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2010 Election Issue*

The Town of Paradise Valley will hold an election on March 9, 2010 to fill three seats on the Town Council. The question on whether the mayor should be elected by the people or selected by council from among the seven members will also be on the ballot. If necessary, a run-off election will be held on May 18, 2010.

This edition of the Town Reporter includes general election information and personal statements provided by each of the candidates to aid voters in making informed ballot choices. As in past years, this will be a vote-by-mail election.

~ Frequently Asked Questions ~

How do I know if I am registered to vote in this election?

It is only necessary to register to vote once with the Maricopa County Recorders Office to be eligible to vote in all school district, local, county, state, and national elections. If you have moved or changed your name it is necessary to re-register. Voters may verify their registration status by visiting www.recorder.maricopa.gov and click on Elections.

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Important Dates

January 28	Deadline to file as a write-in candidate
February 8	Voter registration closes
February 11	Ballots mailed to registered voters
March 9	Election Day – Voted ballots must be received
March 25	Council Meeting to Canvass the Election Results

IF A RUN-OFF ELECTION IS NECESSARY -

April 19	Voter registration closes
April 22	Ballots mailed to registered voters
May 18	Election Day – Voted ballots must be received
May 27	Council Meeting to Canvass the Election Results
June 10	New Council takes office

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The order of candidate statements was selected by a random drawing of names. The statements are printed verbatim as submitted by each candidate.

*A Spanish translation of this issue of the Town Reporter may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

*Una versión en español de este folleto informativo se puede conseguir en la Oficina del Secretario del Municipio.

Town Voters to Consider Direct Election of the Mayor

At the March 9, 2010 Primary Election, Paradise Valley voters will also consider whether the mayor should be elected by the people or selected by the council from among their number. The proposed ordinance, which was approved by council in January 2009 and referred to the voters, provides for the mayor to be elected to a two-year term beginning in 2012. Councilmembers would continue to be elected to staggered four-year terms. In summary, the ordinance provides the following:

- The mayoral term of office is 2 years
- The effective date is Spring 2012
- Any vacancies in the mayoral office will be filled by appointment from among the then-sitting councilmembers
- Future election cycles will include 3 councilmember positions and 1 mayoral position every Spring of even-numbered years

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Do I need to request a ballot?

No. All registered voters in Paradise Valley will automatically receive an official election ballot in the mail. Ballots will be mailed on February 11, 2010. If you do not receive a ballot, you may visit the Town Clerk's Office during business hours on or before March 9 to vote.

How do I complete my ballot?

Voters may vote for up to three candidates by completing the arrow next to the selected candidate's name with a black ball point pen or pencil. Ballots must be returned by mail to the Maricopa County Elections Department using the postage paid return envelope provided. Voters may also drop off their ballots at Town Hall during business hours between February 15 and March 9, or at any Maricopa County polling location. Voted ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2010. Each voted ballot must be mailed separately and not combined by household into one envelope. The voter's signature is required on the outside of the return envelope as a security measure to prevent voter fraud.

What measures are taken to prevent voter fraud with the vote by mail process?

There are a number of safeguards built into the vote by mail process. The most important are the procedures

for comparison of voters' signatures and the limitations on who may handle the ballots and related material. Voters must sign the return envelope before mailing or depositing it in a ballot box. When the Maricopa County Elections Department receives the envelopes the signatures are scanned and matched with the voter's signature on his or her voter registration form. Once verified, the ballot envelopes are secured and remain unopened until Election Day when County Election Officials tabulate the ballots.

What if I lose or spoil my ballot?

Voters may request a replacement ballot by calling 602-506-1511. Voters may also visit the Town Clerk's Office during business hours between February 15 and March 9 to vote a replacement ballot. On Election Day, March 9, the Clerk's Office will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to issue replacement ballots and accept voted ballots.

What if I am going to be out of town between February 11 and March 9?

You may contact the Maricopa County Elections Department in writing to request that your ballot be forwarded to a different address by mailing Maricopa County Elections, 510 S. 3rd Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85003 or faxed to 602-506-5112.

