

City of Maricopa 2017 Legislative Platform Requesting Council Approval

This 2017 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.

2017 State Legislative Platform

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.
- Oppose legislation that reduces shared revenues, Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF), Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) revenues, licensing or franchise fees, or any other source of current revenue for the City.
 - Support legislation that protects or enhances the City’s ability to collect construction sales tax at the site of construction and oppose legislation that does not.
 - Support legislation that proposes to have cities and towns share in use tax as an offset to any construction sales tax decreases.
 - Explore legislation that would allow for a City owned and operated concession at Copper Sky.
- B. The City will protect its ability to collect and use property taxes in order to properly manage the operations of the City and to manage growth.
- C. The City will support limited legislative corrective action to Development Impact Fee (DIF) law 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.
- Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates and burdensome regulations.

- Oppose legislation that imposes personal liability on Council members for actions taken as part of their official duty, and oppose legislation that increases City liability or requires the City to take on additional indemnity.
- Support equitable campaign finance measures.

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

- Support legislation that makes the annexation process more efficient.
- Support legislation to simplify the ability to acquire and implement land use strategies for state lands.

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.

- Support legislation that provides alternative financing tools in order to bring economic investments to the City.
- Support legislation that leverages tax laws in order to bring economic investments to the City.

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 utilizing its own local authority.

- Support legislation to increase actuarial solvency of public safety retirement plans while holding municipalities harmless.
- Seek legislative and non-legislative solutions for abandonment and unauthorized occupation of bank owned properties.

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.

- Support legislation that allows additional options to participate in cost sharing and to finance municipal recreational infrastructure.
- Support all aspects of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

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.

- Support legislation that brings additional services and cost effective resources to our senior and veteran communities.
- Support legislation that increases health care access to the City's residents.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- Support legislation that creates additional funding options or revenue sources for transportation infrastructure including private-public partnerships and new revenue streams.
- Support legislation that reduces or repeals unnecessary or redundant regulatory requirements.
- Support regional flood control.
- Support the efforts of the Regional Transportation Authority for infrastructure improvements.

B. The City will support legislation that enhances the City's ability to provide or oversee safe and affordable utility services while protecting the health, safety, and public welfare of the people within the City, and oppose any legislation that needlessly reduces the safety and affordability of utilities or compromises the City's oversight authority.

V. 2017 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

- A. The City will seek federal funding for transportation infrastructure projects.
- B. The City will advocate for continued federal support, funding and progress of the Lower Santa Cruz River flood control project.
- C. The City will seek legislation to distribute a portion of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land sales proceeds to impacted municipalities.

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

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

VI. STAFF REQUESTED LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Activity	Requesting Department
Support legislation that improves health, wellness, literacy and information access.	Community Services.
Support legislation that enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement, while protecting taxpayers and maintaining local authority.	Police
Support legislation that would aid in new annexation procedures.	Development Services