

# CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: June 7, 2016  
 General Plan Element: ***Public Services & Facilities***  
 General Plan Goal: ***Provide services to improve neighborhoods and the lives of Scottsdale residents***

## ACTION

**Approval of annual membership dues to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns.** Adopt Resolution No. 10369, authorizing payment of annual membership dues in the amount of \$93,295 to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns for FY 2016/17.

## BACKGROUND

The Arizona League of Cities and Towns (League) is a non-profit organization formed in 1937 to advocate on behalf of Arizona's incorporated cities and towns. The League represents the collective interests of 91 cities and towns at the State Legislature and provides timely information on important municipal issues through inquiry responsiveness; legal counsel; reports, newsletters and publications; training and workshops; annual state conferences and events; and networking opportunities to member cities. The City of Scottsdale has been a dues-paying member city since its incorporation in 1951.

The League's operations are overseen by its Executive Director, Ken Strobeck. Its activities and policies are directed by a 25-member Executive Committee, consisting of Mayors and Council members from across the State. Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell is the current League President and presides over meetings of the Executive Committee. Scottsdale's Mayor Lane is a member of this Executive Committee.

During the legislative session and throughout the year, the League staff meets with legislators and other special interest groups to represent the interests of Arizona cities and towns. The League staff monitors and tracks bills of municipal concern that are introduced during the session and provides information, insight, and counsel to city leadership on this legislative activity.

Technical assistance is provided to cities and towns through a variety of methods including responding to phone inquiries, legal counsel, writing and editing technical publications and manuals, online services, archive collections and historical information. The League is also the primary administrator of Arizona's Model City Tax Code.

The amount of dues, which are assessed annually to all members, is based on the population of each city or town. **The City of Scottsdale paid \$91,780 to the League in FY 2015/16 for its annual dues.**

## **ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT**

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### **Recent Staff Action**

Scottsdale’s Government Relations staff works directly with the League staff to make sure that the League’s staff, state legislators and legislative staff are aware of and informed on the city of Scottsdale’s issues, priorities and concerns.

### **Policy Implications**

Approving Resolution No. 10369 will authorize payment of \$93,295 to the League and confirm the City of Scottsdale’s membership for FY 2016/17.

## **RESOURCE IMPACTS**

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### **Available funding**

Funding for this City membership has been anticipated and requested budget authority is included in the Scottsdale City Council’s Proposed FY2016/17 budget scheduled for final adoption on June 7, 2016.

### **Staffing, Workload Impact**

Administration of this resolution and payment requires no new staff resources. This service requires nominal support from City staff.

## **OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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### **Recommended Approach**

Authorize payment of membership dues for FY 2016/17 in the amount of \$93,295.

### **Description of Option A**

Do not authorize payment of membership dues for FY 2016/17. This would require the City to terminate its membership with the League and City staff would seek to replace services provided by the League internally.

## **RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)**

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## **STAFF CONTACT (S)**

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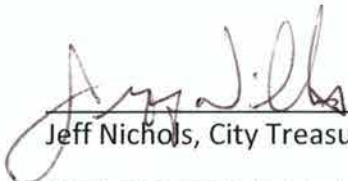


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5/18/16

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5/18/16

Date

**ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Resolution No. 10369

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,295 TO THE LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS FOR FY2016/17

WHEREAS, the Arizona League of Cities and Towns (League) is a non-profit organization formed in 1937 to advocate on behalf of Arizona's incorporated cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scottsdale has been a dues-paying member city since its incorporation in 1951; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scottsdale has a long history of benefiting from the services and advocacy provided by the League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes payment of annual membership dues in the amount of \$93,295, to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns for FY2016/17.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

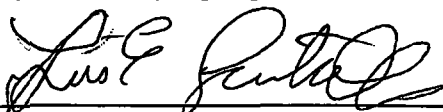
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an  
Arizona municipal corporation

ATTEST:

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Carolyn Jagger  
City Clerk

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W. J. "Jim" Lane  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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