

Paradise Valley Legislative Agenda for 2016

October 22, 2015





Objectives

General direction from the Council on:

1. Guiding principles
2. Specific state/federal interests
3. Protective and/or proactive strategies



Guiding Principles

Local Control

Council Goals

Limited Government

Partnerships



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 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.



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Any Others?



PV: State Interests – Legislative Branch

Pension Reform

Public Safety Smart Technology

State-Shared Revenues

Transactions Privilege Tax

HURF Funding Levels Increase

Residential Rentals



Pension Reform

- In coordination with the League of AZ Cities and Towns, support efforts relating to pension reforms which obtain greater flexibility to manage pension plans affecting municipal employees. This includes excluding payments to reduce unfunded liabilities from the State Expenditure Limitation Rule and considering options for 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.



PV: State Interests – 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.
- 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



PV: Federal Interests

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
- Monitor federal efforts and initiatives to regulate the use of drones



Strategies

Public Safety Smart Technology

- Promote citizen-centric attributes
- Advocate with citizen groups
- Provide data and analysis to reinforce positive impact
- Participate in national (ICMA GAPC & IACP) policy discussions

State-Shared Revenues

- Provide detailed trend and historical analysis of revenues and impacts to services
- Actively participate in League Finance

Partnerships/Relationships

- Partner with counterparts in other municipalities
- Develop PV elected officials' relationships with AZ legislators and other cities
- Develop relationships between PV manager and key strategic partners





Questions/Discussion

