

## CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS – Residency Requirement w/ Exceptions

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-15 and 3-16

Members: 7 (must have special qualifications for appointment)

- Arizona registered architect or engineer (1)
- Employed by an Arizona licensed contractor in one or more areas of electrical, mechanical or plumbing (1)
- Background or experience in one or more of the following areas: single family home construction, real estate or general construction (1)
- Fire protection professional with knowledge in fire and building codes (1)
- Industrial safety professional with knowledge in hazardous materials (1)
- Residents of the City familiar with the construction industry and trades (2)

Duties: The Board renders technical interpretations of building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical codes which either supports or rejects the City’s Chief Building Official’s Interpretation.

Liaison: Adina Lund and/or Dennis Chase / Development and Engineering

Vacant
Reappointment

### CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Demmer, David	Palo Verde	Peoria Citizen	2/1/2003	11/1/2005	12/7/2010	10/7/2014	9/13/2022	12/31/2024
Grainger, Scott	Other	Licensed Fire Protection Engineer	8/26/2015	4/16/2019	6/6/2023			6/30/2025
Grenier, Dennis	Mesquite	Construction Background	11/17/2015	1/7/2020				12/31/2023
Gribow, Harold	Other	Industrial Safety	6/1/2007	4/5/2011	4/7/2015	4/16/2019	6/6/2023	12/31/2025
Jaegge, Phillip	Ironwood	Peoria Citizen	2/1/2022	6/6/2023				6/30/2025
Watt, Michael	Pine	Licensed Contractor	9/1/1997	12/1/2005	12/1/2009	10/1/2013	11/9/2021	6/30/2024
VACANT (was Tysiac)		Registered Architect or Engineer						12/31/2022

### CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES

Name	District	Member Status	Term/Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration
VACANT (was Tysiac)		Registered Architect or Engineer	12/31/2022	No	12/31/2024

### NO PENDING APPLICATIONS

- Reappointment Dennis Grenier without interview

## **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – Residency Requirement w/ Exceptions**

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-17 and 3-18

Members: 7

- Architects, Landscape Architects, Land or Urban Design Planners, Professional Engineers, Land Developers, Builders, Contractors or persons qualified by Design Background training or experience (5)
- Peoria Citizens (2)

Duties: The Design Review Board is authorized to hear design review appeals, work with city staff on issues related to the design review process, recommend process modifications and ensure community review and input on design review concepts.

Liaison: Chris Jacques / Planning and Community Development

Vacant
Reappointment

### **CURRENT MEMBERS**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Hawkins, Adam	Willow	Landscape Architect	8/4/2018	1/4/2022				12/31/2023
Heath, Mike	Palo Verde	Private Citizen	3/6/2018	6/7/2022				12/31/2024
Pruett, Adam	Palo Verde	Land Planning / Urban Design	6/4/2019	1/7/2020				12/31/2023
Schulz, Jim	Ironwood	Private Citizen	4/17/2018	3/24/2020				6/30/2024
Vacant								6/30/2022
Vacant								12/31/2023
Vacant								6/30/2023

### **CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Current Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration
Vacant (Was Bonita)		Architects, Landscape Architects, Land or Urban Design Planners, Professional Engineers, Land Developers, Builders, Contractors or persons qualified by Design Background training or experience	6/30/2022	No	
Vacant (Was Duplessis)		Architects, Landscape Architects, Land or Urban Design Planners, Professional Engineers, Land Developers, Builders, Contractors or persons qualified by Design Background training or experience	12/31/2023	No	
Vacant (Was Loper)		Architects, Landscape Architects, Land or Urban Design Planners, Professional Engineers, Land Developers, Builders, Contractors or persons qualified by Design Background training or experience	6/30/2023	No	

- Reappoint Adam Hawkins without interview
- Reappoint Adam Pruett without interview

## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
1/31/2023	Adesso, Alesia	Mesquite	<p><b>Why interested:</b> I recently moved to Peoria and have an interest in being a team player to help ensure the continued growth of the community is managed with the highest standards.</p> <p><b>Members of Board:</b> (0) Resident of Peoria (2)</p> <p><b>Experiences of professional qualifications:</b> I have a degree in interior design, and spent most of my 20 + years focusing on interior space planning while employed by a general contractor, and later running my own design business. My duties included meeting with clients, drafting their space plan needs to state and local municipal codes, and processing with those drawings through the permit process with both city and county government agencies. My experience includes a working knowledge of the requirements of egress and parking spaces, exterior and interior ADA compliance, and overall aesthetics of exterior and interior finishes.</p> <p><b>Role in shaping the future of community:</b> As a senior citizen, I feel I can add a unique perspective that bridges what I did while working and apply it to the challenges of aging.</p>
8/2/2023	Bailor, Mark	Ironwood	<p><b>Interest:</b> As an experienced landscape architect and resident of Peoria, I am interested in joining the Peoria Design Review Board for several reasons: Maintaining and enhancing the aesthetic and visual character of our city; Promoting and encouraging sustainable, livable, functional, and environmental conscious designs; Contribution of over 15 years of experience in the landscape architecture profession to help evaluate and guide design; Opportunity to give back to my community.; Professional growth and increased experience.</p> <p><b>Experiences or qualifications:</b> Registered Landscape Architect in Arizona (#77483), Oklahoma (#LA08044), and Washington (#1435); 15+ years of experience in the landscape architecture profession (6 years of experience in Arizona); Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager at Valley Quest Design (landscape architecture firm); Bachelors of Science - Landscape Architecture from Oklahoma State University – 2007; CLARB Certified; LEED AP; Member of the Oklahoma State University Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Board</p> <p><b>Role on Board:</b> I would hope my role on the Design Review Board would encourage the following for the future of our community: Sustainable development that would promote projects that minimize environmental impacts, encourages green infrastructure, and conserves natural resources; Enhanced livability through design that prioritizes the health, well-being, and quality of life for our citizens; Influence the aesthetic and overall feel of our community and enhance the city's identity; Act as a "bridge" between the residents and fellow professionals to better engage with and understand the needs of the community.</p>
12/30/2022	Gestrich, Thomas	Mesquite	<p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in the sustained and well planned growth for the Peoria community. I admire the accomplishments to date in my 7+ years being here. I hope to gain a better perspective of future plans and the process to evaluate plans for the community.</p> <p><b>Experience/Professional Qualifications:</b> I built extensive manufacturing plants, warehouses in the U.S. and around the globe during my career. I bring a hands on understanding, discipline and analytical capability on any aspect of a project.</p> <p><b>Your Role:</b> I have strong expertise in every element of projects from strategic planning through the total concept of project development and management from vision to implementation. I also believe citizen perspectives should be inclusive on future growth plans and projects. I strongly believe that we raise the level of critical thinking and analysis by the questions we ask. Knowing the right questions to ask comes from extensive experience and hands on.</p> <p><b>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK.</b></p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
11/29/2022	Haverkamp, Anthony	Mesquite	<p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in serving on the Design Review Board because I want to help the City with our continued growth, and being a resident I drive through the entire City daily to and from work from Vistancia down to near Westgate. There area wide range of sites across our City that all have different uses, making it important for the Board to understand and implement the design policies and guidelines of the General Plan and Peoria Design Review Manual. I want to help our City continue to grow and evolve while maintain a high level of character through our Design Standards.</p> <p><b>Members:</b> (o) Resident of Peoria (2)</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> I graduated from Kansas State University in 2012 with a degree in Construction Science and Management and currently work for a West Valley based General Contractor, FCI Constructors who specializes in Commercial Construction spanning from Municipal, Office and Aviation to Healthcare and Higher Education with some Multifamily Residential and Recreational sectors as well. I am the preconstruction manager of our Glendale, AZ office and have worked on construction projects spanning from Arizona to North Dakota and across the entire Rocky Mountain region. I am also a certified LEED Green Associate through USGBC. My family has lived in Peoria for the past 6 years after relocating from our Colorado Headquarters in Grand Junction.</p> <p><b>Role:</b> I envision my role being one that helps shape the future of our community be being an involved board member that provides input and recommendations that align with our guidelines put in place. In doing so the efforts will result in a cohesive and well thought out community, preventing any issues from developing design-wise in the City. By enforcing the Peoria General Plan and Design Manual that has been developed over many years into a very thoughtful and well executed document, the future of our community will be guided to high standards and be one that our citizens will be proud to show off.</p>
3/24/2022	Reilly, Emily	Palo Verde	<p><b>Interest:</b> As a new resident of Peoria, and full time employee at a local University within the City, I am very interested in being involved within my community. I've served on the Human Services Commission of my previous city and found great value in learning about services, resources and connecting within the community more than I would have without becoming involved. I am most interested in the Design Review Board because I have a background in residential modifications to improve accessibility, function and quality of life for residents and families. When addressing design, I would like to offer a unique and dynamic perspective for inclusion and accessibility. As I have a clinical background primarily, I would look forward to working alongside and collaborating with professionals and leaders from the built environment to learn skills in the design and planning process while advocating for residents that have different abilities in function, cognition and mobility to ensure a vibrant community engagement is at the forefront of city planning.</p> <p><b>Experience/Professional Qualifications:</b> Not Answered</p> <p><b>Member Role:</b> I have a background in occupational therapy which is a profession that integrates human performance and function within the built environment. There are many limitations and barriers to not only individuals within the disability community but those without disabilities in how they function and interact within their home and community. I work with individuals that report numerous obstacles that are associated with community design and I think offering my experience and background to a dynamic team would contribute to shaping a more inclusive community while aligning with the city plan and vision.</p> <p><b>Resume on file with Clerk's Office.</b></p>

**JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC DEFENDER ADVISORY BOARD – Residency Requirement w/ Exceptions**

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-27 and 3-28

Members: 7 [residency exception]

- Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court as designated by the Presiding Judge of that Court (1)
- Active members of the State Bar of Arizona, one of whom must be a resident of the City (2) [Applicants must be nominated and recommended by the State Bar’s Board of Governors.]
- Member of the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office (1)
- Prosecutor from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (1)
- The President of the Western Maricopa County Bar Association or a member of that association recommended by the President (1)
- Resident of the City (1)

Duties: The Board is responsible for conducting investigations into the background and qualifications of candidates for the office of Presiding Municipal Judge and Associate Municipal Judge, reviewing proposals for selection of Public Defender and alternative defender services, recommends appropriate terms and conditions to be added to such contracts, conducts reviews for all city public defenders, and recommends the awards of public defender and alternative defender services contracts to the City Council.

