



TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM 2023 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
 - [Monitor and continually evaluate the operational aspects of SB1168 and Town's new ordinances. Reform State law to return local ability to regulate impacts. Pursue authority for local governments to license STRs](#)
 - [Watch for any proposed legislation that could adversely impact Paradise Valley; work with others where opportunities may arise to reform any existing state or federal laws to reflect Town Code and the Town's General Plan to protect and/or enhance PV residential neighborhoods.](#)

- **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

- Single Tax Code

- Retain local options

- **Public Safety/Traffic Enforcement/Smart Technology**

- Essential tool to efficiently provide public safety within limited resources
- Maintain public safety technology and tools
- Education, outreach, and 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, and dockless bikes and scooters and any other emerging trend that may contradict the standards, values or measures of Town Code or the Town's General Plan.
- Stormwater and other utility Rights of Way use
- Sustainable pension structure, responsible financial management – The Town continues to pay has effectively paid down the PSPRS unfunded liability reducing the unfunded amount from 71% in 2016 to 18% in 2020, and just 8.4% in 2021 and effectively fully funded public safety pension in 2022.