

**Mayor and City Council's Mission**

The mission of the City of Scottsdale is to cultivate citizen trust by fostering and practicing open, accountable, and responsive government; providing quality core services; promoting long-term prosperity; planning and managing growth in harmony with the City's unique heritage and desert surroundings; strengthening the City's standing as a preeminent destination for tourism; and promoting livability by enhancing and protecting neighborhoods. Quality of life shall be the City's paramount consideration.

**Mayor Mary Manross**



Mayor Mary Manross has been Mayor of Scottsdale since June 2000. She was reelected and began her second term as Mayor in June 2004. Previously, she served two terms as a City Councilwoman from 1992 to 2000. She also served six years on the Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commission, including one term as chairwoman. She spent four years on the Planning Commission and served as vice chairwoman of the Scottsdale Bond Committee in the early 1980s. She participated in the Governor's Task Force on Urban Planning, the Arizona Town Hall, served as a League of Woman Voters board member, chaired the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Youth Policy Advisory Committee, and was a member of the National League of Cities (NLC) Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee.

Today, Mayor Manross serves as Vice Chair of the MAG Executive Council and Chairs the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns and is a board member and former treasurer of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association. She also serves on the NLC Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee, the primary group responsible for the NLC's National policy on transportation.

Prior to her time in elected office, Mayor Manross was director and an instructor of the Marriage Preparation Seminars at the Franciscan Renewal Center for 22 years. She also served as Vice President of the Casa de Paz Y Bien Foundation and as a member of the leadership team for the Valley Interfaith Project. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA and a teaching credential from Minot State University in North Dakota. She and her husband Larry have four children and two grandchildren.

**Mayor and City Council's Broad Goals**

**Goal A: Neighborhoods**

Enhance and protect a diverse, family-oriented community where neighborhoods are safe, protected from adverse impacts, well maintained and actively revitalized.

**Goal B: Environmental Sustainability & Preservation**

Preserve Scottsdale's desert environment and natural resources, and honor the City's heritage and character.

**Goal C: Transportation**

Strengthen the transportation system for the safe, efficient and affordable movement of people and goods.

**Goal D: Economy**

Position Scottsdale for short- and long-term economic prosperity by strengthening, expanding and diversifying our economic resources.

**Goal E: Public Safety**

Protect Scottsdale residents and visitors by providing quality public safety and homeland security services.

**Goal F: Fiscal and Resource Management**

Provide the means to reach other goals by ensuring Scottsdale is fiscally responsible and fair in its management of taxpayer money and City assets, and coordinates land use and infrastructure planning within the context of financial demands and available resources.

**Goal G: Open and Responsive Government**

Make government accessible, responsive and accountable so that decisions reflect community input and expectations.

**Note:** See Program Budget Matrix on pages 134-138.



**Council Member Betty Drake**

Council Member Betty Drake began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004. She has served in a wide variety of official positions and held leadership positions at the local, state and federal levels. In Scottsdale, Council Member Drake served on the City Council Budget Subcommittee for the FY 2006/07 budget, she also served from 1996 to 2002 on the Scottsdale Planning Commission, from 1993 to 1996 on the Development Review Board, in 1993 on the Historic Preservation Task Force, and in 1992 on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Task Force. Council Member Drake has lived in Scottsdale since 1987 and has been an Arizona resident since 1947. She has been active in community groups and her homeowner's association board. She is President of Drake & Associates, which she founded in 1979 to provide consulting services in city planning, public art, bicycle and pedestrian planning and urban design. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of California at Berkeley.



**Councilman Wayne Ecton**

Councilman Wayne Ecton was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in March 2002 and was reelected to a second term beginning in June 2006. Councilman Ecton was the Chairperson of the three member City Council Budget Subcommittee for the FY 2005/06 budget. He previously served on the 2004/05 City Council Budget Subcommittee, the 2001/2002 Citizens Budget Committee and the Big Box Ideas Team, which helped the City develop an ordinance to regulate the placement and appearance of "big box" retail buildings. A Scottsdale resident since 1996, Councilman Ecton is a member of the Coalition of

Pinnacle Peak, the Greater Pinnacle Peak Homeowners Association, Friends of the McDowell Land Trust and the Foothills Community Foundation. He also is a member of the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, the Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass, the American Craft Council and the Glass Art Society. Councilman Ecton retired from Alcoa after 33 years in high-level financial management positions in the U.S. corporate headquarters and International and U. S. operating locations. Councilman Ecton holds a bachelor's degree in business. He was also a member of the Financial Executives Institute until his retirement.



