



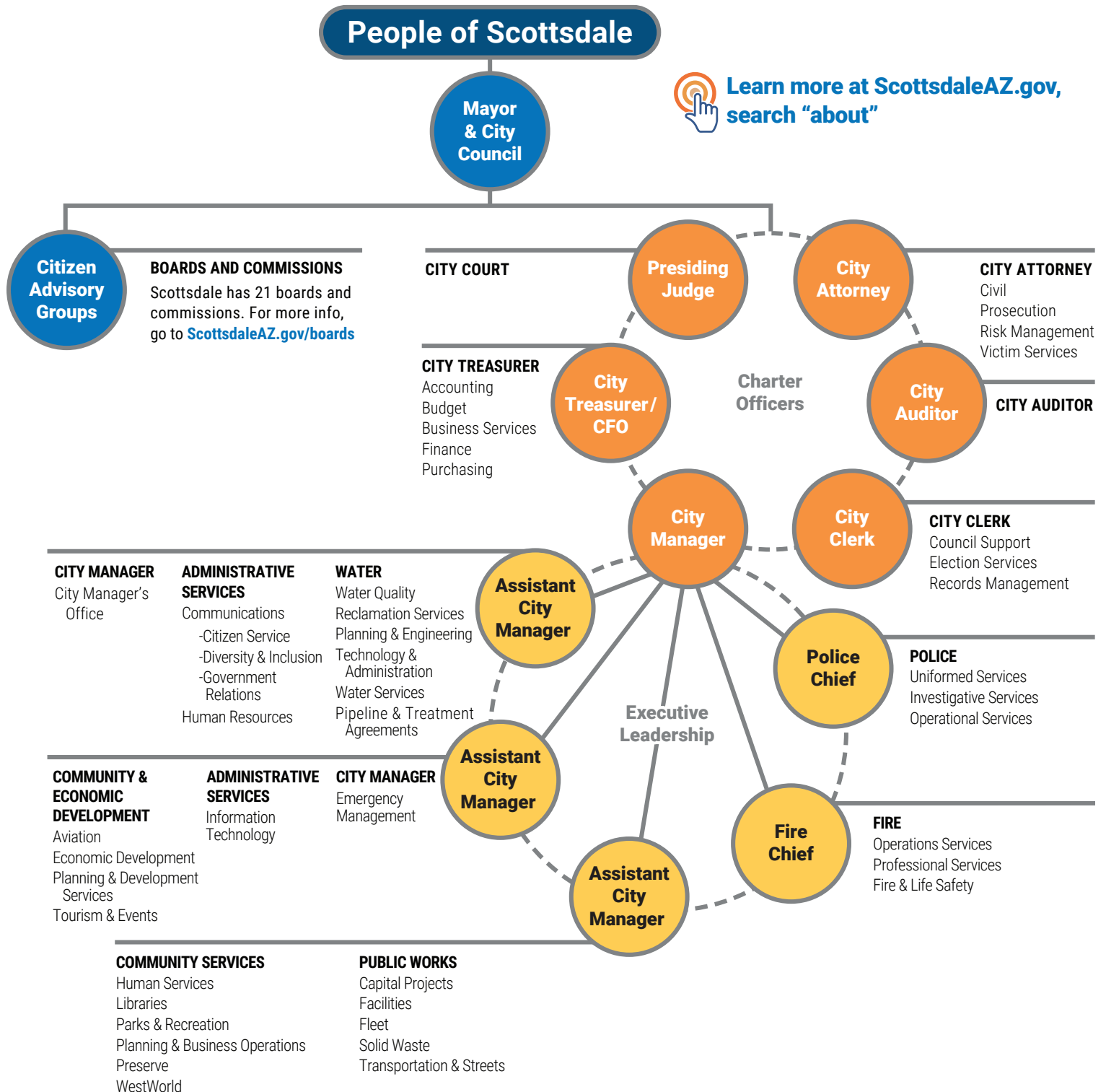
An Introduction to Our Leadership

The voter-approved City Charter established the Council Manager form of government which combines the strong political leadership of elected officials with the professional experience of an appointed local government manager.

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Scottsdale City Council

The City Council consists of the mayor and six council members who are elected to represent the city at large and serve overlapping, four-year terms. These seven residents oversee city government and set policy, approve programs, appropriate funds, enact laws, select charter officers, and appoint the members of the city's advisory boards and commissions. The mayor is the chair of the Scottsdale City Council and presides over its meetings, which are typically held on Tuesdays in the City Hall Kiva Forum located at 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. in Old Town Scottsdale.



