



2024 Town of Queen Creek Legislative Guiding Principles

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Overarching Goals

- Represent the Town's **vision, mission and values**.
- Encourage other levels of government to **work collaboratively** with cities and towns on issues of mutual interest.
- Protect **local funding and self-determination**, as well as enhance opportunities to improve the **Town's economic sustainability** and provide for necessary **infrastructure development**.
- Advocate for access to availability **of secure, long-term sustainable** and **fiscally responsible water resources** for the current and future growth of the community.
- Promote **economic development opportunities** in partnership with **the State**.



Objectives

- Protect local funding
- Ensure adequate funding of state agencies for state services
- Maintain local self-determination and oppose unfunded mandates
- Evaluate construction sales tax reform in conjunction with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns' Task Force recommendations
- Reduce unfunded pension liabilities and balance fiscal constraints with benefits provided to employees
- Promote economic development opportunities in partnership with the State
- Preserve funding for the Maricopa County Library District
- Support transportation improvements and associated funding
- Support policies that provide access to secure, long-term sustainable and fiscally responsible water resources that contribute to an assured water supply



Major Changes from 2023

- Included opposition to **the shifting of Arizona Highway User Revenue Funds** to fund the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
- Added language to the housing/zoning policy statements that we continue to maintain the right to determine **key design aesthetics/standards** that determine the look and feel of the community and are committed **to further process improvements and efficiencies**.
- Added language that we support opportunities for **the expansion of the Queen Creek County Island Fire District** within the Town's municipal planning area to provide aid to adjacent neighborhoods and communities.
- Updated language to reference the announcement of LG Energy Solutions and **support mechanisms for local governments to receive up to 80% reimbursement of public infrastructure** from advanced manufacturers' share of the state construction sales tax.



Major Changes from 2023 (continued)

- Updated language to reflect that **Proposition 400 extension** is currently on the ballot.
- Added support to **seek relief in the event the requested tax refunds, plus interest**, as a result of the invalidation of the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority tax, **exceed the available escrow balance**.
- Added language that supports legislative efforts that contribute to the **goals of an alternative designation**, **reduce costs to the taxpayers for participation** and would allow **CAGR member lands to remain member lands**.
- Prepared language updates to **modernize legislative terminology** and reflect the **current state of affairs** of issues.





QUESTIONS?