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Candidate Statements



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I would be honored to serve you, the residents of the Town of Paradise Valley, as a Town Council member. As your representative, I will work hard for you. “Responsibility and Long-Term Planning” is my foundation – specifically a balanced budget, a long-term financial plan and responsible development and redevelopment. I am committed to working through the complexities of these issues and making decisions that are fiscally responsible and that will preserve the character and community spirit of our Town.

My husband and I have lived in Paradise Valley for over 12 years and both of our children (Jesse and Eliana) were born here. The Town is our home and we are proud residents. When we moved here from Massachusetts, we were immediately attracted to the open space and small-town feel of the Town of Paradise Valley. We decided in short order that this is where we would settle.

I am a Certified Public Accountant and have over 20 years of experience in both public and private sectors of the business community. I strongly believe in community service and continue to serve my community in many ways. Some highlights of my professional background and community service are:

- Senior Manager Financial Services, KPMG Peat Marwick (Boston)
- Director of Finance and New Business Development, Doubletree Hotel Corporation (Phoenix)
- Assistant Treasurer, Del Webb Corporation (Phoenix)

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I ask for your vote for Town Council because I have the demonstrated experience, dedication and commitment necessary to understand the issues that challenge our community and a passion and energy to preserve our Town’s traditional charm and quality of life.

I was appointed to the Town Planning Commission in summer of 2007 and unanimously reappointed in fall of 2009. During my tenure I have been at the center of many town issues. Our development of the revised SUP ordinance will encourage resort reinvestment while providing additional checks-and-balances for the preservation of our low density neighborhood lifestyle. Our work on the Ritz Carlton Paradise Valley resulted in a voter-approved land use plan with a more appropriate relationship to its surroundings than other resort developments that preceded my time on Planning Commission.

My wife Jennifer and I have been residents of Paradise Valley for nine years and have three children. I own an engineering and environmental consulting practice and my academic background includes a Ph.D. in Planning from Arizona State University, and a B.S. in Urban Planning and Development from the University of Southern California. I am a veteran of the U.S. Navy and serve as President of Camelback Country Club Estates Association of Homeowners, Inc.

Today more than ever we need to look forward and develop a vision for our town. In 2013 we will update our town’s General Plan. Council members elected this March will provide policy direction during this update. It will be critical to have a council with leadership and expertise in

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People have had their faith in our political leaders shaken with the downturn in the economy. But Americans and especially Arizonans are at their best when times are tough. I am a candidate for the Paradise Valley Town Council because I think our best is ahead of us. I will work within our system to solve problems and keep Paradise Valley moving forward.

About Larry Fink

Time and expertise is what I am privileged to bring to the Paradise Valley Town Council. Service to the residents of our community will be my motto.

As a resident of Arizona for 29 years, I have made Paradise Valley my home raising 2 children with my wife, Margo who volunteers with the reading programs at Kiva Elementary School and at the Paradise Valley Relay for Life.

I will be able to contribute as a strong leader and member of the Council because of my experience:

- Board of Directors Phoenix Zoo
- Treasurer and Executive Committee Temple Solel
- Bachelors degree in Accounting and Finance
- Co-Vice President Kiva Elementary School PTO
- Treasurer and VP Finisterre Homeowners Association
- Successful 31 year career in the Arizona real estate business

Fighting for Us

The fight for the repeal of the Arizona American Water rate hikes is another reason I chose to run for the Town Council. We fought it all the way to the Arizona Corporation Commission. And we won!

Working to preserve the lifestyle we love in Paradise Valley through an open and transparent role of governing, creating a conservative fiscal budget and building on the strong foundation that has been created by previous Council members is how I will vote and participate on the Council.

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JIM BAKER – THE RIGHT SKILLS MAKE THE REAL DIFFERENCE FOR PV

Serving our town and its citizens is the motivation behind my candidacy for Town Council. With more complex budgetary challenges and sophisticated land use demands facing our town, I believe my professional background and experiential knowledge will be extremely beneficial to Paradise Valley and its residents. I care deeply about our town and our town’s future with the clear distinction that the right skills will make a real difference. I have those skills.