Mayor David D. Ortega began his first term as mayor in January 2021. He is focused on safeguarding public health and safety, maintaining Scottsdale's family-friendly neighborhoods, protecting the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and strengthening Scottsdale's world-renowned reputation. As mayor, he is committed to equal rights for all, responsive citizen-driven government, economic vitality and community wellness. Mayor Ortega is a registered Arizona architect and designed many landmark buildings in Old Town Scottsdale. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and was an apprentice architect to Bennie Gonzales FAIA, the award-winning designer of Scottsdale City Hall, Civic Center Library and Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts. Throughout his life, Mayor Ortega has served on numerous city, county and state commissions, and on many civic and nonprofit organizations including serving as a Scottsdale City Councilman from 2000 to 2004, on the Scottsdale Downtown Architectural Guidelines Committee, Scottsdale Development Review Board, the State of Arizona School Facilities Board and the Governor's Latino Advisory Council. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Scottsdale Leadership and McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. He is a past president of the Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary Club. Mayor Ortega and his wife, Rosemary Gannon, have been married for 44 years. They live in the Park Scottsdale neighborhood near Saguaro High School where they raised their children Alexandra and Luke.

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Councilwoman Caputi began her first term on the City Council in January 2021. She has lived and worked in Scottsdale for over 20 years. She is the president and owner of Yale Electric West, Inc., a company she founded in Scottsdale in 2001. Councilwoman Caputi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts,

and a Master of Business Administration from Simmons University in Boston. Councilwoman Caputi is a Fellow with the Flinn-Brown Arizona Center for Civic Leadership and Leading for Change and current chair of the Scottsdale Coalition of Today and Tomorrow (SCOTT), an organization dedicated to promoting, enhancing, and improving Scottsdale's quality of life and economic vitality through community education and involvement in public policy issues. Councilwoman Caputi, along with her husband, Steve, enjoys many outdoor activities and physical pursuits. They have three young daughters who attend local public schools.

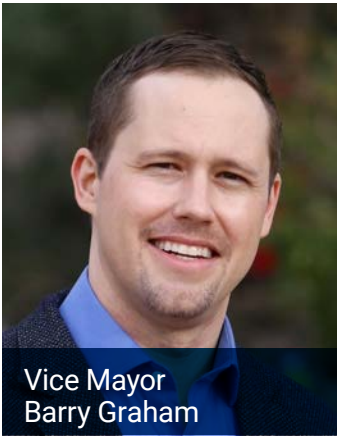
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Councilmember Durham began his first term on the City Council in January 2021. He grew up in a small town in Iowa and attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude in 1977, with majors in philosophy and history. After graduating from Cornell College, he attended New York University Law School. He

then joined international law firm Mayer Brown, where he specialized in tax controversy, representing the firm's clients in audits, trials, and appeals of local, state, and federal tax cases. During his time at Mayer Brown, he was recognized by Chambers USA as one of the top 25 tax controversy lawyers in the nation. Councilmember Durham retired from Mayer Brown in April 2015 and soon thereafter became a full-time resident of the city of Scottsdale. He served as treasurer of the Protect Our Preserve political action committee and has also volunteered as a mock trial coach at a local high school, teaching trial skills, teamwork, and the rules of evidence. His wife Martha is a retired Episcopal deacon, and they have two sons who live in the Midwest.

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Vice Mayor
Barry Graham

Councilmember Graham began his first term on the City Council in January 2023. He grew up in northern Scottsdale and was an all-state athlete at Chaparral High School. Today he lives in southern Scottsdale where he and his wife, Farrah, are raising their twin sons. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for one of the most prestigious accounting firms in

Arizona. He specializes in auditing the financial statements and analyzing the performance of private businesses, most of which are based in Arizona. Barry spent several years after high school in Massachusetts, earning undergraduate degrees from Boston University in Economics and International Relations. While working as an analyst in the Massachusetts State Legislature, Barry graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Master of Science in Accounting where he delivered the commencement address. Barry has served as a precinct committeeman since 2012 and was twice-elected treasurer of his political party's local legislative district.

