

Memorandum

City Manager's Office



Date: December 1, 2016
To: Mayor and Council
Through: Andrew Ching, City Manager
From: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
Subject: 2017 State Legislative Principles

Staff is seeking Council input and discussion of the 2017 State Legislative Principles. The principles (attached to this memo) will act as a guide in the development of policy statements and positions throughout the 2017 legislative session.

The First Regular Session of Arizona's 53rd State Legislature will begin Monday, January 9, 2017. The State Legislature considers many legislative proposals throughout the session. Because of the broad responsibilities held by municipal governments, many legislative proposals have the potential to impact City operations, finances and governance. Included in the principles are topics that may be addressed during the 2017 session. The list is not exhaustive and staff will seek direction from the Mayor and Council on additional policy matters as they develop. Mayor and Council will continue to receive updates addressing current legislative proposals.

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns 2017 Municipal Policy Statement will be shared with Council when it is available in a few weeks. The League supports policies that support and sustain local decision-making to safeguard the resources and autonomy that cities require to serve their residents. Mayor Mark Mitchell currently serves on the Executive Committee of the League. Staff works closely with the League to communicate a clear message on policy proposals of shared interest.

During the legislative session, staff works continuously with Mayor and Council, state legislators, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and other partners to ensure that the City's perspective and interests are represented in policy discussions and decisions.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.