prescott Valley, Ariz.

The Planning Center partnered with the City of El Mirage to prepare a general plan with an emphasis on what the community envisioned for its future. According to Principal Maria Masque, The Planning Center obtained feedback from a cross-section of the population ranging from stakeholders to community members on desired sustainable practices for planning and urban design. Through park bench interviews and a week-long design charrette, The Planning Center received more than 400 public comments in a two week period.

“The Planning Center and the City of El Mirage merged as an excellent working team in this endeavor. The public participation process was a very innovative and critical step in what will result in a very exciting General Plan for the City of El Mirage” said George Flores, City of El Mirage community development director and project manager.

Established in 1975, The Planning Center is a private consulting firm that provides a variety of multidisciplinary planning services including planning, economic market analysis, geospatial services and landscape architecture. For more information call (520) 623-6146 or visit www.azplanningcenter.com.