

Memorandum



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To: Mayor and City Council

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Subject: City of Tempe Resilience Workshop

This is an update of the recent City of Tempe Resilience Workshop. On Thursday, November 10th City of Tempe senior management participated in workshop to further develop skills necessary to support a resilient and sustainable city. The workshop is a component of Tempe's involvement in a national professional development program for municipal governments.

The Leadership in Community Resilience program is administered by National League of Cities (NLC) and funded by Wells Fargo. City of Tempe partnered with ASU to design and facilitate the half-day workshop. The ASU team included Dr. Arnim Wiek (School of Sustainability), Dr. Lauren Keeler (School for the Future of Innovation and Society), graduate students from the School of Sustainability, and The Global Institute of Sustainability's Executive and Professional Education team. This workshop highlights the continued collaboration between ASU and City of Tempe.

City staff is dedicated to finding ways to use this activity, and to developing a second activity focused on strategy building towards creating a more sustainable and resilient Tempe. This program is a wonderful opportunity to learn national best practices from NLC and other cities, while developing skills and approaches to ensure that city staff is better prepared for potential future shocks and can adequately address sustainability challenges.