

CORE PRINCIPLES

Respect Scottsdale's Unique Character and Culture

Respect those attributes which contribute to Scottsdale's voter approved community vision including our exceptional experience, outstanding livability, community prosperity and distinctive character.

Preserve Local Funding

Protect existing funding and authorizations that bring revenue to Scottsdale and are essential to supporting quality of life for our residents.

Support Local Authority

Support the retention and restoration of local decision-making authority and oppose unfunded mandates and preemptive efforts which remove the ability to set policy at the local level.

POLICY STATEMENTS

COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

- *SUPPORT quality job creation measures and funding, to include workforce training and professional development.*
- *SUPPORT policies that enhance Arizona's reputation as a world-class medical destination for cutting-edge healthcare facilities and services.*
- *SUPPORT revitalization of information technology systems, infrastructure improvements, safety enhancements and decreased information technology costs.*

FINANCE

- *SUPPORT the stability of public retirement system pensions and reducing unfunded pension debt.*
- *SUPPORT continued allocations of the Highway User Revenue Fund to cities and towns.*
- *SUPPORT changes to the Major Events Fund that would allow local government to receive monies for supporting mega events.*
- *OPPOSE reduction or elimination of key revenue streams including state shared and municipally generated proceeds authorized in the Model City Tax Code.*
- *OPPOSE 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.*

LIVABILITY

- *SUPPORT legislation to extend statewide protections prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations to include sexual orientation and gender identity.*
- *SUPPORT legislative efforts which create housing affordability and homelessness solutions that are beneficial to local and regional efforts, and which preserve neighborhoods.*
- *SUPPORT legislation that enhances the city's capabilities to successfully address the negative impacts of short-term rental properties.*

- *OPPOSE legislation that would impair the city's ability to implement sustainable development through land use planning, zoning, and design review.*

PRESERVATION

- *SUPPORT environmental sustainability programs with objectives and targets to minimize adverse environmental impacts; and programs which ensure that energy and water are used responsibly and conserved through innovative practices and procedures at minimal cost.*
- *SUPPORT increased resources to state agencies and local governments 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 desert environment and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- *SUPPORT legislation that enhances the effectiveness of public safety and criminal justice measures.*
- *SUPPORT efforts which enhance the city's ability to provide emergency medical services and pre-hospital emergency transportation ambulance capabilities for its citizens and visitors.*
- *SUPPORT efforts that enable cities to limit use of fireworks to protect public safety, and initiatives that lessen the risk of fires to businesses, neighborhoods, residents, and preserved open spaces.*
- *SUPPORT the development of local fire codes and oppose the preemption of local fire codes.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that impairs the effectiveness of public safety and criminal justice measures.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that will restrict the city's ability to enact local risk reduction measures, including the city's public safety plan ordinance.*
- *OPPOSE legislation that would limit the city's ability to use technology to enforce traffic violations.*

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 extension of the Proposition 400 regional transportation sales tax, and other efforts to fund the maintenance and enhancement of the regional transportation network.*
- *SUPPORT Arizona's leadership in the development of safe autonomous vehicles and devices.*

WATER

- *SUPPORT positions that strengthen Arizona's water management and encourage water conservation, water recycling and reuse; and which uphold the ability of local water providers to manage, plan, conserve, and acquire water resources.*
- *OPPOSE legislation which would weaken state, regional, and local water management practices or which would curb the city's ability to plan, conserve, acquire, and retain water resources.*

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