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**DON'T PAY HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS TO HAVE YOUR TAXES DONE!  
TEMPE OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR INCOME-QUALIFIED RESIDENTS**

**Tempe, AZ** –Tempe Community Council's Financial Stability Initiative offers a free tax preparation site and Earned Income Tax Credit refunds for families who qualify. The service is available Saturdays, January 28 to April 14, from 9 a.m. to noon (except March 10 and 17) and Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. during the month of February. It is hosted at Tempe Schools Credit Union, 2800 S. Mill Ave. This site has Spanish translators and is accessible for people with disabilities.

Trained volunteer tax preparers certified by the Internal Revenue Service provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for individuals earning \$35,000 or less per year and couples making \$55,000 or less per year. With electronic filing and direct deposit, taxpayers can expect refunds in 3-4 working days.

**Taxpayers must bring all of the following items to the tax preparation site:**

- Valid photo ID for yourself and/or your spouse.
- Social Security cards or ITIN cards/numbers for you, your spouse, and dependents.
- Birth dates for you, your spouse, and dependents.
- Wage and earnings statements from all employers. (Form W-2 or 1099-MISC)
- Interest and dividend statements from banks. (Form 1099-INT or 1099-DIV)
- Other relevant information about income and expenses.
- Total amount paid for day care and the day care providers' tax identification number.
- Bank routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit. (optional)
- Copy of last year's tax return.
- If filing joint, both you and your spouse must be present to sign the return.

Taxpayers can also call Community Information and Referral at 602-263-8856 or visit [www.cir.org](http://www.cir.org) for free tax preparation sites throughout Arizona.

This program is made available through the Tempe Financial Stability Initiative (FSI), a program of the Tempe Community Council. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tcc/FinancialStability/](http://www.tempe.gov/tcc/FinancialStability/)

**About Tempe Community Council**

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