



Legislative Presentation to Council

- Legislative Review
- Legislative Platform

Session Timeline

- Legislative Session always begins the 2nd Monday in January, this year Jan. 11th.
- Bills can be introduced prior to the start of session and up to early in February.
- There are approximately 1500 bills introduced each session, and about 350 make it to the Governor's desk.
- February 19th is the first committee deadline in the chamber of origin.
- March 26th is the second chamber's committee deadline - bills that have not received a hearing by this deadline are usually done for the year.
- The 100th day of session this year is April 20th.

Successful bills go through:

- Committee (our chance to testify)
- Rules
- Caucus
- COW
- Third Read
- Transfer to other chamber, repeat the process.
- Governor-sign, veto, let it go through without signature. Five days during session, ten out of session.

Successful bills:

- Successful bills become law 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, Sine Die.
- The purpose for this waiting period is to provide time for citizens to collect signatures for a referendum should they find a bill objectionable.
- One caveat to the 90 days rule: If the bill has an Emergency Clause (two-thirds majority) it will become law immediately upon the governor's signature.

City of Maricopa 2021 Legislative Platform

- This 2021 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.

City of Maricopa 2021 Legislative Platform

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 the 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.

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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.
- B. Monitor water policy discussions and support efforts to safeguard Maricopa's water supply.

Policy Development Group, principally Todd Baughman, assists the City with the implementation of the State Legislative Platform. This will be the fifth year of this contractual relationship.

2021 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 (e.g., COVID relief).
- III. Inform Arizona's Congressional delegation of relevant issues and seek their assistance in furthering the City's goals.

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 contract federal lobbyists. This is the 11th year of this contractual relationship.

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. – Economic and Community Development

Resources

Arizona State Legislature – ALIS, www.azleg.gov

Legislator Information, Bill Search, Bill Status, Bill Summaries,
Committee Agendas, Watch Live Proceedings, Request to Speak (RTS)

League of Cities and Towns - www.azleague.org

Legislative Issues and Bulletin, Events and Training Schedule,
Resource Library, General Counsel Opinions, Publications

Legislation on Line Arizona – LOLA (subscription)