Staff Liaison: Emily Jurmu / City Attorney’s Office

Vacant
Reappointment

**CURRENT MEMBERS**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Brnilovich, David	Ironwood	President of Western Maricopa Bar Association	2/18/2020	2/1/2022				6/30/2024
Buonagurio, John	Mesquite	Peoria Citizen	11/12/2019	6/16/2020				6/30/2024
Cotter, Jessica	Willow	Active Member of the State Bar	11/12/2019	3/24/2020				6/30/2024
Eliason, Jon	Other	Maricopa County Prosecutor’s Office	2/1/2022					6/30/2024
Hann, James	Other	Maricopa County Public Defender’s Office Representative	11/12/2019	6/1/2021				6/30/2023
Horn Bustamante, Lori	Other	Maricopa County Presiding Judge Selection	11/12/2019	2/1/2022				12/31/2024
LaRue, Joe	Other	Member in Good Standing with the Arizona State Bar	11/12/2019	2/1/2022				6/30/2024

**CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Current Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration

**NO PENDING APPLICANTS**

- Reappoint James Hann without interview

# **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – Residency Required**

Authority: City Code, Chapter 20, Section 3-36 and 3-37  
 Members: 7  
 Duties: The commission is responsible for recommending planning and zoning policies governing land use in Peoria. It also reviews and recommends approval of zoning codes and annual revisions to the City’s Comprehensive Master Plan.  
 Liaison: Chris Jacques / Planning and Community Development

Vacant
Reappointment

## **CURRENT MEMBERS**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Allsop, Clayton	Mesquite		12/06/2016	06/13/2017	10/06/2020			12/31/2024
Feiter, Anthony	Willow		08/13/2019	01/07/2020				12/31/2023
VACANT								6/30/2023
Nelson, Jeff	Acacia		03/04/2014	08/27/2014	10/03/2017	1/4/2022		12/31/2023
VACANT								12/31/2024
Villasenor, Layla	Willow		02/08/2023					6/30/2024
Waitman, Joysaphine	Pine		2/2/2021	02/08/2023				6/30/2024

## **CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Current Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration
VACANT (was Hutchinson, Shawn)			-	N/A	6/30/2025
VACANT (was Uptegraff, Robyn)			12/31/2024	N/A	12/31/2026

October 11, 2023 Initial Appointment Interviews:

- Bruno, Jeff
- Konkowski, Thomas
- Myers, Doug
- Phillip, Scott
  
- Reappoint Anthony Feiter without interview
- Reappoint Jeff Nelson without interview

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION - PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
8/1/2023	Alberte, Thomas	Mesquite	<p><b>Interest:</b> Peoria is expanding at a rapid pace. It is important to have citizens on the commission who have a voice in making sure that Peoria's planning and zoning is in line with what the citizens and its government desire.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> I'm a Certified Public Accountant (State of WI but will be applying for a license in AZ) and am I licensed real estate agent (again in WI but will apply to transfer to AZ). At one point in my career I was the head of BDO's domestic (Large Public Accounting Firm) Site Slection and Incentives and Credits Group. In this role I helped many developers and companies work with state and local governments in site selection for their projects. I have in depth knowledge of state and local incentives that are used for economic development.</p> <p>Characteristics of productive member: The most important characteristics are: - to be a good listener (to both sides of an issue),- to be able to reduce complex issues into simple terms, and - to be open to compromise</p> <p><b>Contentious agenda item:</b> Again, the best way to reconcile is be a good listener, which includes listening to all points of view. In the end any votes etc should be based on what is best for the citizens of Peoria.</p> <p><b>Biggest Challenge:</b> I haven' lived in Peoria long enough to be able to completely answer this question. However, in my time here I can say that there are a few issues that stand out:- Overcrowding in schools,- Water usage availablilty,- Proposed expansion that might not be in the best interest of the citizens of Peoria. However, I will say the the opportunites in Peoria are incredible. The City has an opportunity over the next 10 years to really make this one of the best places to live in America. They just have to make sure it's done right.</p>
5/13/2022	Arsenault, Dave	Acacia	<p><b>Interest:</b> Retired from 30 years in the manufacturing and construction business and would like to help serve the community.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 30+ years of construction and planning experience.</p> <p><b>Productive Characteristics of a board member:</b> Open mind, attention to detail and a sense of Community building.</p> <p><b>Contentious Items:</b> Insure everyone is heard and there opinion respected. Treat every opinion with respect and not argumentative engagement. Opportunities and</p> <p><b>Challenges facing Peoria:</b> Many opportunities! Could not comment on challenges until I was more engaged.</p>
4/11/2022	Basey, Laura	Mesquite	<p><b>Interest:</b> I have been a resident of Peoria/ West Wing since January, 2005. I have watched the tremendous growth around us since then and believe that I could have a positive impact on the balance of residential and commercial growth for the area. I wish to make a difference and encourage proper development for the area.</p> <p><b>Qualifications/Previous Experience:</b> Master level program manager at Hewlett Packard Enterprise for 21 years. I have a well-rounded background in business and focus on understanding all aspects of a project, how it impacts all parties, and bringing a project to completion on time and under budget. This requires balancing requirements, personalities, and mediating solutions between engineers, product managers, sales enablement teams, upper management, and customers. I have been a resident in Peoria for over 17 years and have a strong interest in developing responsible growth for the city.</p> <p><b>Characteristics of Productive Member:</b> Willingness to dig deep into the positions of all parties and make difficult decisions. Listen, listen, listen. Good judgment. Open minded. Fair.</p> <p><b>Reconcile Contentious Agenda Item/Citizen:</b> I would expect it. If people do not care, they will not be upset. Passion is an important factor when people care.</p> <p>Major Land Use/Planning Opportunities/Challenges: Balancing commercial investment with residential. Increased traffic and public safety on the roads. Careful planning up front to avoid gridlock down the road. Affordable housing during times of exploding housing costs.</p> <p><b>Resume on File with Clerk's Office.</b></p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
7/3/2022	Bruno, Jeff	Willow	<p><b>Current Member of the Veterans Memorial Board</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in this role, because I believe I can be opened minded to differing positions, ability to listen to both sides &amp; make an educated decision in the best interests of the City moving forward. I hope to gain a more broad scope of being involved in the future of Peoria, that best serve all the residents.</p> <p><b>Qualifications/Experience:</b> I am recently retired from municipal government (Fire) in Illinois where I worked for 29 years. I was deeply involved in the my previous community, and now currently sit on the Veterans Memorial Board, and am a recent graduate of the Peoria Leadership Institute (PLI), I believe my experience in serving on many committee's &amp; boards in the past can bring forward a heightened level of commitment.</p> <p><b>Characteristics of Productive Member:</b> Fair Minded &amp; Impartial, Ability to listen, No preconceived agenda, Transparent Communications</p> <p><b>Contentious Agenda Item or Citizen:</b> While reality is, you cannot make everyone happy; you have to make difficult decisions that may not align with those of the public, but best serve the City as a whole. Communicating with them upfront, and explaining your decision has been the best approach thus far. Having the public's input is an important factor in the equation, however; at the end of the day, it's what's best fit for the City &amp; future of Peoria that will drive the decision.</p> <p><b>Major Land Use/Planning Opportunities/Challenges:</b> Potential expansion is one opportunity, and proper utilization of the open land that is aligned with the City's Master Plan must be taken into consideration.</p>
6/16/2023	Cottrell	Nathan	<p><b>Interest:</b> I have an active interest in land development and land planning. I have a background in civil engineering and could use that experience to help the City of Peoria develop in a thoughtful manner that benefits the residents while remaining attractive to developers and new businesses. <b>Qualifications/Previous Experience:</b> I am a licensed civil engineer and have been involved in general land development throughout Arizona for roughly 30 years. I was previously on the City of Avondale P&amp;Z commission and enjoyed that work.</p> <p><b>Productive Member Characteristics:</b> The ability to read and understand a proposed plan. To understand how the proposed work follows or doesn't follow current codes and ordinances. And to remain rational and thoughtful in discussions with the applicants.</p> <p><b>Contentious Agenda Item/Citizen:</b> Situations that upset citizens, neighbors, and applicants are bound to occur. That is part of the reason boards like the P&amp;Z exist. Any board member must remain calm and rational and present the rules and ordinances simply. It cannot become personal, even when part of the decision may be based on the board members' judgments.</p> <p><b>Major Land Use/Planning Opportunities and Challenges:</b> The high demand for residential on the north side of the city (somewhat sparked by TSMC) is generating development pressures. City policies in these areas regarding land uses, transportation, outdoor spaces, and water consumption will be critical to ensure a successful City in the future. In addition to this, redevelopment or infill development in the southern areas of the city can be just as critical. Understanding the complications of new development in these areas can be difficult. And allowing some flexibility and creativity may be the key to maintaining these areas and/or bringing that extra spark of energy to areas that may be struggling.</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
5/13/2022	Harrison, Ric	Willow	<p><b>Interest:</b> I am in the Peoria Leadership Institute class of 2022. I am new to the area, having retired here in September of 2022. I want to serve the community and I have a passion for marketing/business development/leadership. I am a retired US Marine Corps Information Systems Officer and a retired Federal employee. Having spent my adult life in and around the Department of Defense, I am committed to servant leadership and want to continue to serve my community, family, and country. <b>Qualifications:</b> I was the Business Operations Division Chief for over 7 years. The organization had an operating budget of over \$170 million, \$110 million of that was payroll that had to come directly from customers. My Division was also responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring the performance of several multi-million dollar contracts. I was also integral in developing Division-level strategic plans and metrics ensuring that measurable goals were set and monitored. I have a passion for strategic planning, policy development and monitoring as well servant leadership. <b>Characteristics of a productive board member:</b> A board member must have impeccable integrity, objectivity, fairness, superb communication skills (inclusive of active listening), positive attitude, 'win-win' approach to challenges, and last but certainly not least common sense. <b>Contentious items:</b> Our role is to guide citizens and commercial entities through the labyrinth of codes and policies pertinent to their activity or role. We must ensure that we have explored all the ways to get to a 'win-win' outcome that remains within the legal, policy, and ethical governance. It is important that they are given the opportunity to be heard and that we actively listen and have a dialogue toward that 'win-win' solution, if one exists. We need to provide the unbiased rationale for the decision that is based totally on the legal, policy, and ethical guidelines and present those guidelines to them so they may see them for themselves. Finally, we must reconcile ourselves with the fact that not everyone may be happy with a governance-based solution. We cannot not allow our emotions, or theirs, to cloud our judgement and influence our decisions. <b>Challenges and Opportunities facing Peoria:</b> I envision Peoria enhancing its already stellar reputation as an excellent place to live and work. One of the major opportunities we have is to continue building upon the great work of the Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Department key quality of life initiatives that will attract both businesses and individuals to Peoria. Our challenge is to attract and retain top-tier employers while enhancing the citizens quality of life. We can do that sustainably with the goal of attracting more clean, low-water use businesses to Peoria in order to allow people to live in the same city as they live—no hours-long commutes along the 101. As a new resident to Peoria, it appears that water usage and competition for business development from neighboring communities appear to be the primary challenges facing the city with the mitigation strategies cited above used to address those challenges.</p> <p><b>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK.</b></p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
7/25/2022	Heins, Sharleen	Mesquite	<p><b>Interest:</b> I would enjoy being able to provide input on the planning and zoning of the future of our beautiful city, knowing the beauty of Arizona and all it holds while still understanding its needs for growth. I am a well rounded individual, having experience in criminal justice, accounting, internal auditing, escrow and real estate. I hope to provide assistance to the Commission and gain some experience with planning and zoning while serving my community.</p> <p><b>Characteristics of a productive board member:</b> analysis skills, objectivity, clear and concise communication, ability to accurately interpret laws and regulations</p> <p><b>Contentious items:</b> As an auditor, I have had to deal with contentious audit findings many times. This is not an unusual event. I have found that sticking to process and being as objective and empathetic as possible is usually quite helpful to mitigate the situation. As a board member, I think one must remain professional and objective and explain processes to help people understand why something is happening.</p> <p><b>Challenges and Opportunities facing Peoria:</b> I believe the major challenges Peoria faces are likely the "not in my backyard" scenarios where the city is faced with growth challenges for housing, businesses, economic growth; however, some residents are pushing back because they would like those items to be located further away from their residences. A second challenge is also the chain restaurants that some residents push back on, yet others welcome. I believe the major opportunities that Peoria is taking advantage of is the nature all around us. The open space and the parks that Peoria has made a concerted effort to continue to implement is a large part of what makes the city a desirable place to live, work and play. In addition, seeing trails also implemented and enhanced as part of that effort is ideal. Finally, knowing that Peoria is constantly working on bringing quality entertainment, dining, and its POGO program show that its focus on quality life is important.</p> <p><b>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK</b></p>
3/23/2021	Jhaveri, Krishna	Willow	<p><b>Interviewed for Board of Adjustment 10/19/2021</b></p> <p>Qualities: A depth of knowledge regarding the Arizona Open Meeting Law, public records laws and policies, and the rulemaking process in Arizona. Legal acumen, research and writing skills, and communication skills; Interest: Would like to contribute to the quality of life in Peoria and expand skills while continuing to serve the public; Professional Experience: Attorney for the AZ Department of Administration, Governor's Regulatory Review Council. Formerly with NJ Department of Human Resources, Division of Family Development. Member of the State Bar for AZ, NJ, and NY. <b>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK.</b></p>
6/25/2023	Konkowski, Thomas	Willow	<p><b>Interest:</b> I am highly interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission to actively contribute to the responsible and sustainable development of our community. While I may not have a formal background in urban planning, I bring a strong passion for creating well-designed and vibrant spaces. By serving on this Commission, I hope to learn and gain valuable experience in the intricacies of land use planning and development regulations. I am eager to study and review use permits, development plans, zoning code amendments, and the city's general plan to better understand their impact on our community. Through collaboration with fellow Commissioners, I aim to provide thoughtful insights and contribute to well-informed decision-making processes. I believe in the importance of striking a balance between preserving the character of our city and meeting the evolving needs of our residents. I am committed to actively engaging with community members, attending public hearings, and listening to their concerns and aspirations. By representing the interests of our residents, I hope to ensure that their voices are heard and considered in the decision-making process. Overall, my interest in serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission stems from a genuine desire to contribute to the betterment of our community. While I may not have a formal background in this field, I am eager to learn, collaborate, and actively participate in shaping the responsible and sustainable development of our city.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Although I lack previous board experience, I bring a diverse range of skills and qualities that can greatly contribute to this Commission. With a strong work ethic, effective communication skills, and a dedication to responsible decision-making, I am well-equipped to fulfill the responsibilities of this role. While my exposure to the trades was limited to my early years, I have developed a broad understanding of various aspects of construction and development processes.</p>

