

# Guiding Scottsdale Forward

An Introduction to Our Leadership

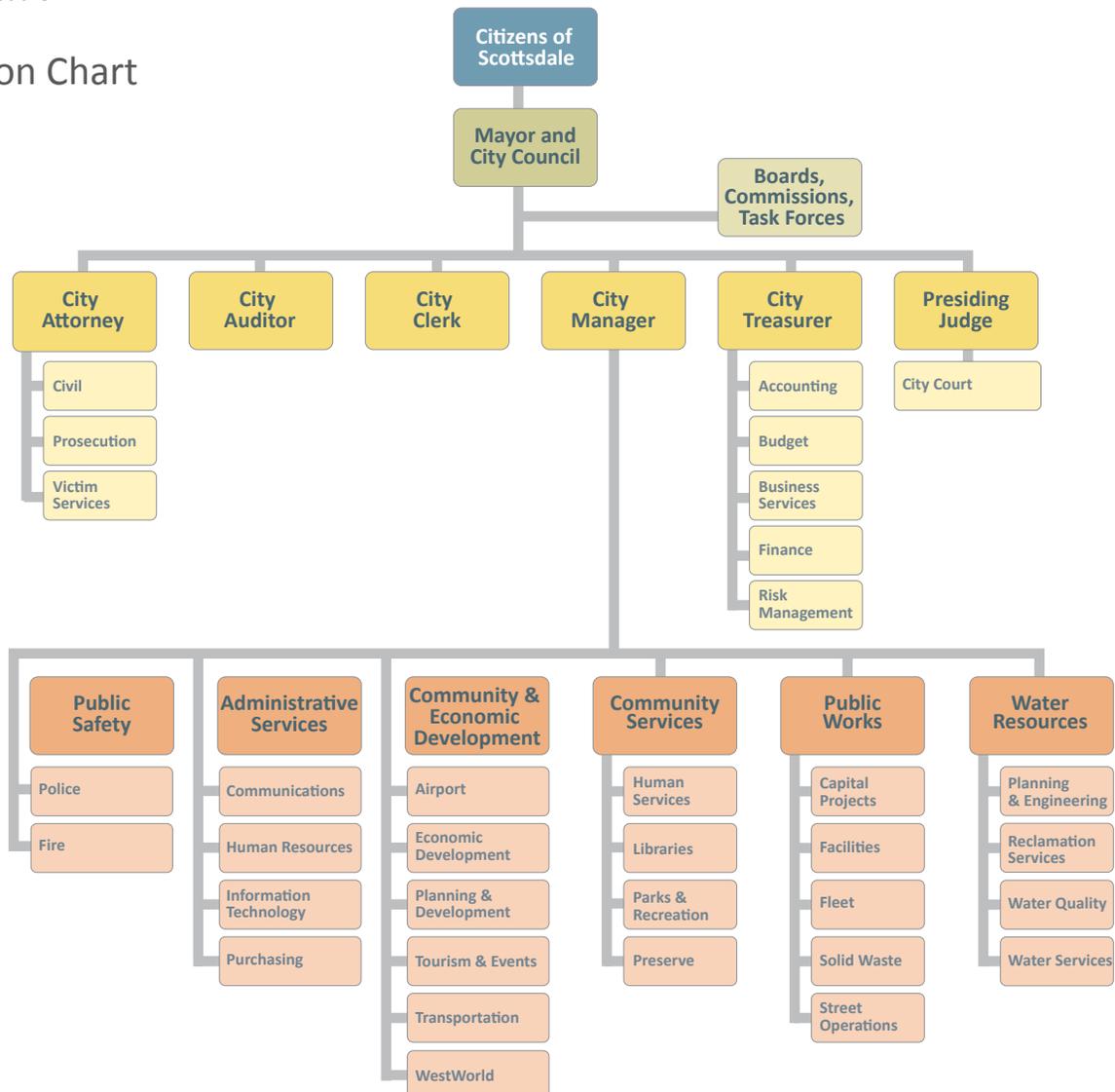
## About Scottsdale

The City Council is the governing body for Scottsdale. The 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 the operations of city government and set policy, approve programs, appropriate funds, enact laws, select charter officers, and appoint residents to serve on advisory bodies. 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 Boulevard in downtown Scottsdale.

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 city government in Scottsdale. These positions are the city attorney, city auditor, city clerk, city manager, city treasurer and presiding city judge.

