



City of Scottsdale
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CORE PRINCIPLES

Respect Scottsdale's Unique Character and Culture

Respect 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 authority that keeps revenue in Scottsdale and is essential in providing services and facilities that support and improve 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 job creation measures, workforce training, professional development, and funding.*
- *SUPPORT policies that maintain and enhance Scottsdale's reputation as a world-class medical destination for advanced healthcare facilities and services.*
- *SUPPORT revitalization and upgrades to information technology systems and infrastructure that improve reliability while decreasing costs and maintaining confidentiality, privacy and security.*

FINANCE

- *SUPPORT the stability of public retirement systems and efforts to reduce unfunded liabilities.*
- *SUPPORT funding programs that align with city initiatives, and program requirements which offer flexibility to local governments so that residents receive the highest value for taxes paid.*
- *SUPPORT solutions that offset local revenue that is lost due to state or federal actions.*
- *OPPOSE unfunded mandates and actions which limit local government's ability to retain locally generated revenue that is needed to provide essential city services.*

OUTSTANDING LIVABILITY

- *SUPPORT actions that further prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations because of sexual orientation and gender identity.*
- *SUPPORT options and funding that address housing affordability and homelessness while preserving neighborhoods.*
- *SUPPORT strengthening local government capabilities and authority to address the negative impacts of short-term rental properties, including limits on growth, density and proximity.*

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- *SUPPORT local government authority to implement sustainable development through land use planning, zoning, design review, and permitting.*

PRESERVATION and SUSTAINABILITY

- *SUPPORT environmental sustainability programs which minimize adverse impacts and ensure resources are used responsibly and conserved through innovative practices and procedures.*
- *SUPPORT providing resources to state agencies and local governments to treat non-native invasive weeds to preserve the natural environment and reduce wildfire threats.*
- *SUPPORT forest management to improve forest health, increase water yield, and reduce wildfires.*
- *OPPOSE actions which negatively alter or remove the city's important and long-established ordinances and design standards in the natural environment and the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.*

PUBLIC SAFETY

- *SUPPORT enhancing public safety and criminal justice measures, including but not limited to local risk reduction measures, use of technology, and the city's public safety plan ordinance.*
- *SUPPORT enhancing the city's ability to provide emergency medical services and pre-hospital emergency transportation to its citizens and visitors.*
- *SUPPORT behavioral and mental health programs which improve public safety services.*
- *SUPPORT initiatives which strengthen firefighter cancer prevention, screening, treatment and benefits.*
- *SUPPORT local fire codes and government control over use of fireworks, and initiatives which reduce the risk of fires to businesses, neighborhoods, residents, and preserved open spaces.*

TRANSPORTATION

- *SUPPORT aviation funding and reauthorization policies that positively impact Scottsdale Airport.*
- *SUPPORT maintenance and enhancement of local and regional transportation networks.*
- *SUPPORT continued development of safe autonomous vehicles and advanced technologies.*

WATER

- *SUPPORT strengthening Arizona's water management system and encouraging water conservation, water recycling and reuse; and upholding the ability of local water providers to manage, plan, conserve, and acquire water resources.*
- *SUPPORT water management decisions based on Federally declared drought levels.*
- *SUPPORT statutory changes which restrict development in groundwater-dependent areas without an assured water supply.*

The City of Scottsdale opposes any efforts in conflict with the positions stated in this document.

Approved by the Scottsdale City Council on November 20, 2023.