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6/25/2023	Konkowski, Thomas  <b>Continued from previous page</b>	Willow	<p>This foundational knowledge allows me to analyze proposals with a critical eye and evaluate their compliance with regulations and standards. Furthermore, I am committed to ongoing learning and staying up to date with current planning and zoning trends. Attending relevant workshops and training opportunities, as well as familiarizing myself with applicable laws and regulations, will ensure that I can contribute effectively to the decision-making process. I approach this Commission's work with an open mind and a genuine willingness to listen to and consider diverse perspectives. Collaboration and respectful dialogue are key to making well-informed decisions that serve the best interests of our community. In summary, while I may not possess specific qualifications directly related to this Commission, I bring a combination of skills, dedication, and a commitment to responsible decision-making. I am confident that my diverse background and passion for community development will enable me to make a positive impact in this role.</p> <p><b>Characteristics of member:</b> A productive member of this Commission should possess certain characteristics that contribute to effective decision-making, collaboration, and positive outcomes. Some of these characteristics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expertise and Knowledge:</b> A productive member should have a strong understanding of the relevant subject matter, whether it is urban planning, zoning regulations, or development processes. This expertise allows them to contribute informed insights and recommendations.</li> <li>• <b>Analytical and Critical Thinking:</b> Board or commission members should be able to analyze complex information, evaluate proposals, and think critically about the potential impacts and implications of their decisions. They should be able to consider multiple perspectives and weigh the pros and cons before arriving at well-reasoned conclusions.</li> <li>• <b>Collaborative Approach:</b> Productive members understand the value of collaboration and teamwork. They actively engage with other board members, stakeholders, and the community to gather input, share ideas, and work towards consensus. They are open to different viewpoints and strive to find common ground while respecting diverse perspectives.</li> <li>• <b>Effective Communication:</b> Clear and effective communication is essential for productive board or Commission members. They should be able to articulate their thoughts and ideas clearly, listen actively to others, and foster constructive dialogue. They should also be able to communicate complex information in a way that is understandable to the public.</li> <li>• <b>Ethical Conduct:</b> Upholding high ethical standards is crucial for Commission members. They should act with integrity, demonstrate transparency, and avoid conflicts of interest. Their decisions and actions should always prioritize the best interests of the community they serve.</li> <li>• <b>Commitment and Preparedness:</b> Productive members are committed to their roles and responsibilities. They attend meetings regularly, come prepared with relevant information, and actively engage in discussions. They take the time to review materials, ask insightful questions, and stay informed about current issues and trends.</li> <li>• <b>Open-mindedness and Adaptability:</b> A productive member is open-minded and willing to consider alternative ideas and approaches. They embrace change, adapt to new circumstances, and are receptive to innovative solutions. They recognize that community needs and dynamics evolve over time, and they are willing to adjust their perspectives accordingly.</li> <li>• <b>Community Focus:</b> Ultimately, productive members keep the best interests of the community at the forefront of their decision-making. They strive to create positive impacts, enhance the quality of life for residents, and promote sustainable and responsible development. By embodying these characteristics, Commission members can work together effectively, contribute meaningfully to discussions, and make informed decisions that benefit the community as a whole.</li> </ul> <p><b>Contentious Agenda Item:</b> As a board member, I recognize that contentious agenda items and upset citizens are a natural part of the decision-making process. In such situations, I believe it is essential to uphold my role with professionalism, integrity, and a commitment to fairness. First and foremost, I would approach these situations with an open mind and a willingness to actively listen to the concerns and perspectives of all individuals involved. I would strive to create an atmosphere of respect and understanding, allowing everyone to express their viewpoints. To reconcile potential conflicts, I would carefully consider the facts, data, and applicable regulations relevant to the agenda item at hand. It is important to base decisions on objective</p>

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8/26/2023	Myers, Douglas	Willow	<p><b>Interest:</b> I'm truly enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Peoria. The responsibility of studying proposals, recommending amendments, and ensuring the alignment of zoning regulations with the General Plan deeply resonates with my interest in urban development and community enhancement. Being part of this commission would allow me to actively contribute to shaping the city's physical landscape while considering its long-term vision. By participating in the review process for General Plan amendments, zoning changes, and conditional use permits, I hope to foster sustainable growth, balance economic development with environmental concerns, and promote a vibrant and harmonious community. Furthermore, I anticipate gaining valuable experience in analyzing complex proposals, collaborating with fellow commissioners, and making well-informed decisions that benefit both residents and businesses. This role aligns perfectly with my passion for urban planning and my desire to actively engage in the betterment of the city I call home.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> My unique blend of qualifications, training, and previous experience makes me well-suited to enhance the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Peoria in a significant way. Firstly, my current role as a Fire Captain for the City of Tempe has given me invaluable insights into community safety, emergency response, and urban planning considerations. This perspective allows me to assess development proposals from a safety and public welfare standpoint, ensuring that zoning decisions prioritize the well-being of residents. Additionally, my involvement in the labor and management team has refined my skills in collaboration, negotiation, and consensus-building. These skills are essential within the Commission, where effective communication and cooperation between stakeholders are crucial for balanced decision-making. My professional experience with locations, design and construction of fire stations, has allowed me to work closely with architects, city officials, and community stakeholders. Through this role, I've gained practical insights into the intricacies of navigating zoning codes, obtaining permits, and managing the various stages of development projects. This hands-on experience has honed my ability to evaluate proposals and consider their broader impacts on the community. My background in Business Management, coupled with prior experience in the commercial and residential lending industry, equips me with a strong understanding of economic factors that shape urban development. I can assess proposals with an eye toward their potential impact on local businesses, property values, and economic growth. Furthermore, my previous career experience has honed my analytical and problem-solving abilities. These skills are pivotal when evaluating zoning code amendments, conditional use permits, and other complex planning matters. I'm committed to community service, and my role as a Fire Captain has allowed me to work closely with residents, understanding their concerns and aspirations. This experience helps me advocate for development that aligns with the city's vision while respecting the needs of its citizens. In conclusion, my current position, labor-management involvement, business background, and community engagement experiences, alongside my dedication to safety and community well-being, uniquely position me to contribute effectively to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Peoria. I'm excited to bring this diverse skill set to the table and help shape the city's growth in a positive and sustainable manner.</p> <p><b>Qualifications of a good member:</b> A productive member of the Planning and Zoning Commission should possess the following characteristics: 1. Expertise: They should have a solid understanding of urban planning principles, zoning regulations, and land use policies, enabling them to make well-informed decisions that align with the city's development goals. 2. Analytical Skills: A productive member should be able to critically evaluate complex proposals, considering their potential impact on the community, environment, and local economy. 3. Collaboration: Effective collaboration with fellow commissioners, city officials, developers, residents, and stakeholders is crucial for balanced decision-making and fostering a positive working environment. 4. Communication: Clear communication skills are essential for explaining decisions, sharing insights, and engaging with the public. They should be able to convey technical information to non-experts. 5. Community Engagement: Being attuned to the needs, concerns, and aspirations of the community helps ensure that decisions reflect the best interests of residents and businesses. 6. Ethical Judgment: A productive member should uphold the highest ethical standards, making decisions that prioritize the public welfare over personal</p>

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<p>8/26/2023</p> <p>(Continued from previous page)</p>	<p>Myers, Douglas</p>	<p>Willow</p>	<p>interests. 7. Adaptability: The planning landscape is constantly evolving. Members need to adapt to changing trends, new technologies, and emerging challenges to make relevant and effective decisions. 8. Attention to Detail: Zoning codes, development proposals, and legal documents require careful scrutiny. An eye for detail helps prevent oversights and ensures compliance. 9. Problem-Solving: Challenges and conflicts often arise. A productive member should be able to navigate these situations, seeking practical solutions that balance competing interests. 10. Long-Term Vision: Members should consider the long-term consequences of their decisions, aiming to contribute to the city’s sustainable growth and development. 11. Open-Mindedness: Being receptive to diverse perspectives and new ideas fosters creativity and innovation within the commission. 12. Respect for Due Process: An understanding of the legal framework governing zoning and development processes ensures decisions are made within established guidelines. 13. Time Management: Commission members often have a busy schedule. Effective time management helps them stay organized and fulfill their responsibilities. Overall, a productive member of the Planning and Zoning Commission combines technical expertise with interpersonal skills, ethical considerations, and a commitment to the community’s well-being, ultimately contributing to a dynamic and effective decision-making process.</p> <p><b>Contentious Agenda Item/Citizen:</b> Given my experience as a current fire captain in the public safety sector and my role as a trustee of the labor management team, I approach the challenge of handling contentious agenda items and upset citizens with a balanced perspective and effective communication. Here’s how I plan to reconcile this with my role as a board member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Peoria: 1. Prioritize Safety and Well-being: Drawing from my background in public safety, I understand the importance of maintaining a safe and respectful environment during meetings. I work to ensure that discussions remain civil and that emotions do not escalate to an unsafe level. 2. Active Listening and Empathy: My experience as a fire captain has honed my active listening skills and empathy. When citizens are upset, I listen attentively to their concerns, acknowledging their emotions and striving to understand their perspectives. 3. Effective Communication: As a trustee of the labor management team, I’ve learned the art of constructive communication. I apply this skill to address upset citizens by using clear and empathetic language, fostering open dialogue, and encouraging them to express their thoughts. 4. Conflict Resolution: With my experience in managing team dynamics and addressing labor-related issues, I approach contentious situations with conflict resolution skills. I seek common ground, propose compromises, and work towards finding solutions that accommodate various viewpoints. 5. Explain Regulations and Process: Leveraging my role as a board member, I explain zoning regulations, city policies, and the decision-making process to citizens. This helps manage expectations and provides context for the commission’s decisions. 6. Transparency and Information: I draw upon my expertise to provide accurate and transparent information during discussions. This helps citizens understand the rationale behind decisions and fosters a sense of trust in the commission’s work. 7. Foster Collaboration: Utilizing my experience as a trustee, I encourage collaboration between citizens, stakeholders, and fellow board members. I emphasize the importance of working together to find solutions that benefit the community as a whole. 8. Maintain Composure: With my background in public safety, I remain composed under pressure. I handle tense situations with a calm demeanor, ensuring that emotions are managed and discussions remain focused. 9. Focus on Community Impact: Both my roles have instilled in me a deep sense of responsibility towards the well-being of the community. I prioritize decisions that contribute to the city’s growth and welfare, even in the face of challenging situations. 10. Continual Learning: Lastly, I approach each experience as an opportunity for growth. I reflect on how I handled the situation, seek feedback, and continuously refine my approach to be a more effective board member. In essence, my experience as a fire captain and trustee equips me with the skills needed to navigate contentious agenda items and engage with upset citizens constructively. By leveraging my communication, conflict resolution, and community-focused skills, I strive to contribute positively to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Peoria.</p> <p><b>Planning Opportunities/Challenges:</b> Here are a few opportunities and challenges that I believe the major land use and/or planning opportunities the City of Peoria is currently facing:</p>

