



CORE PRINCIPLES

Respect Scottsdale's Unique Character and Culture

Protect attributes which contribute to Scottsdale's outstanding livability, prosperity, distinctive character, and exceptional experiences.

Preserve Local Funding

Protect existing funding and authorities that bring revenue to the City of Scottsdale, and which support the quality of life for its residents.

Oppose Preemption of Local Authority

Support the retention of local decision-making authority. Unfunded mandates and preemptive efforts to remove the ability to set policy at the local level should be opposed.

Key Positions

- 🔑 *SUPPORT legislation that enhances the city's capabilities to successfully address the negative impacts of short-term rental properties, and which develops a more level playing field between residential rental platforms and the tourism industry.*
- 🔑 *SUPPORT legislation allowing the city easier access to Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) financing, which includes opportunities for principal forgiveness, by extending or removing population thresholds requiring voter approval, resulting in potentially significant cost savings to citizens.*
- 🔑 *OPPOSE legislation that would limit or curtail the city's current zoning authority, particularly in residential areas.*
- 🔑 *OPPOSE reduction or elimination of key revenue streams including state shared revenue.*
- 🔑 *OPPOSE mandates which increase costs to the city without providing adequate resources to offset incurred demands.*

Policy Statements

ECONOMIC VITALITY AND TOURISM

- *SUPPORT policies that enhance Arizona's reputation as a world-class medical destination for cutting-edge health care facilities and services.*
- *SUPPORT additional job creation measures including workforce training and professional development.*
- *SUPPORT revitalization of information technology systems, infrastructure improvements, safety enhancements and lower information technology costs.*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

- *SUPPORT the stability of public retirement system pensions and reducing unfunded pension debt.*
- *SUPPORT the continued viability of HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds) funding to cities and towns.*
- *SUPPORT changes to the Major Events Fund that would allow local government to receive monies for supporting mega events.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that would prohibit or eliminate the transaction privilege tax on the renting or leasing of real property for residential purposes.*
- *OPPOSE the reduction or elimination of the Speculative Builder classification of construction sales tax.*
- *OPPOSE changing the imposition of construction sales taxes to "materials only" or other methods that do not equitably return those revenues to where the construction activity occurs.*

TRANSPORTATION

- *SUPPORT the continued viability of the State Aviation Fund including assurances that fuel taxes will be placed in the fund or returned to the airport where the fuel sales occur.*
- *SUPPORT the extension of the Proposition 400 regional transportation sales tax by working with legislators to bring the extension to a vote.*
- *SUPPORT the continuation of Arizona's leadership in the development of safe autonomous vehicles and devices.*

NEIGHBORHOODS, QUALITY OF LIFE & SOCIAL ISSUES

- *SUPPORT legislation to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations based on sexual orientation and gender identity.*
- *SUPPORT legislative efforts which target housing affordability solutions that are beneficial to local and regional efforts.*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- *SUPPORT legislative efforts that enable cities to limit uses of fireworks, and initiatives that lessen the risk of fires to businesses, neighborhoods, residents, and open areas.*
- *SUPPORT legislation that would improve the city's ability to enhance the effectiveness of state-wide and local fire code, public safety, and criminal justice measures.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that would impair the city's ability to maintain the effectiveness of state-wide and local fire code, public safety, and criminal justice measures.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that will restrict the city's ability to pass or enact local community risk reduction measures.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that would limit the city's ability to use photo technology for enforcement of speed and intersection violations.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that would restrict the city's ability to acquire a Certificate of Necessity for pre-hospital emergency transportation ambulance capabilities for its citizens and visitors.*

PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

- *SUPPORT environmental sustainability programs with objectives and targets to minimize adverse environmental impacts and to ensure that energy and water are used responsibly and conserved through innovative practices and procedures at minimal cost.*
- *SUPPORT increased resources to Arizona Department of Agriculture for treatment of non-native invasive weeds.*
- *SUPPORT legislative efforts to bring about changes in forest management with the goal of enacting effective and large-scale forest restoration projects to improve forest health, increase water yield, and reduce the risks and costs of catastrophic wildfires.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that would negatively alter or remove the city's important and long-established ordinances and design standards regarding native plants and sustainable development in the natural Sonoran Desert environment.*

WATER SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- *SUPPORT positions that strengthen Arizona's water management including supporting the 1980 Groundwater Management Act and the ability of local water providers to manage, plan, conserve, and acquire water resources for our customers.*

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