**Vice Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane**

Councilman W. J. "Jim" Lane began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004. Councilman Lane served on the 2002 Scottsdale Fire & EMS Advisory Committee, which was convened to evaluate and make recommendations to the City regarding fire and emergency medical services operations and costs. In 2003, he volunteered to co-chair the "Know Enough to Vote NO Committee" to oppose ballot measures to end the City's contract with Rural/Metro Corp. for fire and emergency medical services. His community service also includes six years on the YMCA Board of Management. He came to Scottsdale

from New Jersey in 1973 to take a position with KPMG (Peat Marwick), an international public accounting firm. He worked as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for twenty years with five of those years in the Public Accounting and Auditing Division. Councilman Lane has owned or operated businesses in construction, mining, computer technology, telecommunications and regional aviation. He currently owns a telecommunications and Internet consulting company, Chatham Hill Group LLC, headquartered in the Scottsdale Airpark. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Saint Joseph's University.



**Councilman Robert Littlefield**

Councilman Robert Littlefield was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in May 2002, and was reelected to a second term beginning in June 2006. Councilman Littlefield was the Chairperson of the three member City Council Budget Subcommittee for the FY 2006/07 budget. He also

previously served as the Chairman of the 2004/05 City Council Budget Subcommittee. He is the founder and president of NetXpert Systems, Inc., a Scottsdale-based computer company. He also is a commercial pilot and flight instructor. Councilman Littlefield has been involved in a variety of civic, youth and professional organizations. He is a member and former director of the Arizona Software & Internet Association, the Arizona Pilot's Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Federation of Independent Business, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and Civitan. A Vietnam combat veteran, Councilman Littlefield served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 and in the Arizona Army National Guard from 1971 to 1974. Councilman Littlefield holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Arizona State University.



**Councilman Tony Nelssen**

Councilman Tony Nelssen began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2006. He is a third generation native Arizonan and 19-year Scottsdale resident, has been active in civic affairs for more than two decades and has served on a variety of city commissions and advisory groups, as well as neighborhood and civic associations. Councilman

Nelssen was a member of the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. He served on the Desert Foothills Character Area Working Group, the Desert Subcommittee for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission, the General Plan Task Force and the Wireless Ideas Team. He has been involved in many city initiatives, including the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance, the Desert Foothills Overlay, the city Trails Master Plan, Local Area Master Plan, Sign Ordinance, Rural Road Design Standards and Scenic Corridor Guidelines. He currently serves on the Arizona State Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee. He is a computer arts and digital photography instructor at Paradise Valley Community College, and has taught courses at Arizona State University, Phoenix College and Scottsdale Community College. He holds bachelor and master of fine arts degrees and a master of arts degree in secondary education from Arizona State University.



**Councilman Ron McCullagh**

Councilman Ron McCullagh began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004. Councilman McCullagh was a member of the City Council Budget Subcommittee for the FY 2005/06 and FY 2006/07 budgets. Councilman McCullagh has lived in the Valley for 28 years and in Scottsdale for the past 12 years. His career experience

includes six years as a university professor and 20 years as a businessman in the financial services industry. He is retired. He is Past President of Valley Citizens League and serves on its board of directors. He also serves on the boards of Scottsdale Sister Cities, Scottsdale Rotary Club and the District 8 Republican Committee. He also is a member of the Scottsdale Leadership Class XVIII, Arizona Town Hall, the Arizona Tax Research Association, and the Arizona League of Women Voters. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business from the University of North Dakota, and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Florida. He is active with civic duties, he enjoys tennis, sailing, hiking and golf.

**Form of Government and Organization**

The Mayor and six City Council members are elected at large on a non-partisan ballot for a four-year term. The City Council appoints the City Manager, who has full responsibility for carrying out Council policies and administering City operations. The City Manager, in turn, appoints City employees and department General Managers under service procedures specified by the Charter.

See the full City Organizational Chart in the Introduction section of this volume.