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8/26/2023  (Continued from previous page)	Myers, Douglas	Willow	<p>Opportunities: 1. Mixed-Use Development: Creating mixed-use areas that combine residential, commercial, and recreational spaces can enhance community vibrancy and reduce the need for extensive commuting. 2. Sustainability: Implementing eco-friendly practices such as green building standards, renewable energy integration, and improved public transportation can contribute to a more sustainable and livable city. 3. Revitalization of Urban Centers: Repurposing underutilized areas within the city can stimulate economic growth and provide residents with accessible services, entertainment, and job opportunities. 4. Affordable Housing: Developing strategies to address affordable housing needs can make the city more inclusive and attractive to a diverse range of residents.</p> <p>Challenges: 1. Urban Sprawl: Uncontrolled expansion can strain infrastructure, increase traffic congestion, and reduce green spaces. Managing growth while maintaining quality of life is a challenge. 2. Traffic Congestion: With population growth, managing traffic flow and providing efficient transportation options becomes crucial to prevent congestion and maintain mobility. 3. Balancing Development and Preservation: Striking a balance between new development and preserving the city's natural landscapes, historical sites, and cultural heritage can be challenging. 4. Community Engagement: Ensuring that residents have a voice in planning decisions and are engaged in the development process is essential to creating a city that reflects the needs and desires of its residents. 5. Resilience to Climate Change: Planning for the impacts of climate change, such as extreme weather events and water shortages, requires incorporating resilience strategies into urban development. 6. Economic Diversity: Promoting a diverse economy can mitigate dependence on a single industry and enhance the city's resilience to economic fluctuations. 7. Infrastructure Upgrades: Aging infrastructure may require significant investment to support the growing population and ensure essential services are provided efficiently.</p>
4/11/2022	Phillips, Scott	Ironwood	<p><b>Interest:</b> Planning and Zoning is important not only from a review perspective but, in my view, from an overall policy perspective. I really do not hope to gain anything from the commission other than an opportunity to serve the community in which I have lived for over twenty years.</p> <p><b>Qualifications/Previous Experience:</b> I have been a municipal planner in both California and Arizona (Surprise), am currently a real estate investor and developer throughout the West Valley (but not in Peoria), as well as a real estate broker and consultant. With over 24 years of experience in planning, design, development, community outreach, and many other facets of the development process, I believe I can be engaged at the right level to complement the city staff and city process.</p> <p><b>Characteristics of Productive Member:</b> Review the material, arrive prepared to the meetings, ask good questions, and make the best decision available in accordance with the adopted city policies and laws.</p> <p><b>Contentious Agenda Item/Citizen:</b> I have attended as well as hosted hundreds of public meetings. In many cases, these can be contentious and challenging. I have always ascribed to the idea that everyone is treated respectfully and there are many different reasons emotions are stirred relating to development. I am also a believer in the importance of private property rights and how public policy should be oriented towards the protection of those rights for all parties involved.</p> <p><b>Major Land Use/Planning Opportunities and Challenges:</b> Peoria is in a position to take advantage of the tremendous employment opportunities moving west of I-17. the 303 corridor can be one of the strongest employment corridors in the western United States, and Peoria is fortunate to have some key pieces to take advantage of this opportunity. Quality of life, development, redevelopment, natural preservation, water resource management and other elements of good planning should all be considered as part of the long-term city strategy. The city of Peoria has been addressing these items within policy and planning documents, so the key is continuous assessment and evaluation.</p>

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6/10/2022	Snidecor, Tad	Palo Verde	<p><b>Current Member of the Veterans Memorial Board</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in the sustainable growth of our City and hope that I may be a voice of our City.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Mgmt Consultant - Veteran Advisory Corps; Mgr of Regional Operations and Behavioral Health Services - TriWest Health Care Alliance; US Marine; MA Global Mgtmt and BA Admin Leadership</p> <p><b>Member Characteristics:</b> First the ability to be available for meetings and have the time to research proposals. Also, be involved in your community and be available to listen to all sides.</p> <p><b>Contentious Agenda Item/Upset Citizen:</b> Be respectful to each other. If a person would like to speak they can and will have the opportunity too... need to just fill out the form. Often times we as board members we may disagree as well but in the end this is a democracy and we vote.</p> <p><b>Major Land Use and/or Planning Opportunities/Challenges:</b> This is really about how people feel. I want to do what is best for the people as a whole. Every opportunity will have potential issues but in the end what are the needs of our community. Is it more jobs? Is it more affordable living spaces..etc. <b>RESUME ON FILE W/CLERK'S OFFICE.</b></p>
1/17/2023	West, Rico	Ironwood	<p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested to be more involved in my community, especially on the planning and zoning side, and to help make the quality of life in our city better. I hope to gain a better understanding of how our city functions from a planning and zoning perspective and to help contribute to informing our residents of potential projects that would be additive to our city.</p> <p><b>Qualifications/Previous Experience:</b> I am a real estate developer by profession and have gone before P&amp;Z commissions in different municipalities, including Surprise and Buckeye, presenting projects that I have worked on in the past and projects I am currently working on as well.</p> <p><b>Productive Member Characteristics:</b> I feel the characteristics of a productive member of this board would be to do your research, don't be afraid to ask applicants questions about their projects, engage in thoughtful discussions, and have an open mind.</p> <p><b>Contentious Agenda Item/Citizen:</b> I feel that everyone's voice/opinion should be heard, whether for or against a specific agenda item. I also believe that having a calm and informed dialogue on a contentious agenda item always is beneficial for everyone involved.</p> <p><b>Major Land Use/Planning Opportunities/Challenges:</b> I think a major planning challenge facing the city is the rise of anti-growth feelings among it's residents. I feel growth is always a good thing to have in a city if done responsibly. I feel one of the biggest opportunities facing the city is the growth of TSMC just down the 303 and the need for a diversity of housing in the northern part of our city, especially multifamily housing. Having a diverse mix of housing options in close proximity to all that employment growth near TSMC and the rest of the 303 can help us stand out as a city. <b>RESUME ON FILE WITH CLERK'S OFFICE</b></p>
9/15/2022	Williams, Christian	Ironwood	<p><b>Qualifications, training, or previous experience:</b> My educational background includes both undergraduate and graduate school degrees. In June 2019, I graduated from Grand Canyon University and received a Master of Public Administration (MPA): Emphasis on Government and Policy. I graduated from the University of Washington in June 2009 and received a Bachelor's degree in Community, Environment, and Planning from the College of Built Environments. Additionally, I received minors in Geography and Urban Design and Planning. In 2014, I made a pivot in my career and began working again for local government. I joined the City of Goodyear in the City Manager's Office as an Executive Management Assistant, from 2014-2019. I directly assisted the Deputy City Manager in the oversight of the Police, Fire, Engineering, Development Services, Parks and Recreation, and Communications departments. Additionally, I worked with the city's performance measures program, Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) program, and with the implementation of the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, and lean/process improvement initiatives.</p> <p>In 09/2019, joined Goodyear's Planning and Zoning Division, as Planner (formerly Planner II). I have since been promoted to Senior Planner (January 2022) and promoted to Principal Planner (July 2022). Everyday I come to work and do what I love; whether that be a plethora of zoning cases, site plans, sign packages, subdivision plats and building designs, public meetings, building bridges between the developers and the community, assisting customers or even mailing postcards, I find true passion and happiness in the work. I am blessed to be able to</p>

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<p>9/15/2022</p> <p>(Continued From Previous Page)</p>	<p>Williams, Christian</p>	<p>Ironwood</p>	<p>come to work and collaborate with the Development Continuum to ensure quality growth and development within the city. Particularly, in the last year, I feel as though I have better found my voice on the team, with developers and with our elected and appointed officials; while I know I have more learning, growth and improvements. I most recently became a full member of the American Institute of Certified Planners through receiving my AICP certification in December 2021. Additionally, As a means to get more engaged in the West Valley community and broaden my knowledge base and build relationships within the community, I joined Leadership West. I am now an alumni of Leadership West Class XIX alumni. I have served on the Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Board of Directors, from 2018 to 2020. During that time, and to this day, I continue to write professional columns, have appeared on some podcasts and work to promote a rewarding career in public service. I have also served in the Fighter Country Partnership's Honorary Commander program at Luke Airforce Base, from November 2016 – October 2018. I have also served on my local Homeowners Association Board since 2011 when I began a first time homebuyer in Peoria. I am very excited at the prospects of becoming more civically engaged and serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The City of Peoria will gain a motivated, enthusiastic, creative, knowledgeable, proven, organized, and flexible individual if I were to be selected to fulfill the vacancy. I can be contacted either by phone, email, or letter, whichever method is most convenient for you. I look forward to meeting with my fellow colleagues in the near future. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p><b>Member Characteristics:</b> The characteristics of a productive member of the Planning and Zoning commission would be: an eagerness to learn and listen, having empathy for residents and the development community alike, thinking big picture (beyond oneself or one neighbor(hood)), a servant leadership mindset and the ability to have integrity and being adaptable.</p> <p><b>Contentious agenda/upset citizen:</b> Everyone gets emotional when it comes to something they care about or involves their biggest investment (their property/home). It is my job as a Board member to look at the bigger picture and to examine how a zoning case impacts not only the immediate residents but the fiscal and social health/well-being of the city, as a whole. It can be easy to get frustrated, upset or nervous by a disgruntled resident but it is beyond just the resident, it is about the big picture. It can also seem like the easy path to agree with a development proposal or to vote no and take a neighborhoods position. At the core, as a Board member, I will need to remember that land use is the "forever business" and our decisions today not only impact the neighbors who live there today but the generations that follow tomorrow. As a Board member, it is important to remember that residents aren't necessarily mad at you or your decision but rather they are concerned for the changes to come. I will fulfil my duty by reading and examining the small details and looking for opportunities to find wins for both parties.</p> <p><b>Opportunities and challenges:</b> I believe the city is at a crossroad as it relates to infill development and northerly expansion. We are shifting from being predominately a bedroom community into a community that has retail and employment needs as well as a need for a more diverse housing stock. I believe we will face challenges with zoning cases that impact long-time residents who are not interested in change or density while also balancing our needs to bring employment, housing for employees and catering to a mix of different residents from Gen Z to retirement age.</p>

# VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD – No Residency Requirement

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-42 and 3-43

Members: 7 and 2 Alternates

Duties: The Board is responsible for development and promotional activities related to the recognition of veterans of the armed forces of the United States and their contributions to the community. The Board recommends activities and events to the City to focus on the contributions of veterans.

