

RESOLUTION NO. 23-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARICOPA, ARIZONA, CREATING THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND SETTING FORTH THE GOALS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City values the input of its citizens and believes that creating a Senior Advisory Committee as a means of public input is beneficial to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Advisory Committee will act in an advisory capacity related to enriching and enhancing the quality of life for seniors in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maricopa and City Council hereby creates the Senior Advisory Committee (“SAC”) subject to the following:

Section 1. *Number of Members.* The SAC shall have seven members, with each member being nominated by a member of the council.

Section 2. *Eligibility of Members.*

- (a) Members must be a current city of Maricopa resident, property owner or business owner for a minimum of one year.
- (b) Members must be at least 18 years of age and registered to vote in Pinal County.
- (c) Members appointed to the SAC shall not be a direct family member (parent, spouse, sibling or child) of a sitting member of council unless there are not sufficient applicants for the position.

Section 3. *Terms of Members.*

- (a) A member’s tenure shall be coterminous with the term of office of the nominating member of council.
- (b) Members shall continue to serve until their successor is approved by a vote of council.
- (c) In the event of death, resignation, or removal of a member, a vacancy will be declared and the nominating member of council shall be informed of the vacancy and allowed to begin the selection process for a new member.

Section 4. *Resignations or Removal of Members.*

- (a) Members will notify the nominating member of council of their intent to resign their appointed position prior to the end of their term.
- (b) Any member may be removed by a majority vote of council.
- (c) Any member who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings or is absent to any four meetings over a six-month period, without contacting the chairperson, shall be considered as having resigned his/her position.

Section 5. *Committee Goals.* The SAC shall act in an advisory capacity to City Council in the development and continuing review of ways to enrich and enhance the quality of life for seniors in the City. In this capacity, the SAC will be called on as needed, but no less than quarterly, to:

- (a) Act as liaison for all seniors in the city and advise on ways to enrich and enhance the health and quality of life of seniors in the community.
- (b) Solicit input and act as a public forum for issues that affect seniors in the City. The SAC can meet monthly at the Maricopa Senior Center, during operational hours, with an invitation for all seniors to attend these meetings.
- (c) Provide advice based on input received to improve the programs, policies, and services provided to seniors.
- (d) Identify barriers to access by seniors to city/county services and programs.
- (e) Form partnerships in the community to educate, inform, and improve the quality of life for seniors.
- (f) Work with and support existing senior programs. Assist with the marketing and, as appropriate, logistical and person power support of senior center services, programs, and events.
- (g) Assist with volunteer recruitment for organizations in the City. As more people retire, there's a void of skills and expertise based on a lifetime of experience. This collective knowledge needs to be harnessed to add value to the economy and to foster productivity in organizations and build better communities for us all.
- (h) Organize and manage the Senior Expo including seeking out community partners for assistance with this event. Clearly delineate what aspects of the event the committee and city staff will respectively be responsible for.
- (i) Organize and manage the annual Shred-A-Thon sponsored by AARP with the support of their council liaison(s). The City will assist with logistical set-up and provide marketing for this event as deemed appropriate by the City's communications team.
- (j) Organize and manage Lunch and Learn. The City will assist with logistical set-up and tear down and provide marketing for these events as deemed appropriate by the City's communications team.

Any change to these goals must be approved by City Council. The Council liaison(s) will act as an interface between the committee and City Council. The Committee Chair will ensure the execution of the scope of the committee. A City staff member, as assigned by the City Manager, may be called upon to provide necessary expertise for the committee to execute their goals.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Mayor and Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona, this 19th day of September 2023.

APPROVED:

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