With a degree in accounting and more than 30 years in professional land use and real estate development, I am well equipped to tackle the tough issues confronting town government today and into the future. These skills are critical for our town’s well being in not only preserving our tradition as one of the country’s most desirable communities, but also in maintaining our pristine environment. Land use and preservation are crucial issues necessitating professional expertise. Both are critically tied to our town’s revenue stream and fiscal responsibilities.

As a long time resident, I faithfully attended most every Planning Commission meeting for several years prior to being appointed a Planning Commissioner. I was well versed on the issues before assuming the official duties and continue to serve now. As an active member in the Citizens Forum, I addressed land use and residential issues on behalf of citizen concerns and acted with others as a liaison with town leaders.

With all due respect and genuine humility, I promise you that I will not shy away from tough decisions or resort to easy answers as a member of the Town Council. And, I pledge to always serve with integrity.



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A position as Councilman is not something to be taken lightly. It is a position of authority and as such requires someone comfortable with accepting responsibility. The question to be asked is “What do you want in a Councilman?”

You certainly want someone who will listen to your concerns and provide the leadership to promptly find a resolution. But more than that, you want someone with a wide variety of policy-level experience and skills. You want someone honest and straightforward. You want a person who works very hard for your Town, with no agenda besides doing right by your Town.

I am that person. Vote for me and I’ll help you preserve the character of Paradise Valley.

I served on Council two terms in the mid-80’s and 4-years on our Planning & Zoning Commission, including Chairman. I know how challenging it can be. My entire 45-year career has uniquely prepared me to serve as your Councilman again.

With IBM and other firms, my assignment was to listen to customers, learn about their problems and formulate the best solutions. I would financially justify these solutions and work with customers implementing the best choice. I would then provide people and project management to ensure successful completion, and be there over the long-term, to ensure customer satisfaction.

How do you choose someone who will do something this difficult, extremely well? You pick someone who is highly motivated to help others, and has a track record of being successful at this. I have over 34-years of continuous volunteer service to our Town. My candidacy to be your Councilman is endorsed by eight Town of Paradise Valley Mayors.

My present service to the Town includes: Municipal Property Corporation Board; Police Retirement Board, Chair; and PVPD Homeland-Security Team. Prior to being a Town Councilman and Planning & Zoning

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The Town of Paradise Valley is a great place to live and I would be honored to serve as a town council member. I moved to Arizona as a child and have lived in Paradise Valley since 1991. I grew up riding horses and have a deep connection with the desert. I’ve raised my five children here. It’s because of this connection that makes me feel passionate about maintaining Paradise Valley’s wonderful character including the open spaces and the great vistas.

We’re facing a critical juncture in the town’s financial position. Our revenues have seen the same drop that other cities and towns have experienced and because almost half of our revenues come from sales tax, bed tax and construction permits, we will have to make some tough decisions going forward. I run a medium-sized family business and understand how to make payroll and live within a budget. I will use my skills in leadership and business management to ensure that we have a balanced budget while maintaining the necessary town services.

As a past HOA president for my neighborhood I have experience in working with Town staff and officials on land use issues and I’m a strong believer in individual property rights! I understand how to get things done and how to work with people. I’m asking for your vote because I’ll represent you!

One of the main roles of local government is to ensure the public safety for all residents. You have my promise that the police department and the fire department will always have the financial support they need to continue to provide the level of service that we have come to expect.

The Town will face many challenges such as better telecommunications, resort redevelopment, providing sustainable services to Town residents, and more environmentally sensitive trash alternatives. Over the next four years it is important to choose leaders who are individual thinkers but who can work together to find solutions to these and other community issues. I am a hard worker and I like getting things done. I would appreciate your vote on March 9.

Thank you.
Paul Dembow

Announcements

New Court Hours

Effective March 1, 2010

Paradise Valley Municipal Court will be open Monday – Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed Fridays) to offer early morning and evening access to the Court. This change maximizes Court resources and enhances customer service accessibility. Paradise Valley Municipal Court is dedicated to serving the community by providing both a stable and progressive court. If you would like additional information, please contact Jeanette Wiesenhofer, Court Director at 480-348-3519 or jwiesenhofer@paradisevalleyaz.gov.