Liaison: Marylou Stephens and Bill Moss / Arts, Culture and Library Services

Vacant
Reappointment

## CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Alt	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Bruno, Jeff	Willow	No		03/2/2021					12/31/2024
Danner, Duane	Pine	No		03/24/2020					12/31/2024
Dobson, Richard	Willow	Yes		03/07/2023					6/30/2025
Irby, Anthony	Acacia	No		08/01/2008	11/01/2009	10/01/2013	10/03/2017	9/14/2021	6/30/2023
Kruk, Michael	Palo Verde	No		1/4/2022					6/30/2024
Roza, Jessica	Willow	Yes		03/07/2023					06/30/2025
Snidecor, Tad	Palo Verde	No		11/07/2017	9/14/2021				12/31/2023
Thompson, Jeffrey	Willow	No		6/7/2022	03/07/2023				12/31/2024
VanGoethem, Anthony	Palo Verde	No		05/16/2017	3/2/2021				12/31/2024

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES

Name	District	Special Criteria	Current Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration

- Reappoint Anthony Irby without interview
- Reappoint Tad Snidecor without interview

## VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD - PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
2/20/2021	Bushong, Kim	Palo Verde	<p><b>Interviewed 2/28/2023</b></p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Air Force Veteran, 1971-1975, stationed at Luke Air Force Base &amp; remained in the valley upon discharge. Retired after working 44 years in the fire service that includes 35 years at Luke AFB. After working this many years with the Air Force I have been involved with many concerns of military members &amp; may have some insights for concerns of military veterans;</p> <p><b>Interest:</b> During my many years in the Fire Service, I had the honor of performing public service tasks that were for the benefit of many. To serve is a one way to assist my community, being part of the solution not part of the problem;</p> <p><b>Professional Experience:</b> Worked with Valley Cities as Youth Firestarter Intervention Program volunteer. I started this w/Phoenix FD &amp; w/Glendale FD as an instructor in the intervention program. Became a car seat technician &amp; started a program that was able to obtain new child restraint seats &amp; give them to young airmen at no cost. During the time I ran this program over 200 seats were made available at no charge to the new parents. As a member of the Fire Marshal's Office I participated in several Smoke detector walks where new smoke alarms were installed in home. Participated in water safety walks handing out flyers about drowning prevention;</p>
1/6/2023	Duke, Scott	Mesquite	<p><b>Interest:</b> I served 42 years with the United States Air Force; 20 years as a military air traffic controller, retiring as a Master Sergeant and 22 years as a Senior Civilian (GS-15) in Washington, DC (National Guard Bureau). I joined the Air Force at the age of 17 and am an Army brat (My Dad served in the Army for 21 years). So, this tells you, the military has been part of my life since the day I was born (Zweibrucken, Germany at an Army hospital). My hope is my knowledge, skills, and abilities associated with military veterans makes me a viable candidate to serve on the Veterans Memorial Board.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Short bio is attached. As the President of the Trilogy at Vistancia Veterans Club, I have made solid contacts with various veteran clubs in the area. This includes: Corte Bella Vets, Ventana Lakes Veterans, and Westbrook Village Vets. These relationships, along with my military and civil service experience, would enhance an already talented Veterans Board.</p> <p><b>Experience:</b> As President of the Trilogy at Vistancia Veterans Club, I have gotten our club involved in a plethora of veteran causes to include: MANA House, U.S. Vets of Phoenix, Packages from Home, Veterans First, LTD, Honor Flight Arizona, National Military Veterans Wheelchair Games, Moving Wall, Patriot All America Golf Invitational, and Operation Homefront. Our Club also hosts a bi-annual charity golf tournament, where all the funds go directly to MANA House, U.S. Vets of Phoenix, and Veterans First, LTD. We raised over \$47,000.00 through our last two golf tournaments.</p> <p><b>Engagement:</b> As a GS-15 (military Colonel equivalent), working at the National Guard Bureau (NGB), I served as a Division Chief, reporting directly to a one-star General. I was tasked on several occasions to be the team lead in setting up National Airspace Conferences and Air Traffic Control Committee events. This included creating agendas, finding conference room space, soliciting speakers, and working food and beverage issues.</p> <p>As President of the Trilogy at Vistancia Veterans Club, one of my responsibilities is planning the annual Military Veterans Gala for our club. This also includes such details as setting the room up, selecting menu for Gala, ensuring appropriate entertainment is available, making award presentations and presenting the club with an annual State of the Club speech.</p> <p><b>Role:</b> The main and most important role for a city is to never forget our military veterans. We need to make sure we adequately recognize our military veterans throughout the year. We need to bring them "front and center" at appropriate times during the year, but moreover, support veterans everyday of the year. For example, I created a program called, "Totes for Troops." Twice-a-year, our Trilogy at Vistancia Veterans Club supports MANA house with a variety of personal hygiene items and small household items. This program is not associated with any holiday or military day. We just do it, twice a year.</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
2/28/2023	Gilmore, Steven	Acacia	<p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in representing the veterans of Peoria and community. I hope to gain a stronger bond with the veterans in the community as well as being able to inform others of their service.</p> <p><b>Qualifications/Training/Previous Experience:</b> I am a current member of the local VFW and have worked with the community at large for many years. I have served as the service officer in the VFW for several years.</p> <p><b>Support of Veteran Causes:</b> Member of VFW. Have been with Marine Corp League in MO. Also a member of Disabled Veterans of America, and American Legion.</p> <p><b>Special Events Experience:</b> Have been involved in annual poppy sales with VFW for several years.</p> <p><b>Role for a City to Support Veteran Causes:</b> I feel the City should support Veterans as much as they can. This helps to build a stonger bond between the city and its people.</p>
5/13/2022	Harrison, Ric	Willow	<p><b>Interest:</b> As a retired USMC veteran, I want to continue serving, this time at the local community-level. It is imperative that we both honor our veterans as well as instill a sense of appreciation for their services/sacrifices within the local community.</p> <p><b>Qualifications/Training:</b> - Retired USMC Information Systems Officer; Retired Department of Defense executive; Graduate of US Office of Personnal M; Peoria Leadership Institute class of 2022</p> <p><b>Experience:</b> In my 30+ years working at the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) I was laser focused on the JITC mission of ensuring that the information systems being fielded to the Military Services met the warfighters' joint interoperability requirements (i.e., the systems could effectively exchange the information required to enable the Services to meet mission requirements and be combat effective). I will bring that same laser-focus, mission oriented capability to Veteran causes.</p> <p><b>Special Event Planning:</b> While I do not have a large experience bank in 'special events' planning; I am well-versed in planning military operations, exercises, and demonstrations. I'm confident that this experience, coupled with my strong work ethic, will translate well to the 'special events' mission requirements.</p> <p><b>Role of City Supporting Veterans Causes:</b> It is imperative that we both honor our veterans as well as instill a sense of appreciation for their services/sacrifices within the local community. The city's role is to foster a veteran-friendly culture that promotes recognizing veterans past contributions as well as their ongoing contributions to our freedom as well as the local community.</p>
2/19/2021	Moukheiber, Patrick	Willow	<p><b>Qualities:</b> I am a veteran. I have been through the Peoria Citizens Police Academy. I was on the City of Phoenix Surface Transportation Advisory Board when I lived in Phoenix. I am very familiar with how cities work and how city committees work. I am looking to help improve my community;</p> <p><b>Professional Experience:</b> Real Estate Agent, Data and Technical Analyst, Small Business Owner,</p> <p><b>Licensing/Registration:</b> Real Estate Sales License.</p> <p><b>Previous Experience:</b> City of Phoenix Surface Transportation Advisory Board, Director on the City of Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board, Director of Cactus Park Community Alliance;</p> <p><b>RESUME ON FILE WITH CITY CLERK</b></p>

# **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD – Residency Requirement w/Exceptions**

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-44 and 3-45

Members: 7

- Mayor or designee (1)
- City's Fire Chief (1)
- Resident of the City (5)

Duties: The Board is responsible for providing the disbursement of the fund and designating the beneficiaries of the fund as directed by law.

Liaison: Kevin Burke / Finance

Vacant
Reappointment

## **CURRENT MEMBERS**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Appointed	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Reappt'd	Expiration
Albright, John	Mesquite		11/13/2012	11/17/2015	1/7/2020			12/31/2023
Beck, Jason	N/A	Mayor						
Bernard, Gary	N/A	Fire Chief						
Cota, Henry	Pine		11/1/2001	10/15/2002	5/1/2006	7/1/2010	6/7/2022	6/30/2024
Mwangi, Kenneth	Mesquite		3/8/2023					6/30/2026
Rehnke, Brenda	Palo Verde		11/13/2018	11/15/2022				6/30/2023
Zenko, Dan	Mesquite		11/9/2021	3/8/2023				6/30/2025

## **CURRENT AND UPCOMING VACANCIES**

Name	District	Special Criteria	Current Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration

- Reappoint John Albright without interview
- Reappoint Brenda Rehnke without interview

## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION BOARD - PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Qualification Summary
10/22/2021	Osborne, Elizabeth	Mesquite	<p><b>Interest:</b> The volunteer men of Peoria served many hours, risking their lives to protect buildings, folks and others in their line of duty while being reimbursed very little for their devotion. All volunteers that have served are entitled to a small retirement.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> I am a long time resident of Peoria(1984) proud to enlighten the board, that my Father served many years and as Fire Chief in the 50's. my husband had served 17 years also my brothers served and was also Fire Chief. Do I know how these three men of my family felt dedicated to their job as volunteer firemen, yes, I could tell many stories on their time of serving. I do not have training in firefighting although I do know and observed many times the training of the volunteers.</p> <p><b>Read Basic Financial Reports:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Perception of a Board Member:</b> To see that the volunteer firemen are compensated rightly and properly</p> <p><b>Board/Commission Experience:</b> Have not been on a Peoria board although I was on a board for Maricopa County regarding carpooling.</p>

# YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD – Residency Requirement

Authority: City Code, Chapter 3, Sections 3-46 and 3-47  
 Members: 19 and 2 Alternates  
 Duties: This Board advises the City, through the City Manager on the development of public recreational and youth activities and programs in the city, plans and implements a Student Government Day, and reviews ordinances or proposals pertaining to youth activities as directed by the City Council.  
 Liaison: Chris Hallett / Neighborhood and Human Services

Vacant
Graduating May 2023
Reappointment

## CURRENT MEMBERS

Name	District	Alt?	School Attending	Graduation	Appointed	Reappt'd	Expiration
VACANT		No					6/30/2024
Adamsha, Sarah	Willow	No		5/2027	4/25/2023		6/30/2025
Black, Allie	Willow	No		5/2025	4/25/2023		6/30/2024
DeStefano, Karin	Mesquite	No		5/2025	4/25/2023		6/30/2025
Dyer, Mikah	Ironwood	No	Sunset Heights	5/2024	5/4/2021	4/25/2023	6/30/2025
Fisher, Harmony	Acacia	No	Centennial High School	5/2024	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
Holly, Felicia	Pine	No		5/2027	4/25/2023		6/30/2025
Houg, Jacob	Ironwood	No		5/2026	4/25/2023		6/30/2025
Lowry, Liam	Willow	No		5/2024	4/25/2023		6/30/2024
Patel, Aneesa	Mesquite	No		5/2025	4/25/2023		6/30/2025
Powell, Kimber	Willow	No	Zuni Hills Elementary	5/2025	5/4/2021	4/25/2023	6/30/2025
Ravindran, Riya	Willow	No	Mountain Ridge High School	5/2025	5/3/2022	4/25/2023	6/30/2025
Rosales, Audrina	Pine	Yes	Paseo Verde Elementary	5/2026	8/23/2022		6/30/2024
Sehgal, Aditya	Willow	No		5/2024	4/25/2023		6/30/2024
Shrivastava, Ana	Mesquite	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2026	5/4/2021	4/25/2023	6/30/2025
Solano, Olivia	Pine	No		5/2028	4/25/2023		6/30/2025
Stanca, Samuel	Ironwood	Yes		5/2025	4/25/2023		6/30/2024
Tewari, Many	Ironwood	No	Great Heart Academies	5/2027	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
Vanteri, Ronit	Willow	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2026	5/3/2022		6/30/2024
Vemana, Akshathram	Willow	No	BASIS Peoria	5/2026	5/4/2021	4/25/2023	6/30/2025
Whetstine, Alliyz	Pine	No	Glendale Preparatory Academy	5/2024	5/3/2022		6/30/2024

## CURRENT AND CURRENT VACANCIES

Name	District	Member Status	Term/Term Expiration	Alternate for Consideration	Future Term Expiration
VACANT (Was Farah Aboobucker)	Willow	Regular	6/30/2024	No	6/30/2026

