

City of Maricopa 2022 Legislative Platform

This 2022 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. Oppose legislation that results in the reduction of revenues collected by the City and support legislation that enhances revenue collections.
- B. Protect its ability to collect and use taxes in order to properly manage the operations of the City.

II. GOVERNANCE

- A. Oppose legislation that reduces the City’s local authority and support legislation that strengthens or increases local control.
- B. Support legislation that simplifies the ability to bring land into the City and oppose legislation that unduly restricts property rights.
- C. Support efforts to increase transparency and equity in campaign finance, elections, and other governmental actions.

III. QUALITY SERVICES

- A. Support legislation that enhances or incentivizes economic development within the City and oppose legislation that restricts economic development tools.
- B. 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. 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. 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. Support legislation and policy that enhances the 911 system and provides Maricopa with equitable distribution of 911 funding.

IV. INFRASTRUCTURE

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

2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

I. Pursue federal funding for transportation infrastructure and other municipal improvement projects.

II. Advocate with federal agencies to enhance Maricopa's ability to receive its appropriate share of federal aid programs.

III. Maintain regular contact with Arizona's Congressional delegation, inform them of relevant issues, and seek their assistance in furthering the City's goals.

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, maintains local control in labor negotiations and body camera policy and increases School Resource Officer funding. - Police
- Support legislation that would improve annexation procedures. – Development Services