Jeanette Wiesenhofer, Municipal Court Director

Town of Paradise Valley Launches New Website

On January 8, 2010 the Town launched a new website to better serve and communicate with residents. The www.paradisevalleyaz.gov address remains the same.

The website was completely redesigned and features elements of the Town's natural beauty. The intuitive navigation and cascading menu structure on the homepage quickly directs visitors to the information they are seeking. With one click from the homepage visitors can:

- Sign up for email notifications about public meetings, job postings, bid postings, and news announcements
- View emergency alerts
- Report a code violation, email a request for service or schedule a building inspection
- View a comprehensive staff directory or print a comprehensive Town events calendar
- Find the names and phone numbers of utility companies that service Paradise Valley
- Link to the Town's resorts, schools and places of worship

Over the coming months, additional content will be added to the site's already extensive records archive. This information is easily accessible using the search feature located on every page.

The new website is easy to navigate and hopefully will encourage users to log in and visit the Town of Paradise Valley online.

Town Alarm Monitoring Service

More and more residents are finding out about the Town's alarm monitoring service. The Town added 50 new customers in 2009 and hopes to add even more this year. The service is unique in that the alarms are answered directly at the Paradise Valley Police Department. All other alarm services in Town have their own dispatch center. The cost for the Town's alarm service ranges from \$35 to \$50 per month, depending on the number of zones in each household and whether digital backup service is selected. If you would like more information about this important Town service, please contact Magdalena Santos at 480-948-7751, or email msantos@paradisevalleyaz.gov.



Water Committee Report

Water is not only essential for our survival, but it contributes immeasurably to the quality of our lives and plays a significant role in the health, well-being and safety of Paradise Valley residents, not to mention our economy.

In January 2009, the Town Council approved the formation of a new Water Utility Committee, restructuring its composition and goals. The Committee is comprised of seven members, with representation from council, staff and residents. Two major goals were established: 1) to strengthen communication with residents, providers, and other stakeholders; and 2) to create constructive solutions to meet our current and future water needs.

The Committee's immediate focus was to monitor the Arizona American water rate case. Town resident and Committee member Janice Stoney demonstrated perseverance and commitment to this case on behalf of residents in the Arizona American service area. Since rate cases are incredibly technical, Ms. Stoney's expertise makes her well suited to assist Town staff in representing our community's interests.

The Committee also initiated an assessment of the Town's infrastructure and water supply. The scope of this endeavor is significant and on going as we collaborate with the Town's three water providers, Arizona American Water, City of Phoenix Water and Berneil Water. This effort is technical in nature and we are fortunate to have the leadership of Town Engineer Bill Mead and Town resident Bill Plummer, who brings his prior experience with the Arizona Department of Water Resources to the task.

In May 2009, the Town held a water conservation event, under the leadership of Town resident Robert Hobbs and Planning & Building Director Eva Cutro, with assistance from Senior Planner Molly



Pam Kirby, Water Committee Chair

Hood. During this event, Mr. Hobbs described the practical and replicable changes he made, joining forces with his landscaper to reduce his water usage by 60% without adversely affecting the beauty of his property. Due to conservation efforts thus far, our water consumption is down 5% from one year ago.

As Chair of the Water Utility Committee, I have enjoyed working with such a remarkable group of community leaders in shaping the future of your Town and I look forward to addressing the challenges ahead! If you are interested in learning more about the Water Utility Committee and/or joining our efforts, please contact me at pkirby@paradisevalleyaz.gov.

Water Utility Committee Members: *Council Member Pam Kirby, Chair, Vice Mayor Jini Simpson, Town residents Robert Hobbs, Bill Plummer and Janice Stoney, Planning & Building Director Eva Cutro and Town Engineer Bill Mead.*



Committee Reports



2010 Art Exhibit

The art work of local artist Dave McGary was presented to the Town in October. Titled Expressions in Bronze, his outstanding exhibit will be at Town Hall through September 2010. Residents are invited to view these remarkable bronzes Monday to Friday during regular business hours, and at other times in connection with scheduled public meetings at Town Hall.

