

2026 STATE & FEDERAL AGENDA

The purpose of this document is to define the City of Goodyear's legislative priorities and core values for the 2026 state and federal legislative sessions. These principles will serve as the leading document providing direction to Government Relations staff to ensure the City is actively engaging on issues at the State and U.S. Capitols that reflect the priorities and mission of the Goodyear City Council.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PRESERVE LOCAL AUTHORITY & PURSUE LOCAL FUNDING

Support existing funding sources that bring revenue to the City of Goodyear, which support the quality of life for its residents. The most common examples of this are the portion of state shared income tax (urban revenue sharing), state transaction privilege tax, food taxes, and Highway User Revenue Fund monies cities receive from the state. Any efforts to reduce, sweep, or eliminate any of these shared revenue sources will be opposed. Support policy solutions created to offset the impact of the elimination of residential rental tax, which took effect on January 1, 2025.

SAFEGUARD GOODYEAR'S HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

Maintain attributes that make Goodyear a desirable community for families and businesses alike. These may include: open space, economic prosperity, safe neighborhoods, protecting zoning and design review, efficient transportation, public safety, and managed growth.

COLLABORATE TO BUILD A ROBUST TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Engage with regional partners to ensure Goodyear's residents have reliable and efficient transportation options in and out of their community. Encourage efforts that seek to modernize existing funding mechanisms to ensure the viability and long-term maintenance of the transportation system.

Support federal, state, and regional funding for statewide, regional, and local transportation and infrastructure projects. Ensure successful completion of Goodyear's priority projects funded in part by the region's half-cent transportation sales tax. Work collaboratively with our federal, state, regional, and other local partners to secure additional funding for the region's important infrastructure needs.



PROTECT & ENHANCE WATER SUPPLY

Collaborate with the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association and agency members to support legislation that prioritizes long-term water security, protects the City's aquifers, and advocates for the development of new water supplies. Identify additional water efficiency practices and conservation measures in order to protect and enhance our water portfolio while upholding the principles of the Groundwater Management Act. Ensure the City of Goodyear is able to supply assured, safe, and sustainable water and wastewater services to its residents.

SUSTAIN THE MISSION OF LUKE AIR FORCE BASE

Secure the long-term mission and viability of Luke Air Force Base through local and regional community support as well as any state or federal legislation that strengthens local efforts to protect the base. Specific items may include: protecting military airports, limiting encroachment, and expanding future missions.

PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PROSPERITY

Maintain and enhance the caliber of economic development opportunities available to the City through supporting new and existing tools for private sector growth and revitalization. Support legislative changes that allow growth to pay for itself in order to attract new and reliable development opportunities.

SUPPORT THE PHOENIX-GOODYEAR AIRPORT

Continue to partner with the City of Phoenix to ensure continued operations of the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport. Monitor and be aware of changes made by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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