### October 11, 2023 Initial Appointment Interviews:

- Harris, Kellen
- Hernandez, Leonardo
- Tipton, Titus

## YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD – PENDING APPLICANTS

Application Date	Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
9/26/2023	Atkinson, Patrick	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 05/2029 / Vistancia Elementary</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> There are many reasons why I would like to be considered for a position on the Youth Advisory Board. I am trying to do everything I can to set myself up for success in the future. Even though I am only in 7th grade, I believe now is the time for me to start working hard and building my resume. I believe that serving on the Youth Advisory Board will help me gain many valuable experiences for my personal growth and development. One thing I would like to develop is my leadership skills. Serving on the board would provide me opportunities to develop my leadership and teamwork skills. I can get experience with collaborating with my peers, practice my communications skills, and hopefully take on leadership roles within the group. I would also like to develop my problem solving skills. Being on the board will expose me to real-world issues and then I will have the chance to brainstorm solutions and make recommendations. I think this will help me develop good critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Another reason why I would like to be on the Youth Advisory Board is because it would be a good way to serve my community. I was born and raised in the City of Peoria and so was my mom! Being a member of the board would allow me to actively contribute to my community and learn about how my local government works. It would also allow me the opportunity to give input on important issues impacting the youth in our city. Learning how to be an advocate for things that are important to me will help me become a good leader and servant to the youth in our city that I would represent.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> For the last 3 years, I have been on a youth tackle football team through the NYS league. I play for the Jr. Liberty Lions. The last 2 season I was chosen to be our team captain by my coaches and teammates. I was picked for this position because my coaches said I have a hard work ethic, I am responsible, and I am a positive influence on my peers. Another thing I am passionate about is serving at my church CCV. I have served in the pre-school and kindergarten classrooms for a few years. My role in serving is to help read the bible story and verse of the week and to help the children do their craft and games. As soon as football season is over, I plan on serving in the 5th and 6th grades where I hope to lead the worship time on stage. At my school Vistancia Elementary, I was just selected to be in the National Junior Honor Society as well as the student council. I am very excited to be a part of both of these organizations. They both will involve working with my peers to collaborate and understand different perspectives so we can achieve common goals. I think that being captain of my football team, serving at my church, and being part of NJHS and student council all provide me with leadership experience that is applicable to being a member of the Youth Advisory Board.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> I am a hard worker and I am very committed and responsible. I have never missed a football practice and have received attendance awards every year in school since kindergarten. If selected for the Youth Advisory Board, I will be at every meeting and event, both on time and ready to serve. I am also kind and compassionate. I believe in treating others with respect and will always stand up for people that are being bullied or picked on. I have a good work ethic, I have empathy for others, and I always strive to put others needs above my own. One thing that has helped me develop these skills is my special needs brother Ali. My family adopted him from Tajikistan 7 years ago. Although he is older than me, he mentally is only about 2 years old. He has cerebral palsy and epilepsy. I help my parents care for him every day and it is a lot of work, but I am always happy to help my brother and parents. I help with feeding Ali, changing his diapers, giving him baths, getting him in and out of his wheelchair, and making sure he is always comfortable. When he has seizures, I help time them on my phone and then help by sitting with him and giving him comfort once his seizure is over. If selected for the Youth Advisory Board, I would like to give my insights on how we can include kids with special needs at youth events and activities. I believe all of these skills will make me a valuable addition to the Youth Advisory Board.</p> <p><b>Meaning of civic engagement:</b> Civic engagement to me means being an active participant in my community. Volunteering my time, attending community meetings and events, learning how my local government works, and advocating for causes that are important to me are all ways that I can show civic engagement. Being a member of the Youth Advisory Board would allow me to do all of these things.</p>

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1/2/2023	Bhat, Chinmay	Willow	<p><b>Graduation: 05/2026 / BASIS Peoria New Application: 5/21/2023</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in the Youth Advisory Board for three reasons: advocating for the youth, adding an unbiased opinion from a member who hasn't reached voting age, and learning and giving awareness about specific issues in our current political system. Starting off, I am a person who has strong opinions in many political conflicts. But, I believe that I can keep those opinions to the side while acting as a delegate or a representative who is supposed to represent my age group rather than using my political opinion to change anything and I think I will be able to gain this skill from the Youth Advisory Board of ignoring my opinion and using the youth's majority opinion whenever speaking for something. In addition, my dream career is being the president of the United States, so by being part of the Youth Advisory Board, I believe that I can learn many things about our current political system. the biases and problems in our system. and how they should be fixed, so if I am able to achieve my dream career, I can fix based off of my observations from the Youth Advisory Board. I also believe that I can make people of my age aware of politics because, in my school, AP U.S. Government and Politics is a mandatory course that every freshman has to take, but there are several schools out there that don't know what politics is, and what the executive branch is, etc. So, I believe that I can keep my age group aware of political issues, and political opinions, and engage teenagers to be a part of politics as soon as possible. <b>Extracurricular:</b> I have participated in two significant clubs related to the Youth Advisory Board: Youth Policy Assembly and the National Junior Honor Society. The Youth Advisory Board is a very politics-based club that discusses, processes, and debates very controversial political issues such as lowering the voting age to 16 and decriminalizing drugs because of medical benefits. We also perform projects for our community and we do projects that help analyze what the politics of the U.S. is doing and how it relates to the changes that the youth want in the political system. In simple terms, this club was made as a different version of the Youth Advisory Board by one of the members of the Youth Advisory Board, Avi. In terms of activities, we have called congressmen all throughout the state and asked about their opinions about certain issues and how much they would be willing to change their policies based on what the youth want. In addition, we also asked a poll asking all high schoolers in our school about their political affiliation, and their stance on high heating political debates, so that we could analyze the statistics. I was also a part of the National Junior Honor Society, where we helped serve our community by volunteering, so I believe that the skill of being able to talk with people and volunteer without any problems would really help me if I was part of the Youth Advisory Board. <b>Qualities:</b> As a member of the Youth Advisory Board, I would bring in qualities such as knowledge and information where I could bring in results of polls that my school has agreed upon. There can be several different opinions and biases in the polls, but getting an average idea of what the current youth wants would really help with analyzing what the next steps are to implement these opinions in the actual political system. I would being an unbiased opinion at all times because regardless of what my opinion is on a specific issue, I always want to make sure that I represent the opinions of the majority, because representing the majority might not be my opinion, and, as an individual, I would prefer to follow the delegate model of representation rather than a politico or trustee model of representation. I ould also like to bring in data-driven decision-making where I could research and find out the results or outcomes of certain decisions taken in the past, and make sure that if a decision is being taken, it is important to find past success on it to completely make sure that proper decisions are taken, by using proven political data. <b>Civic Engagement:</b> I would like to start off with the dictionary definition of civic engagement before I talk about my definition of civic engagement. Civic engagement is the active participation of individuals in their communities and society at large. My definition of civic engagement is slightly different because I believe that proper civic engagement is the active participation of ALL individuals in their communities. First off, a decision that is taken is a result of the popular vote of everyone. This decision will affect everyone. My main strategy for working as a youth advisory board will be to make sure every single person votes and participates in their community and society. I believe that if there was to be a 60% participation rate and the decision was 49/51 on a specific issue, the data would be inaccurate, so make sure that there is not 99%. but 100% participation would be what proper civic engagement would be. Now, getting 10000/10000 people to vote would be ridiculously hard, and that is why I think as a group of the Youth Advisory Board, we, in the future, would</p>

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1/2/2023 (Continued from Previous Page)	Bhat, Chinmay	Willow	have the ability to convince every single person to vote in their community so that no one is complaining about not getting equal representation in participating in their politics. Another part of civic engagement is raising awareness. Civic engagement doesn't only talk about politics, but it refers to all major issues in our society. It can be about our environment, our health, or our politics. But, advocating for those issues is a significant form of civic engagement. Many people aren't educated about the pros and cons of various different issues, so educating and inspiring others to take a side and join and share knowledge, is an enormous part of civic engagement.
8/20/2023	Bulrich, Komrey	Willow	<p><b>Graduation Date: 5/2028 Hillcrest Middle School</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I hope to gain a better understanding of how government works and how as a teen I can play a roll and help others my age to better have a voice. I feel like as youth we are often overlooked and often adults don't hear or want to hear what we think. To have a platform where we can be understood and have our opinions heard would be truly a life changing opportunity.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> I have been a Girl Scout since I was in kindergarten and this has given me the opportunity to do a tremendous amount of community service and be involved in a wide variety of projects. I have completed both my bronze and silver award through scouting with major sustainability projects focused on cancer patients and our elderly and Alzheimer's community. Besides scouting I am involved with my school's drama club, play clarinet within the band, as well as active with my church and a faith based athletic group within my school. I have earned the National Presidential Service Awards for volunteering for the last four years based on my volunteer hours and I am on track for earing again this year based on volunteer hours this past summer from City of Peoria Junior Lifeguard Program. In additional to my school and community activities I play competitive basketball through my church, I feel that though this I am in touch with so many active teens involved in sports, school activities as well as community clubs and organizations, <b>Qualities:</b> I am organized and put my full effort into everything that I do. I have a passion for helping others. I know that being a liaison to other teens in my school and community would allow not only my ideas but others around me to impact change. I feel like I have a ability to hear what others around me feel are important and can hopefully bring this to advocate for those who otherwise would not have a voice.</p> <p><b>Meaning of Civic Engagement:</b> Civic engagement allows individuals and communities to impact change to those around them. I hope that in a role like this I can take those voices near me an impact positive change by hearing and applying those opinions around me. As an Youth Advisory Member I can learn from others to make a positive impact in both political and public avenues to make a positive impact on my community.</p>
5/17/2023	Cardona-Tait, Lailah	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation Date: 5/2029 / Westwing Elementary School</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in this because I want to serve the city of peoria and I hope to gain experience on how to do things and I want to put my hard work into show and use all my dedication to help the city of peoria. I would take helping and protecting the city of peoria very seriously. I want to bring my ideas and experiences to the table and to the city of peoria and I hope the ideas I bring will come to life and still help out the city of peoria.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b> I will be running for student council this coming year at my school at west wing. I am always out in my community conversing with neighbors and friends.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Change and Impact - Im passionate about specific causes and policies; Fresh Perspective - I bring a fresh perspective to city council discussions. My unique experiences, concerns, and ideas can challenge thinking, inject new energy into decision-making processes; I am passionate about making a difference, representing my generation, and shaping the future of my community, it can be a rewarding and impactful journey.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> Civic engagement empowers me to be able to raise my voice and advocate for causes I believe in. It can involve attending rallies, organizing protests, or starting campaigns to promote positive change and address social, environmental, or political issues that are important to me and my generation.</p>
3/19/2023	Chishom, Karma	Willow	<p><b>Frontier Elementary Expected / Graduation Date 2027</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I want to be able to volunteer and help the community in the best way possible</p> <p><b>Extracurriculars:</b> FJHS(NJHS), Morning Announcements <b>Qualities:</b> I would bring my time and help with fundraising and or community service <b>Meaning of Civic Engagement:</b> Civic engagement to me is helping one's community whether that be by doing something as small as picking up trash or helping raise money for a cause to help people or nature</p>

