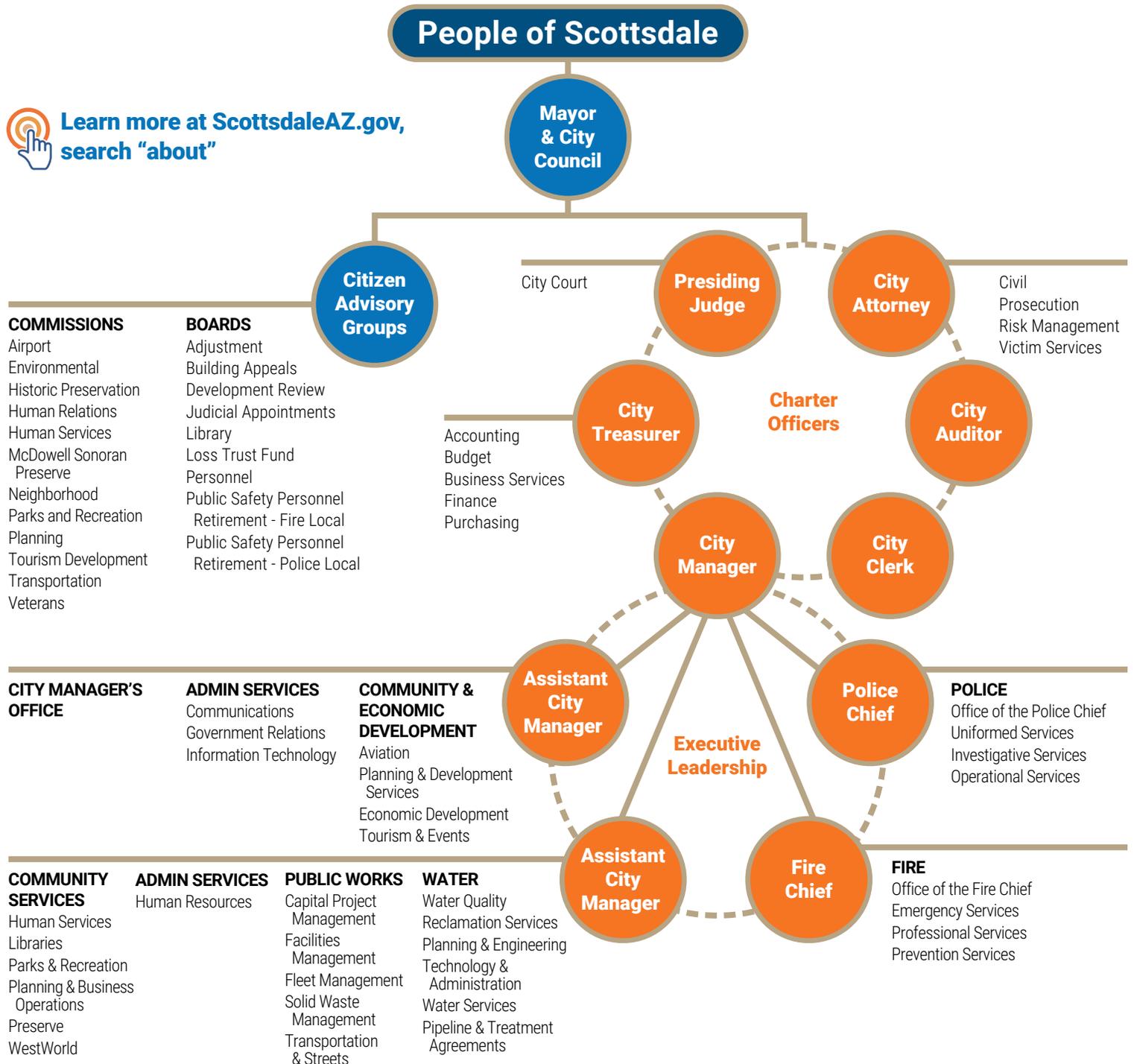




## An Introduction to Our Leadership

The voter-approved City Charter established the council-manager form of government which combines the strong political leadership of elected officials with the professional experience of an appointed local government manager.