McGary studied anatomy and bronze-making with a master craftsmen in Italy and sculpted his first bronze at the age of 17. This piece titled The Inheritance is currently on display at Town Hall. During the years McGary developed his own style and technique and by 1982 his bronze work began receiving recognition at national art competitions, receiving many prestigious awards. Today, McGary is internationally known and is becoming a living legend

among contemporary artists of the American West. He is considered the Master of Realism in his depiction of Native American Indians.

Some of his works in the form of maquettes include: the Shoshone Warrior and Peacemaker, Chief Washakie; the monumental sculpture Free Spirits at Noisy Water; the epic work Battle of Two Hearts; and the Emergence of the Chief, a sculpture that stands over 24 feet tall at Concordia University campus in Montreal, Canada. Portions of the sale of his masterwork maquettes are donated for scholarships for Native American students.

Arts Advisory Committee Members: Chair Bets Manera, Jane Cole, Ellen Gerding, Bunny Gordon, Ann Kingsmore, Louise McCall, Scott Simpson, Council Liaison Mary Hamway and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro.

Committee Reports

5th Annual Vintage Car Show

The Town of Paradise Valley, mostly known for its world class resorts, has taken on a new persona in recent years. Car aficionados valley-wide now recognize our Town as the host of a very unique vintage car show. The primary objective of the show is to bring residents, young and old, to Town Hall to meet their neighbors and enjoy these magnificent classic cars. Town resident Bil Keane, renowned cartoonist and creator of “The Family Circus,” has created and autographed many T-shirts for these occasions and was honored as Grand Marshall of this year’s event.

The event was born in a unique way. Five years ago, Town employees held a car wash to raise money for the American Cancer Society. When resident Bob Lavinia brought his vintage cars for a good washing, he suggested that the Town consider raising money with a car show instead. Coincidentally, Mayor Ron Clarke and Vice Mayor Ed Winkler, both big car buffs, thought it was a great idea. When they discussed the idea generated at the car wash with Town staff, a committee was formed and the Paradise Valley Vintage Car Show was born.

For five consecutive years we have invited our neighbors

and friends to take the vintage cars out of their garages and drive them to Town Hall to show the cars for three hours in the morning. Participants then take a police escorted driving tour through Paradise Valley, ending at a local resort for lunch. There is no judging of cars, no trophies, just good camaraderie. We do request that each entrant donate an entry fee to our designated charity. This year the committee elected to donate all proceeds and contributions from the show to the Arizona Military Family Relief Fund; Arizonans helping Veteran Arizonans.

Viewing the 125 plus cars at the show is always fun, but to be able to see them drive by designated neighborhoods, making the various noises that are emitted from these wonderful machines, is a real treat. All cars are pre-1975 and include vintage European and American sports cars, 50’s chrome beauties, muscle cars from the 1960’s, classics from the pre-war period, a great selection of hot rods and even cars from the brass area.

The event is held every year on the second Saturday of November. If you are interested in bringing out your vintage car next year, call Diane Wayland at 480-348-3530 or email her at dwayland@paradisivalleyaz.gov.



Ron Clarke, Ed Winkler and Bil Keane

Budget Update

Budget Update

The Town of Paradise Valley is experiencing the same revenue shortfalls that have regularly been reported by other cities and towns in the region. Town services are funded by three primary activities: new construction, resort sales and bed taxes and shared revenue payments from our state government. All three revenue sources are down from their 2007 levels and further reductions are expected next year. Against that backdrop, the Council has worked to maintain our Town's three basic services: public safety, street maintenance and land use regulation. That commitment will continue as the Town Council works to develop a budget for our next fiscal year.

The Council met in December to establish preliminary estimates for next year's budget. As a result of that meeting, Town staff has been asked to develop a budget recommendation based on five per cent less revenue than this year's expected total. The Council will review these recommendations in March and April of this year and a budget for next year is expected to be adopted in May.