Application Date	Name	District	Graduation Date & Qualification Summary
7/20/2023	Choi, Roah	Ironwood	<p><b>Sandra Day O'Connor / Expected Graduation Date: 2027 Affiliation: No Interest:</b> I am interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board to work with others in bettering the community. I am also interested in being able to learn about working together with a team. While serving on the Youth Advisory Board, I hope to gain good knowledge on how to problem solve, work as a team, and how to help those with problems. After researching on the work that the Youth Advisory Board, I am very interested in the goals the Board has set. Specifically, visiting youth groups, schools, and community leaders to advocate for the youth aligns with my personal goals. <b>Extracurricular:</b> 1st Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo; Feed My Starving Children Volunteer; BCC Korean School Teacher Assistant Volunteer (2022-2023); BCC Youth Worship Team Drummer (2022-2023); Awards: Korean Spirit &amp; Culture Promotion Project 16th Essay Contest in USA Winner (2nd Place 2023); Hobbies: Weightlifting, reading dystopian novels, sketching, playing drums, outdoor activities, arm wrestling, community service; Other interests: ecommerce, finance, education policies <b>Qualities:</b> Some qualities I would bring as a Youth Advisory Board member are perseverance to constantly strive to accomplish issues within the community. I also have the passion and drive to ensure that no job is done half-heartedly. I can also properly communicate my thoughts to my peers and superiors, and more importantly, listen attentively when others are speaking and expressing their thoughts. My connections with youth within my school and church can also aid to further improve quality of life for teens in the city.</p> <p><b>Meaning of Civic Engagement:</b> To me, civic engagement means working as a group to help improve life for others without expecting anything in return. I believe that when helping out the community, taking initiative to ensure that an issue is solved thoroughly and properly is incredibly important. Civic engagement personally seems like a way for me to give back to the community.</p>
8/2/2023	Desai, Forum	Ironwood	<p><b>Graduation: 05/2025 / Mountain Ridge High School</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board because I simply want to give back to the community that filled my youth with the exhilarating activities whether it was the 4th of July at Peoria Sports Complex, activities at Rio Vista recreational area, and so much more. Being the first daughter to parents who were new to Arizona, the city of Peoria gave so many events and activities for all ages to get to know the city and make it feel like home. I want to do the same for our community. I hope to gain experience on collaborating with the other peers on the youth board and come up with new ideas for the city to enjoy.</p> <p><b>Extracurriculars:</b> I have volunteered at Sunrise Mountain Library for the past two summers. This experience first of all was the greatest feeling because that library was almost like home to me since I have been going since I could remember and now I am helping out at that very same place. Additionally it allowed me to gain a realistic experience in working or volunteering for the city. I also have volunteered at Honor Health Hospital, Basis Peoria as a tutor for kids during summer school, and a nursing home. My hobbies consist of music and volleyball. I have been playing the flute since 5th grade and have been enjoying it since. I actually became interested in volleyball because my mom signed me up for a summer camp through the Peoria sports for volleyball. I am also in various clubs at my high school like HOSA, NHS, DECA, UNICEF, and She's the First. <b>Qualities:</b> Qualities I would bring as a Youth Advisory board member would be having creativity, collaborative, ambitious, and eagerness. Creativity and being collaborative can be used with other board members when it comes to making up new ideas or working on new events. Ambitiousness and eagerness can be used to always making sure I put my best effort in anything I do and always hoping for the best outcome.</p> <p><b>Meaning of Civic Engagement:</b> Civic engagement to me means interacting and hearing the community's needs. There is no city without our community so it is important to make sure they are heard and we try our best to fit their needs. Additionally it means meeting all types of people and really getting to know them whether that be through fun activities for the kids or game nights with teens. Also it means helping out the environment like doing cleaning days for parks, advocating for earth day throughout the city and just taking care of the city.</p>
6/08/2021	Devi, Shravya	Willow	<p><b>Graduation Date: 5/2028 / Glendale Preparatory Academy</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I think it is a good chance to socialize since many people are not going anywhere because of covid-19. It helps us understand our government.</p> <p><b>Civic/Community Activities:</b> Virtual library volunteering. <b>Qualities:</b> I would bring respect, responsibility, and courtesy. <b>What Civic Engagement Means to Me:</b> Civic engagement means doing fun activities and things that help our government, our environment, and our society.</p>

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3/29/2023	Farley, Oliver	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 5/20/2026 / Brophy College Preparatory</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am passionate about making a difference in my community and being a voice for my generation. That's why I am interested in joining a city youth advisory board. Being a part of a youth advisory board would allow me to collaborate with other like-minded individuals and share our perspectives on important issues affecting our community. I believe that young people have unique insights and ideas that can contribute to positive change in our city. Additionally, being part of a youth advisory board would provide me with an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and teamwork skills. By working alongside other young people, we could learn to work together towards a common goal, develop problem-solving skills, and build confidence in our ability to create change. Finally, being part of a city youth advisory board would allow me to make a tangible impact in my community. Through providing feedback to city officials, advocating for policies and initiatives that benefit young people, and organizing events that promote community engagement, we could contribute to making our city a better place for everyone. Overall, I believe that joining a city youth advisory board would be a meaningful and rewarding experience that would allow me to grow as a leader and make a positive impact in my community.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b> Cross Country and Track and Field, Rocketry Club and Aerospace Club at Brophy College Prep; Active member of St Thomas More. Next year will serve on the Loyola Project at Brophy College Prep, mentor middle school students. Volunteer with the Creighton Foundation, building Gardens. Participated in many community projects while at Brophy, working for Food for the Hungry and St. Vincent De Paul food pantry, serving food to the unhoused. Playing video games, running, and legos and this summer going into Aerospace flight classes.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> I would bring several qualities to the Youth Advisory Board. I believe that I am a good leader and have experience organizing community service projects and athletic events. I am also a creative person who enjoys coming up with new ideas and solutions. Furthermore, I am a good communicator and listener, which means that I can effectively share my ideas with others and understand their perspectives. I am also a team player and believe in working collaboratively with others to achieve common goals. Most importantly, I am committed to community service and making a positive impact in my community. As a member of the Youth Advisory Board, I would work hard and do my best to contribute to the team's success.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> I'm a 9th grade student at Brophy College Prep who has taken the oath of Men serving others, I love to make a difference in my community and speak up for my generation. If I join a youth advisory board in my city, I can do just that. Being part of this board means I can work together with other young people who care about the same things as me. We can share our ideas on important issues that affect our community. I believe that as young people, we have different perspectives and ideas that can help make our city a better place. Not only can I share my ideas, but I can also develop skills in leadership and teamwork. By working together, we can learn how to solve problems and build confidence in ourselves. Overall, joining a city youth advisory board would be an awesome experience. I can learn how to be a better leader, work with others, and make a positive impact in my community.</p>
5/31/2023	Harris, Kellen	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2028 / West Wing Elementary School</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am involved in my school's Student Government System and want to expand my knowledge of neighborhood and city-wide issues and opportunities where I can help make a positive impact. Furthermore, I have attended local meetings with my guardians regarding the expansion in the Mesquite District and I am very interested to understand the processes and procedures in defining and expanding such a great city. I hope to gain civic acumen, expand my relationships for my future development, and bring opportunities to my fellow classmates/peers.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b></p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Task Oriented, Public Speaking Skills, Excellent Note-Taker and Documentation Skills, Project Management, and Exceptional Curiosity; as well as Advanced Mathematical Skillsets up to the 9th Grade Level.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> Being aware of the issues and opportunities that face a city such as ours including schools, roadways, residential and commercial properties/expansions, waterways, etc. Being engaged invites curiosity to be a proactive problem-solver and listening from an unbiased, bipartisan approach. It also means being fiscally responsible to ensure the future of Peoria is on pace for success.</p>

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8/10/2021	Hernandez, Leonardo	Acacia	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2026 / Cotton Boll Elementary School / Interviewed 3/14/2023</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I would like to join to improve my leadership skills and I would like to learn from the other members and ultimately have some good experiences</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> I volunteer at a local church I would help with the computer presentations and sound systems as well as assisting the Sunday school teachers. I also have participated in recreational soccer.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> I consider myself as a leader so I hope to bring my communication skills for the benefit of the Youth Advisory Board.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement:</b> To me it means to work to improve the community and helping others.</p>
8/10/2021	Hernandez, Lesley	Acacia	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2023 / Sunrise Mountain High School /</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested because I want to contribute to my community and do my part to improve our community. I would like to learn from other youth and expand my confidence and communication skills too.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> I volunteered for a local church where I volunteer as a mentor for children from 5 years to 8. I assist with crafts, assist with group activities and assist the Sunday school teachers with lessons.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> I am very creative, I love to try different solutions. Also, I hope to bring great feedback and bring new ideas to make things better. I love working with others to build great thoughts and ideas so I hope I will get the opportunity to do that as a Youth Advisory Board member.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement:</b> I am very creative, I love to try different solutions. Also, I hope to bring great feedback and bring new ideas to make things better. I love working with others to build great thoughts and ideas so I hope I will get the opportunity to do that as a Youth Advisory Board member.</p>
1/16/2022	Hineman, Isabella	Willow	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2024 / Glendale Preparatory Academy / Interviewed 4/2022</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I have lived my entire life in the city of Peoria and have watched it expand and grow as a community. As a youth, I am self-motivated and will offer many contributions to improve the city of Peoria. I enjoy the public library, the sports complexes, and the dining options in the city. I believe that because I have lived here, there is even more potential to continue the interest in this part of the northwest valley. My career goals include pursuing a MD/JD degree and working to shape further generations by impacting health care policy.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities:</b> I serve as a youth coach at Christ Church of the Valley. I am a mentor for new students through the mentorship program at Glendale Preparatory Academy. I swim competitively for Lifetime Aquatics six days a week for 3 hours each day. I volunteer at Valley of the Sun Pediatrics. I also enjoy reading novels and traveling overseas in my free time.</p> <p><b>Member Qualities:</b> I am very organized and enthusiastic. I am proactive, a hard worker, and willing to take on any challenge. I also enjoy working on different teams and providing feedback with new ideas.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement:</b> I would like to help give back to my community because I have benefited from the programs and services in it my whole life. Civic engagement means being involved and suggesting new ideas to improve ones community. I hope to be able to offer my suggestions and improve the City of Peoria! <b>RESUME ON FILE WITH CLERK'S OFFICE.</b></p>
4/28/2023	Kaza, Aswini	Willow	<p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in getting more experience in this field, by becoming a board member I hope to gain more leadership skills as well as new opportunities to expand my knowledge of what it's like being a board member and also a part of a committee</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> Deans Team ( volunteering and giving back to the school community), National Art Honor Society( We sometimes make cards and give them out to hospices or hospitals to add some brightness to their day)</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Qualities I would bring as a youth advisory board member are being punctual, interest in service, as well as passion, and excellent organizational skills.</p> <p><b>Meaning of civic engagement:</b> To me, civic engagement means being involved in the community and working towards refining and fixing its problems. Civic engagement also is to be volunteering and helping in the community as well as outside of the community.</p>
1/07/2022	Kote, Vivekanand	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2027 / Arizona Virtual Academy/</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> Help my community</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> Development of park, recreation, and development activities</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Being kind and helping each other</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement:</b> Being part of the community and create activities which will help my community grow.</p>