## Scottsdale City Council

The City Council consists of the mayor and six council members who are elected to represent the city at large and serve overlapping, four-year terms. These seven citizens oversee city government and set policy, approve programs, appropriate funds, enact laws, select charter officers, and appoint residents to serve on advisory boards. The mayor is the chair of the Scottsdale City Council and presides over its meetings, which are typically held on Tuesdays in the City Hall Kiva Forum located at 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. in Old Town Scottsdale.



Mayor David D. Ortega began his term of office in January 2021. He is focused on safeguarding public health and safety; maintaining Scottsdale's family-friendly neighborhoods; protecting the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and strengthening Scottsdale's world-renowned reputation. As mayor, he is committed to equal rights for all, responsive city government and adoption of citizen-driven General Plan 2035 to support economic vitality. Mayor Ortega is a registered Arizona architect and designed many landmark buildings in Old Town Scottsdale. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and was an apprentice architect to Bennie Gonzales FAIA, the award-winning designer of Scottsdale City Hall, Civic Center Library and Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Throughout his life, Mayor Ortega has served on numerous city, county and state commissions, and on many civic and nonprofit organizations including serving as a Scottsdale City Councilman from 2000 to 2004, on the Scottsdale Downtown Architectural Guidelines Committee, Scottsdale Development Review Board, the State of Arizona School Facilities Board and the Governor's Latino Advisory Council. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Scottsdale Leadership and Friends of the Scottsdale Library. He is a past president of the Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary Club. Mayor Ortega and his wife, Rosemary Gannon, have been married for 40 years. They live in the Park Scottsdale neighborhood near Saguaro High School where they raised their children Alexandra and Luke.

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Councilwoman Caputi began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2021. She has lived and worked in Scottsdale for over 20 years. She is the president and owner of Yale Electric West, Inc, a company she founded in Scottsdale in 2001. Councilwoman Caputi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Wellesley College in Wellesley,

Massachusetts and a Master of Business Administration from Simmons University in Boston. Councilwoman Caputi is a Fellow with the Flinn-Brown Arizona Center for Civic Leadership and Leading for Change and current chair of the Scottsdale Coalition of Today and Tomorrow (SCOTT), an organization dedicated to promoting, enhancing, and improving Scottsdale's quality of life and economic vitality through community education and involvement in public policy issues. Councilwoman Caputi, along with her husband, Steve, enjoys many outdoor activities and physical pursuits. They have three young daughters who attend local public schools.

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Councilmember Durham began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2021. He grew up in a small town in Iowa and attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude in 1977, with majors in philosophy and history. After graduating from Cornell College, he attended New York University Law School.

He then joined international law firm Mayer Brown, where he specialized in tax controversy, representing the firm's clients in audits, trials, and appeals of local, state, and federal tax cases. During his time at Mayer Brown, he was recognized by Chambers USA as one of the top 25 tax controversy lawyers in the nation. Councilmember Durham retired from Mayer Brown in April 2015 and soon thereafter became a full-time resident of the city of Scottsdale. He served as treasurer of the Protect Our Preserve political action committee and has also volunteered as a mock trial coach at a local high school, teaching trial skills, teamwork, and the rules of evidence. His wife Martha has served as an Episcopal Deacon at a local church; together they have two sons.

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**Councilmember  
Barry Graham**

Councilmember Graham grew up in northern Scottsdale and was an all-state athlete at Chaparral High School. Today he lives in southern Scottsdale where he and his wife, Farrah, are raising their twin sons. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for one of the most prestigious accounting firms in Arizona. He specializes in auditing the financial statements and analyzing

the performance of private businesses, most of which are based in Arizona. As a history enthusiast, Barry spent several years after high school in Massachusetts, earning undergraduate degrees from Boston University in Economics and International Relations. While working as an analyst in the Massachusetts State Legislature, Barry graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Master of Science in Accounting where he delivered the commencement address. Barry has served as a precinct committeeman since 2012 and was twice-elected treasurer of his political party's local legislative district.

