

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PARADISE  
VALLEY, ARIZONA ADOPTING THE  
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF  
PARADISE VALLEY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Paradise Valley Governmental Affairs Program addresses legislative initiatives at the county, state, and federal levels which follow annual legislative calendars; and,

**WHEREAS**, 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, Paradise Valley believes local government best represents local communities regarding legislative, financial and administrative policy matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona desires that staff represent the Town interests in a responsive and proactive manner.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the accompanying Legislative Agenda for the Town of Paradise Valley is hereby adopted for the 2020 legislative session.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the affirmative vote of the Paradise Valley Town Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

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Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Andrew M. Miller, Town Attorney



## **TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM 2020 Legislative Agenda Summary**

Paradise Valley is universally recognized for its exceptional residential lifestyle, natural beauty, and limited government with a focus on public safety, fiscal responsibility, and maintaining the Town's large-lot, residential character. It embodies what people come to Arizona to enjoy. As a small community within a large metropolitan area, the Town believes local government best represents the quality of life of communities regarding their respective public safety, zoning, financial, and locally-focused policy matters. Paradise Valley's beautiful resorts, medical and educational facilities, high-quality neighborhoods, and houses of worship benefit the entire region.

Efficient and effective solutions to difficult problems should not create new agencies or regulations nor duplicate existing ones. Our residents value the ability to determine appropriate service levels to preserve PV's many unique qualities, including:

- Limited Government model focused on preserving quality residential living
  - Only residential neighborhoods and resorts; no commercial
  - Town Council and Municipal Judges 100% volunteers
  - No local property tax
  - Effective and efficient use of technology
- Low density large lots
- High quality of life and quiet neighborhoods
- Active preservation of open space and mountains; reclaiming desert vistas
  - For example, residents contributed personal funds to underground utility poles and for open space preservation

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

- **Quality of life and Public Safety Concerns to Preserve Neighborhoods**
  - Short-term rental impact on neighborhoods
    - Reform State law to return local ability to regulate impacts
- **Local Financial Stability**
  - Sales Tax Extension (Prop 400)
  - Work to ensure local share does not decrease or obligations increase (i.e. State obligation for maintenance)
  - Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) Construction Sales Tax
    - Amend MRRA to cap maximum project amount or remove alterations

- Work with all interested parties on reform provided revenues held harmless
- **Public Safety/Traffic Enforcement/Smart Technology**
  - Essential tool to efficiently provide public safety within limited resources
  - Education, outreach, & signage = behavior modification/traffic safety
  - Protect ability of local government to maintain safety through all tools, especially photo enforcement areas
  - Evaluating contract options for effective and consistent service

## CONTINUING PRIORITIES

- State-shared revenues
- Rights of Way use, such as with utilities
- Zoning/preservation of quality of life, including sober living homes & dockless bikes and scooters
- Stormwater and other utility Rights of Way use
- Sustainable pension structure; responsible financial management

In fiscal year 2019, the Town contributed \$9 million to pay down the unfunded liability from just 29% funded in 2016 to 76% funded in 2019.

