



# City of Scottsdale

## 2025 Legislative Agenda

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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**

Preserve 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 that remove the ability to set policy at the local level.

## **POLICY STATEMENTS**

### **COMMUNITY PROSPERITY**

- *SUPPORT funding for job creation measures, workforce training, and professional development.*
- *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, while offering flexibility to local governments so that residents receive the highest value for their tax dollars.*
- *SUPPORT solutions that offset lost local revenue due to state or federal actions.*
- *OPPOSE unfunded mandates and actions that limit local government's ability to retain locally generated revenue which 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 state and federal legislation that increases the number of programs and benefits for veterans that are revenue neutral to the city*
- *SUPPORT options and funding that address housing affordability and homelessness while preserving neighborhoods and community character.*
- *SUPPORT strengthening local government authority to address the negative impacts of short-term rentals, including limits on growth, density, and proximity.*

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

## **PRESERVATION and SUSTAINABILITY**

- *SUPPORT environmental sustainability programs to minimize adverse impacts and ensure resources are used responsibly and conserved through innovative practices and procedures.*
- *SUPPORT providing resources to treat non-native invasive vegetation to preserve the natural environment and reduce wildfire threats.*
- *SUPPORT forest management to improve forest health, increase water yield, and reduce wildfires.*
- *OPPOSE actions that 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 that 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 that 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 December 5, 2024.*