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8/23/2023	Mohanty, Naitik	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2026</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am deeply interested in serving on the Youth Advisory Board to contribute my perspectives and ideas towards initiatives that positively impact young individuals. Through this experience, I hope to gain valuable insights into community engagement, leadership development, and the creation of meaningful opportunities for youth. I'm excited to collaborate with like-minded peers, learn from their diverse experiences, and collectively work towards driving positive change for our generation.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> I am the founder of multiple non profits: "The HydroClean Foundation" and "Arizona Science Association ". I am also the treasurer of a non profit: "ENPO (Environmental Non-profit Organization)". In school I have founded a National Technical Honor Society chapter and I am currently serving as president as well as founding the Red Cross Club (we organize volunteering opportunities in the name of the Red Cross) ; I am currently also serving as president for this club. I also have a huge interest in policy making ( I was in the Model UN club at school; previously winning multiple awards). I am generally up to date with current day events and societal flows.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> As a potential Youth Advisory Board member, I would bring a combination of passion, creativity, and dedication to the table. My ability to think critically and offer innovative solutions would enable me to contribute fresh perspectives to the board's discussions. With strong communication skills, I would facilitate effective collaboration and ensure that diverse voices are heard and valued. Additionally, my enthusiasm for community engagement and commitment to making a difference would motivate me to actively participate in projects and initiatives aimed at empowering and supporting young individuals.</p> <p><b>Meaning of Civic Engagement:</b> Civic engagement, to me, means the active participation of individuals in shaping the social, political, and cultural landscape of their community as a whole. It goes beyond simply being a member of a community; it involves taking responsibility for the collective well-being, growth, and progress of that community. Civic engagement encompasses activities such as voting in elections, advocating for social issues, volunteering for local initiatives, attending public meetings, and collaborating with fellow community members to effect positive change. It reflects a sense of duty, a desire to contribute, and a belief in the power of collective action to create a more just, inclusive, and vibrant society for everyone.</p>
5/10/2023	Navghare, Anay	Willow	<p><b>Graduation: 05/2027 / BASIS Peoria</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> Understand local issues of citizens as life learning experience; Bringing incremental value addition in the lives of Peoria Citizens; Building a strong collaboration with local non profits and enable them to achieve YAB's mission; YAB experience will be able to help gain Civic engagement experience, life learning lessons of citizens from different walks of life.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b> Currently serving as a member of National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and involved in various volunteering activities; Led a group of volunteers in Peoria in 2022 for food donation drive and collected 500lbs and donated it to Navajo Nation; Involved in an exhibition hosted at Glendale Community College (GCC) on Indian culture; Actively participated in various food packaging drives in Peoria such as for "Feed My Starving Children"; Participated in cultural exhibition on India which was attended by Phoenix City Civic officials; Led public Yoga / Sun Salutation events for last two years in Peoria / Phoenix; Passionate about drawing and painting, sensitive about environmental cause.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Strong previous experience working with various organizations and effective collaboration; Translating an advice into action based on earlier experiences; Asking right questions to expand particular thought process; Researching ability of any particular subject and have a meaningful dialogue with the team; Ability to network with new people; Strong communication skills.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> Help enhancing the standard of living of the community through various initiatives; Bring awareness of important issues like global warming, pollution etc. among citizens; Understanding aspirations, problems of local citizens; Provide an insightful information to Mayor's office to help formulate productive policies. Be empathetic towards citizens.</p>

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8/23/2023	Nguyen, Sophie	Palo Verde	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2024 / Centennial High School</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> Learn to have more experience</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> Not answered</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Not answered</p> <p><b>Meaning of civic engagement:</b> Not answered</p>
8/23/2022	Rajesh, Archisha	Willow	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2024 / Basis Peoria</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I would like to join the Youth Advisory Board to actively contribute to the youth community in Peoria and improve my leadership and communication skills.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities:</b> Piano, Latin teaching, volunteering in School, Peer tutoring, Taekwondo (Black Belt), classical dance.</p> <p><b>Member Qualities:</b> I'm excellent at Math and analytical skills and have a sense of contributing to community. I'm very diligent, hard working and result-oriented. With these skills, I feel confident about making a difference in the great City of Peoria, through YAB. Thank you for the opportunity.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> I believe in the quote "Be the change you would like to see in the world" strongly. In order to make the world a better place, one needs to start it in his or her own mind. This is my first step towards making the world a better place. I really thank the City administration to provide such wonderful opportunities for the Youth to be part of the community.</p>
01/12/2023	Ranjan, Mehul	Willow	<p><b>Graduation: 05/2025 / Basis Peoria / INTERVIEWED ON 4/12/2022</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I hope to learn more on the city of Peoria and it's problems, so we can fix or help them. I also wish that I can spread knowledge on various topics in the city of Peoria.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular Activities:</b> Speech and debate is a terrific activity for the youth advisory board as it engages young and mature minds in to providing knowledge on current topics and increases critical thinking.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> I am a very caring person and I do my best to provide helpful things to people. This could be very beneficial to the board because of its way of provide knowledge on topics in the city of Peoria.</p> <p><b>Meaning of Civic Engagement:</b> I believe civil engagement is one if not the most beneficial thing a community could ask for. For instance what I believe civil engagement means to me is that it can affect the community in a political and non-political way.</p>
1/21/2022	Sekar, Aditi	Willow	<p><b>Graduation Date: 05/2026 / Basis Peoria Interviewed 4/2022</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in participating in the Youth Advisory Board because I want to assist with the growth and development of our community. I would like to participate in community activities, local events, and campaigns. I am eager to make an impact, and I see this as the perfect opportunity to contribute to the community. I am intrigued to be advising and counseling Peoria youth activities and events. I hope to gain leadership skills while serving on the Youth Advisory Board. I also hope to obtain communication skills whilst communicating with other organizations, leaders, and members of the Board.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities:</b> also enjoy watching history documentaries. I have read interesting short stories pertaining to the U.S government.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> I am passionate, hardworking, and collaborative. I am passionate about making an impact on the future of our community. I want to take the initiative to improve the well-being of youths. I am hardworking, in that I will be dedicated and determined to work hard as a member of the Youth Advisory Board. I am also collaborative. When working as a team, I believe collaboration is a vital skill. Team members must work together and be respectful to one another since we are all working towards a common goal.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement:</b> To me, civic engagement means addressing issues and engaging in order to solve and mediate it. I want to take the initiative to create a better and healthier society. I would also like to discuss major issues the youth of our community are facing and help remove or dissolve the issue.</p>
6/12/2023	Harma, Arnav	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2029 / Lake Pleasant Elementary School</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I would like to contribute to my city and community</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b> Soccer, Represented Lake Pleasant Elementary School at Odyssey of Mind World Finals at Michigan State University in May 2023</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Listening, Giving my opinion</p>

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2/10/2023	Singamaneni Dhriti, Sreesai	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 2027 / Glendale Preparatory Academy</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am joining the Youth Advisory Board of Peoria because I want to converse with other members of the city of Peoria, who have a goal to make the youth better for the next generation and hear different insights on how we can help make a difference.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic/Community Activities:</b> I was part of a community service group, and we cleaned up my communities park. I also participated in the forces of nature club taking place in my school. We would voluntarily clean public places by picking up trash, recycling water bottles, and etc. I also volunteer in the library when I could. I tend to be very giving as well. When I eat outside with my family, we tend to give our takeout to homeless people.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> I have very good leadership and coaching abilities. Instead of just telling someone the answer, I coach them through it and help them every step of the way. I also have great communication skills, I can make meaningful conversation in just mere minutes, and am able to talk with anyone openly and not feel shy.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> Civic engagement is helping the community in multiple ways. You don't only have to participate in volunteering, you can start a gardening club and help the environment, you can start a lemonade stand and donate your prophet to a food bank or hospital. If you take a part in public participation you are basically doing civic engagement.</p>
5/23/2023	Terrones, Randy	Ironwood	<p><b>Graduation 5/2028 / Coyote Hills Elementary /</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> Learning more about what it takes to run our city and strengthen my leadership skills.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b> Student Council Treasurer and NJHS</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Team player, Hardworking, Leader</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> Helping others and strengthen my community</p>
02/23/2023	Tipton, Titus	Pine	<p><b>Graduation: 05/2025 / Sunrise Mountain</b></p> <p><b>Affiliations:</b> Not currently. However, I am in the process of applying for a lifeguard position with Peoria Aquatics.</p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am highly interested in the opportunity to develop my leadership skills in a manner that is constructive for my fellow peers and our community. Specifically, I hope to greatly expand my access to volunteer opportunities around the City of Peoria and expand those opportunities to others. I also want to increase community participation and unity specifically in my local neighborhoods while supporting the growth of the entire community as a whole.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> I frequently volunteer with veteran service organizations, mainly Operation Enduring Gratitude. I was a Civil Air Patrol Cadet for two years, and I am currently transferring to the Naval Sea Cadets. I publicly speak often, and have given speeches at two events held by the City of Peoria: The Peoria Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee Heroes Flag Walk in May of 2021 and 2022.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> Confidence under pressure or with challenging tasks. Leadership. Problem solving. Outgoingness.</p> <p><b>Meaning of Civic Engagement:</b> To me, civic engagement means reaching out to everyone in our community, and specifically those in the most need of our assistance. Civic engagement is finding the people who need help and won't ask for it, and offer it to them in a personal and considerate manner.</p>
5/7/2022	Vanteri, Rohan	Willow	<p><b>Graduation: 05/2025 / BASIS Peoria</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in joining the Youth Advisory board so I can make an impact on the youth of Peoria. I know problems that people my age face since I am experiencing them as well first hand, and by joining the youth advisory board, I can help future children who will also deal with these problems. While serving on the Youth Advisory Board, I hope to improve my leadership skills, and become a more active member in our community by helping the youth.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b> I am currently a member of my school's newspaper club Basis Bugle. At this club, I was able to write articles that appeal to a broad audience, which strengthened my ability to communicate with others. I was also part of the GYM program (Greatness for Youth's Minds) where I learned how to improve my actions, habits, and my daily lifestyle. As hobbies, I enjoy trying new things and I also am proficient in coding in the Java language, and can code in python to a certain extent as well. I also took a summer course on app development using the platform Xcode, which taught me how to develop some basic apps and helped improve my coding abilities.</p>

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5/7/2022	Vanteri, Rohan  <b>Continued from Previous Page</b>	Willow	<p><b>Qualities:</b> As a Youth Advisory Board member, I would suggest new ways to improve the community and would listen, while giving feedback, to ideas other people have to ensure that everything the board does impacts the community in a positive way. I also work very well with others, and can communicate very well. Other than collaboration and suggesting new ideas, I am also a friendly person who likes to talk with others.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> To me, civic engagement means that I should help a lot of people and leave a significant impact on them for years to come. By helping more people and leaving the impact, I am helping the community where I grew up, and making an positive impact that can stay for years to come.</p>
8/26/2021	Whaley, Makinzie	Mesquite	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2023 / Sunrise Mountain High School /</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I am interested in joining the Youth Advisory Board because I want to become more involved in my community and see what goes on behind the scenes. I also have an interest in pursuing a career with a leadership position, so I believe being a part of this will enable me to develop my leadership skills even more. I hope to make a contribution to my community and be introduced to involvement within the city.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular:</b> I am a member of Best Buddies at my school where I focus on creating relationships and friendships with peers who are intellectually disabled. I also enjoy volunteer work around the community, such as helping in a Arizona Baptist Children’s Services and Family Ministries, and I participated in cleaning up schools in the Love My School event. I am planning on joining NHS my senior year to continue to volunteer and help around the community. I am also very sociable and love hanging out and talking with my peers and friends and I believe this would be helpful working with peers on the board.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> As a Youth Advisory Board member, I would bring leadership and focus. I was president of NJHS at my elementary school, West Wing Elementary, where I planned and lead meetings as well as coordinated with organizations and my fellow peers to plan volunteer opportunities, and I believe I could use these leadership skills as a member of the Youth Advisory board to help the City Manager with planning events. I also would bring focus to the group, as I am very sociable, but I am also serious when I need to get things accomplished.</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement:</b> Civic engagement is getting involved in your community to make a difference and to have your voice heard to me. It is representing your peers and I believe it is a civil duty as a member of a community to be involved in what is going on in their community and helping better it in any way they can.</p>
6/27/2023	Yonce, Alexis	Willow	<p><b>Graduation: 5/2024 / Liberty High School /</b></p> <p><b>Interest:</b> I spoke out about an issue that was a concern in our peoria school district, after speaking out the empowerment and encouragement i’ve received made me want to speak out more. With the strong mindset i have and the different ways we could go about problems, i think this would be a great opportunity to help our community out and make the changes that are needed.</p> <p><b>Extracurricular/Civic Activities:</b> as i just moved out to arizona only 2 years, back i. my home town in virginia i would participate of helping out at a food shelter for the less fortunate. as i haven’t found a place in arizona to do this, i would love to get back into it.</p> <p><b>Qualities:</b> the qualities i would bring as a member consist of problem solving, bringing connections within the group, and ultimately be fully committed to make a change and speak out</p> <p><b>Civic Engagement Meaning:</b> civic engagement to me means that we are working as a group and community to find new ways to solve problems that are occurring and to make our community a safer and better place to be in.</p>