## Organization Chart

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# Scottsdale City Council



## Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane

Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane served for four years on the Scottsdale City Council beginning in June 2004, and began his first term as Mayor in January 2009. He was re-elected to the Mayor's Office in 2012 and began his second term in January 2013. A Scottsdale resident since 1973, Mayor Lane currently represents the city as a member of the Flinn Foundation Arizona Bioscience Roadmap Steering Committee. He is the current Treasurer and Secretary of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, a member of the Governor's Arizona Workforce Committee, member of the Executive Committee of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, and a Chairman of the Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee, and a member of the Regional Council. Mayor Lane also serves on the Scottsdale Leadership Advisory Board, Arizona Game and Fish Appointment Recommendation Board, and an Honorary Member of the Taliesin West Board of Stewards. Mayor Lane is also a member of the Municipal Tax Code commission. Mayor Lane has owned and operated businesses in construction, mining, computer technology, telecommunications, regional aviation and financial consulting. Mayor Lane is also a former Adjunct professor of Business and Accounting at Scottsdale Community College. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

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## Councilmember Virginia Korte

Councilmember Virginia Korte began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2013. She has an extensive background in business and non-profit management as well as community service. In 1981 she joined her family business (Ray Korte Chevrolet) to work with and learn from her father where she served in various roles until becoming general manager and dealer in 1991. After selling the dealership in 1998, Virginia was hired as a biology professor at Scottsdale Community College and became their first CNUW (Center for Native & Urban Wildlife) Executive Director, serving until 2002. In 1996, Virginia was named to the Board of Directors of the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce, and in 2002, she was hired as President and CEO. Virginia left the Chamber in 2008 to take on another challenge where she served as President and CEO of Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) until 2014. She currently serves as a member of the board for Arizona Town Hall and BUSS (Business United for Scottsdale Schools). Throughout her time in Scottsdale, Virginia has also served on a wide variety of volunteer boards and committees focused on serving the community.

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## Councilman Guy Phillips

Councilman Guy Phillips began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2013. He was raised in Phoenix where he graduated from Camelback High School in 1977. He moved to Scottsdale in 1994. He attended Maricopa Community College and subsequently started the air conditioning contracting business that he still owns and operates today. He is also a general contractor whose business was one of the first to implement Scottsdale's Green Building Program. In addition to being a licensed contractor, Councilman Phillips was formerly a licensed realtor. He is an accredited member of the Better Business Bureau, the Heritage Foundation, and the National Rifle Association. Scottsdale is where Guy Phillips met his wife Cora, and together they raised a family of five children who all attended Scottsdale public schools. Councilman Phillips is an amateur artist and published writer who likes to rebuild muscle-cars in his spare time. He has created many start-up businesses with a patent pending. He is a firm believer that small business is the backbone of the country, and has mentored others through the business process.

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### **Councilwoman Suzanne Klapp**

Councilwoman Suzanne Klapp began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2009, and was reelected to a second term for January 2013. She has over 40 years of broad management experience in manufacturing, distribution and retail operations. She began her career with Whirlpool Corp. where she worked for 14 years in a variety of staff and operations management

positions in marketing, communications, human resources, production and material control. She also was General Manager of Larson-Juhl's logistics center in Los Angeles. She moved to Scottsdale in 1998 and since then has owned custom framing retail stores in Scottsdale and Phoenix. Councilwoman Klapp is Vice Chairman of the Valley Metro RPTA board and is active in the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate of Valley Leadership and is on the Advisory Board of Scottsdale Leadership. She serves as Chairman of the Council's Audit Subcommittee and is also on the Westworld Subcommittee. She holds a BA degree in English and Journalism from the University of Evansville (IN) and an MBA degree from Southern Methodist University (TX).

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### **Councilwoman Kathy Littlefield**

Kathy Littlefield began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2015. Councilwoman Littlefield has 25 years of extensive 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 several years working in the Budget Office of the City of Plano, Texas. Councilwoman Littlefield was President of her Civitan Club (an organization that helps developmentally disabled and underprivileged children) and was chosen "Civitan of the Year" for her efforts during her term of office. Currently she is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution working to help our nation's veterans and their families, and the Mayflower Society. 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 Linda Milhaven**

Councilwoman Linda Milhaven began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2011. She has served in numerous volunteer capacities including Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Scottsdale Cultural Council, Chair of the Board of the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Board of the Better Business Bureau. She was a member of Class VIII of

Scottsdale Leadership and in 2009 earned their Frank B. Hodges Alumni Achievement Award. She returned to the area to make Scottsdale her home in 1989. As part of her 30-year banking career, she was a community bank president in Scottsdale from 1993 to 2005. She graduated from Paradise Valley High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Wellesley College and a Masters in Business Administration from Columbia University.

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### **Councilman David N. Smith**

David N. Smith began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in January 2015. Councilman Smith has more than 40 years of senior financial management experience, mostly in the public service and not-for-profit sectors. He served as Scottsdale's city treasurer and chief financial officer from October 2009 until he retired in July 2013. Prior to that, he served as

vice chair of Scottsdale's citizen budget review commission. Before his service with the city of Scottsdale, Councilman Smith was the chief financial officer (CFO) for Amtrak from 2004 to 2007 and served as the CFO for the Tennessee Valley Authority, the nation's largest electric utility, from 1995 to 2003. He and his wife Diana owned and published the Scottsdale Airpark News from 1986 to 1997. Councilman Smith earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Northwestern University and a master's degree in finance from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

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