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**Councilwoman  
Betty Janik**

Councilwoman Janik began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2021. She was born and raised in Chicago and earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Illinois Chicago. After college, she was employed by GD Searle, where her primary research concentrated on dissolving blood clots – an endeavor which

was awarded in international publication. Thereafter she took time off to start a family. She taught math and science for nearly 10 years at both the middle school and high school levels in the Denver area. After relocating to Scottsdale, she has served in many volunteer roles including as the past treasurer of Protect Our Preserve and past president of the Board of the Coalition for Greater Scottsdale. She and her husband, Joe, a pediatric surgeon (now retired), have been married for 50 years. They have three grown children, all physicians, and nine delightful grandchildren.

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**Councilwoman  
Kathy Littlefield**

Kathy Littlefield began her second term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2019. She has 25 years of financial and management experience. She co-founded (with her husband Bob Littlefield, who served three terms on the Scottsdale City Council from 2002 to 2015) and continues to manage a successful Scottsdale-based computer company, NetXpert Systems,

Inc. Her previous professional experience includes working in the Budget Office of the City of Plano, Texas, as an office manager for a local greetings company, and as the finance director for Girls Ranch, a nonprofit organization formerly in Scottsdale. She served as president of her Civitan Club (an organization that helps developmentally disabled and underprivileged children), where she was chosen "Civitan of the Year" for her efforts. Councilwoman Littlefield is a Scottsdale native. She attended the Scottsdale Unified Schools Ingleside Elementary and Arcadia High and graduated with distinction from Arizona State University in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in business education.

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**Councilwoman  
Solange Whitehead**

Councilwoman Whitehead began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2019. She came to Scottsdale in 1996 from San Diego for 'just six months', fell in love with everything Arizona and never went back. Councilwoman Whitehead graduated from the University of Florida where she earned a degree in electrical engineering. She

is an accomplished businesswoman, currently working in the real estate field. She served 10 years as executive director of the Environmental Fund for Arizona and in that capacity was named Arizona Wildlife Federation's "Arizona Conservationist of the Year" in 2009. Councilwoman Whitehead is a former Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commissioner, proudly helped lead the monumental effort to pass Proposition 420 in November 2018 and provided funding for the initial 3D Printer Lab at Scottsdale Community College. She and her husband Mike have three grown children and spend a lot of time outdoors.

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## Charter Officers

The City Council hires six officers to advise them on policy issues and run day-to-day operations. They are collectively known as the charter officers because their positions are spelled out in the City Charter, a voter-approved document which describes the organization and authority of the city government in Scottsdale. These positions are the city attorney, city auditor, city clerk, city manager, city treasurer, and presiding city judge. The city manager is the chief executive officer and is responsible for about 90 percent of the city's workforce.



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## Highlighted Recognition

### Scottsdale is certified Gold by Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities

The Gold Level Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification is awarded for exceptional use of data to inform policy decisions, allocate funding, improve services, evaluate program effectiveness and engage residents. Since 2018 Scottsdale has continued to level up its certification, from Honor Roll to Gold, and is among an elite group of only 62 cities worldwide to have received the certification. What Works Cities spotlighted Scottsdale's data-driven approaches to tackling issues with short-term and vacation rental properties, and managing water resources and water policies.

### Scottsdale named No. 1 Healthiest Employer in the Valley

The Phoenix Business Journal named Scottsdale the healthiest "big company" employer in the Valley. This award recognizes Scottsdale's commitment to providing wellness programs and opportunities for employees beyond exercise and nutrition. Scottsdale's programs contain many support services including components related to financial, social, emotional, physical and mental well-being.

### City staff's commitment to the community was recognized at the annual Scottsdale Employee Awards

Over 40 different Scottsdale employees were awarded for their hard work throughout the year. Kris Cano received the Herbert R. Drinkwater Award for her dedication to serving the community. She recently retired from the position as the WestWorld General Manager and previously worked as the Forensic Services Director for many years. Kris is an active participant in developing standards for forensic science, a volunteer for a variety of organizations and the governance subcommittee Chairperson for the One N Ten Board. The Bill Donaldson Award, given to an employee that transformed and innovated the culture of city government, went to Bill Hysten. Bill not only performed two difficult and high-level jobs simultaneously, as both a City Attorney Senior Supervisor and the Acting Human Resources Director, but also helped improve the HR process by establishing a variety of new online trainings, including ones for supervisors in Scottsdale. These employees, along with many more, are part of what makes Scottsdale so great.



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