

City of Maricopa 2019 Legislative Platform

This 2019 Legislative Platform reflects Council’s legislative positions and priorities on current or anticipated legislative action at both the state and federal level. Guided by this legislative platform, staff will take action to influence legislative efforts based on the best interests of the City of Maricopa. Staff will update Council throughout the legislative session while seeking specific feedback on issues of major importance to the City.

I. REVENUE AND FINANCE

A. The City will oppose legislation that results in the reduction of revenues collected by the City and support legislation that enhances revenue collections.

B. The City will protect its ability to collect and use taxes in order to properly manage the operations of the City.

C. The City will support limited legislative corrective action to the Development Impact Fee (DIF) statute if the corrective action benefits the City’s interest, and oppose legislation that does not.

II. GOVERNANCE

A. The City will oppose legislation that reduces the City’s local authority and support legislation that strengthens or increases local control.

B. The City will support legislation that simplifies the ability to bring land into the City and oppose legislation that unduly restricts property rights.

C. The City will support efforts to increase transparency and equity in campaign finance, elections, and other governmental actions.

III. QUALITY SERVICES

A. The City will support legislation that enhances or incentivizes economic development within the City and oppose legislation that weakens economic development tools.

B. The City will support legislation that enhances public safety and protection from criminal activity, and oppose any legislation that needlessly reduces public safety or compromises the City’s ability to provide public safety and to protect property.

C. The City will support efforts to increase the ability to provide additional quality parks, recreation and library services and oppose efforts to limit the ability to fund community services.

D. The City will support legislation that advances responsive and high quality health and human service practices and delivery to people living in and around Maricopa, and oppose legislation that negatively impacts these services.

E. The City will support legislation and policy that enhances the 911 system and brings Maricopa into the distribution of 911 funding.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE

A. The City will support legislation that advances the planning, design and completion of infrastructure projects and oppose legislation that will hinder completion of the same.

2018 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

I. The City will seek federal funding for transportation infrastructure projects.

II. The City will advocate for continued federal support, funding and progress of the Lower Santa Cruz River flood control project.

III. The City will seek legislation to distribute a portion of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land sales proceeds to impacted municipalities.

IV. The City will advocate with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency on issues negatively impacting the City of Maricopa.

V. The City shall monitor the EPA application by the Gila River Indian Community regarding water quality standard regulation.

Note: The Maricopa Federal Legislative Platform is managed by City staff and executed by Bob Holmes and Ana Ma of Nexxus Consulting as the City's D. C. based contract federal lobbyists.

STAFF REQUESTED LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

- Support legislation that improves health, wellness, and literacy and information access - Community Services.
- Support legislation that enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement: Maintain local control in labor negotiations and body camera policy, increase SRO funding. - Police
- Support legislation that would aid in new annexation procedures. – Development Services