



TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM
2016 Legislative Agenda

The Town of Paradise Valley Governmental Affairs Program addresses legislative initiatives at the county, state, and federal levels which follow annual legislative calendars. The program mission is to develop and advocate for Paradise Valley by fostering and maintaining relationships with individuals and entities that affect the Town's interests. As a member of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, the Town has helped develop and sign on to League Resolutions.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Local Control:** Paradise Valley believes local government best represents local communities regarding legislative, financial and administrative policy matters. This representation requires opposing any matter that preempts local control and any unfunded mandates at the federal and the state levels. Further, protecting local revenues and local authority is the top guiding principle of our legislative agenda.
- **Council Goals:** Advancing or defending goals of the Mayor & Town Council in affect during the 2016 legislative session does not require additional Council action.
- **Limited Government:** The Town values solutions to difficult problems that minimize cost, maximize efficiency, and that do not create new agencies or regulations nor duplicate existing ones.
- **Partnerships:** Paradise Valley is a small community within a large metropolitan area. The Town believes partnerships develop positive relations and are essential for success.

STATE – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- **PENSION REFORM:** In coordination with the League of AZ Cities and Towns, support efforts relating to pension reforms which create structural balance and obtain greater flexibility to manage pension plans affecting municipal employees. Advocate for contributions that are sufficient to fully fund benefits without incurring additional unfunded liability, for excluding payments to reduce unfunded liabilities from the State Expenditure Limitation Rule, and considering options to repay unfunded liabilities, such as pension obligation debt instruments when such use results in lower overall interest rates to the municipality.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY SMART TECHNOLOGY –** Photo enforcement, body cameras, and license plate recognition technology and other technology provide powerful crime fighting, behavior modification, and resource efficiency tools to municipal police departments. Protect the ability to use these tools and defer to local municipalities to best reflect each community's value of individual and corporate privacy.

- STATE SHARED REVENUES: Protect state shared revenue to municipalities as a revenue percentage and a revenue source.
- TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX (TPT): Defend any and all further attempts to shift construction sales tax to point-of-sale. Ensure implementation of existing law is seamless and not disruptive to cities and towns or to tax payers.
- HURF FUNDING LEVELS INCREASE: Continued support of full funding of HURF (Highway User Revenue Funds) dollars for transportation funding.
- RESIDENTIAL RENTALS – Support legislation and a tax system that provides a level playing field between resorts and individual residential rentals. Further provide municipalities the ability to audit residential rentals without DOR prior approval.

STATE - EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- BUDGET: Advocate for a balanced, sustainable state budget that protects local control and state-shared revenues, and does not transfer burden for state expenses on cities and towns.
- REVENUE: Ensure that the Department of Revenue has the tools, staffing, processes, and training to successfully collect, audit, and remit sales tax for local government ensuring that data is comprehensive, consistent, accurate, and available to municipalities

FEDERAL

- PUBLIC SAFETY: Support the President's \$263 million pledge to equip all police officers with body cameras, advocating for the inclusion of replacement cameras and data storage
- PUBLIC SAFETY: Monitor federal efforts/initiatives to regulate the use of drones

STRATEGIES

- PUBLIC SAFETY SMART TECHNOLOGY:
 - Promote citizen-centric attributes
 - Advocate with citizen groups (men's breakfast, HOA, Coffee with a Cop, and reference dialogue with legislators as illustration
 - Provide data and analysis to reinforce positive impact on public safety
 - Participate in GAPC (DMB) and IACP (Chief) policy discussions
- STATE-SHARED REVENUES:
 - Detailed trend and historical analysis of revenues and impacts to services
 - Actively participate in League Finance
- Meet counterparts in other cities / towns and League staff to learn, build relationships, and understand how PV can be a great partner community
- Develop relationships between PV elected officials and AZ legislators, other cities
 - Increase attendance at key functions, such as League conference, MAG Regional Council, NLC, etc
 - Legislative breakfast
- Develop relationships between PV manager and key strategic partners
 - Identify and attend key events
 - Identify and participate in MAG committee
 - Lunch with legislators