Residents should expect the recommended budget to be similar to the currently adopted one. The Town's commitment to public safety will remain strong. We currently allocate over one-half of our general fund for police and fire services. Expect that to continue. The decrease in revenues has dramatically reduced the Town's ability to invest in capital improvement projects. Only \$334,000 was available this year. Expect even a smaller amount next year. Council discussion on the recommended budget is expected to focus on ways to increase the amount available for capital projects and different ways to pay the debt service on our two new fire stations. The cost of building the new stations was originally expected to be paid from increased resort revenues. Those have not materialized and the Town is making the annual fire station payments from its cash reserves.

The current budget is available on the Town's website and the recommended budget will be posted when it is presented to the Town Council in the spring.

Mary Ann Brines Exceptional Performance Award

At a special employee award luncheon held in December, Assistant Police Chief Larry Scott was selected as the 2009 recipient of the Mary Ann Brines Exceptional Performance Award. According to his nominator, Chief Scott "is always willing to help and goes above the call of duty, doing things that are not in his job description."

For additional information on the award process and how you can nominate a Town employee, please contact the Town Manager's office at 480-348-3690.

Committee Members: Vice Mayor and Committee Chair Jini Simpson, Town residents Linda Thompson and Linda Peterson Warren, Police Commander and Former Recipient Alan Laitsch, Town Manager Jim Bacon and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegro.



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Can someone else pick up a replacement ballot for me?

No. Replacement ballots can only be issued directly to the voter. This is to ensure that no other person has the opportunity to steal, alter, or invalidate a mail ballot.

Who do I call for more information about the election?

Please call the Paradise Valley Town Clerk’s Office at 480-348-3610 during business hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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- Treasury Director, Camelot Homes (Scottsdale)
- Co-President and Treasurer, Kiva Elementary PTO (Paradise Valley)
- Treasurer, PVUMC Preschool (Paradise Valley)
- Soccer Coach, Scottsdale Soccer League

I have years of experience in working through difficult decisions. I attribute much of my success to my dedication and ability to drive an issue to the finish line. I listen, evaluate, decide and act. I value the perspective others bring to the table and I am willing to collaborate to achieve the best result. I would appreciate your vote on March 9, 2010. If I am elected, I will be a clear and strong voice for you. I am completely dedicated to making sound fiscal decisions that lay the foundation for long-term sustainability of the special nature of our Town.

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town land use and the planning process and I hope you find me uniquely qualified to represent you during this time.

I am proud of our town and the work accomplished but we have more work ahead. We should find ways to be responsible in the application of town-wide policies and ordinances that are more appropriate for some neighborhoods than others. We should find ways to allow gated communities to remain private but our resorts to be open. We should diversify our revenue streams without property taxation so that we are less vulnerable to real estate and tourism downturns while remaining vigilant in our efforts to provide targeted and efficient government services to our residents.

I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to serve you as a planning commissioner. I ask for your vote so that I can better serve you as a council member.

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Issues

Based on recent conversations with Paradise Valley voters like you, the following issues are the most pressing for our community and what I will be focusing on:

- Improve cell phone service
- Fight against property taxes
- Improve the Berneil Channel
- Transparent and open communication
- Keep the budget effective and balanced
- Prioritize street, drainage and sewer maintenance
- Monitor the water provider issues and rate structures
- Sensible development of the Ritz and Mountain Shadows

The Paradise Valley Mayor and other Town Council members have endorsed me. I will work hard for you and help us get through these difficult times. Please vote for Larry Fink for Paradise Valley Town Council.

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Commissioner, I served our Town eight years as an Arizona Certified Reserve Police Officer.

My civic activities include: ASU Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics Center Board; Scottsdale RR-Park improvement leader; Literacy Tutor, Navajo Elementary School; PVUMC Church leader (Church Council, past Finance Committee Chair; Missions Team).

I’ve been an Arizonian since 1956. After graduating from Camelback HS, I received Electrical Engineering and Marketing degrees from the University of Colorado. I returned to Paradise Valley in 1974 with my best friend Carol. We’ve been married 45 years and successfully raised two children.



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