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Councilwoman
Betty Janik

Councilwoman Janik began her first term on the City Council in January 2021. She was born and raised in Chicago and earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Illinois Chicago. After college, she was employed by GD Searle, where her primary research concentrated on dissolving blood clots—an endeavor which

was awarded in international publication. Thereafter she took time off to start a family. She taught math and science for nearly 10 years at both the middle school and high school levels in the Denver area. After relocating to Scottsdale, she has served in many volunteer roles including as the past treasurer of Protect Our Preserve and past president of the Board of the Coalition for Greater Scottsdale. She and her husband, Joe, a pediatric surgeon (now retired), have been married over 50 years. They have three grown children, all physicians, and nine delightful grandchildren.

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Councilwoman
Kathy Littlefield

Kathy Littlefield began her third term on the City Council in January 2023. She has 25 years of financial and management experience. She co-founded (with her husband Bob Littlefield, who served three terms on the Scottsdale City Council from 2002 to 2015) and continues to manage ...and continues to manage their successful Scottsdale-based company, NetXpert Systems, Inc. dba

Flight Skills. Her previous professional experience includes working in the Budget Office of the City of Plano, Texas, as an office manager for a local greetings company, and as the finance director for Girls Ranch, a nonprofit organization formerly in Scottsdale. She served as president of her Civitan Club (an organization that helps developmentally disabled and underprivileged children), where she was chosen "Civitan of the Year" for her efforts. Councilwoman Littlefield is a Scottsdale native. She attended the Scottsdale Unified Schools Ingleside Elementary and Arcadia High and graduated with distinction from Arizona State University in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in business education.

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Councilwoman
Solange Whitehead

Councilwoman Whitehead began her second term on the City Council in January 2023. She came to Scottsdale in 1996 from San Diego for 'just six months', fell in love with everything Arizona and never went back. She is an electrical engineer, a Granite Reef Senior Center volunteer, and a former Scottsdale Preserve Commissioner. During

her tenure, Scottsdale has increased protections for the McDowell Sonoran Preserve, dedicated new parks, expanded water conservation programs, and increased funding for the city's infrastructure and public safety. Councilwoman Whitehead and her husband have three grown children and spend a lot of time outdoors.

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Charter Officers

The City Council hires six officers to advise them on policy issues and run day-to-day operations. They are collectively known as the charter officers because their positions are spelled out in the City Charter, a voter-approved document which describes the organization and authority of the city government in Scottsdale. These positions are the city manager, city attorney, city auditor, city clerk, city treasurer/chief financial officer, and presiding city judge. The city manager is the chief executive officer and is responsible for about 90 percent of the city's work force.



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Highlighted Recognition

Scottsdale Airport Receives FAA Western-Pacific Region Outstanding Airport Award

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for managing air traffic in U.S. airspace. The award recognizes airports that excel in various aspects of airport management and development. Scottsdale was lauded for its dedication to operational excellence and innovation, safety and community engagement in completing substantial improvement and construction projects. 171,675 take offs and landings occurred at Scottsdale Airport in 2023, making it one of the busiest single-runway general aviation airports in the state, and among many reasons Scottsdale Airport was inducted into the Scottsdale History Hall of Fame in 2023.

Civic Center Wins the Crescordia Award

Arizona Forward awarded Scottsdale Civic Center the Crescordia award for "Civic Buildings, Structures, and Landscape Design." This award recognizes outstanding achievements in various categories of environmental design, including civic buildings, structures, and landscape design, highlighting projects that exemplify exceptional sustainability and harmony with the environment. Designed with sustainability in mind, the project features bioswales for stormwater management, permeable pavements with underground water systems, roof water collection at the East Bowl to support existing trees, and new low-water plants.

Scottsdale Water Achieves Excellence and Receives 15 Awards from AZ Water Association

Scottsdale Water won the Water Distribution System of the Year award for the Large System category, showing Scottsdale's sophisticated water delivery system. Team members not only surpass industry metrics but also play a crucial role in enhancing the public outreach program.

Scott Piros of the Gainey Ranch Treatment Facility won the Small Treatment Plant Supervisor of the Year. Scott was recognized with the award for enhancing preventive maintenance processes, boosting operator engagement, and applying proactive methods to address treatment issues.

Finally, Scottsdale Water's facilities and departments won thirteen of the association's Safety awards. This recognition is given to those who create safe working environments and protect the health and well-being of employees and the public.



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