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TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR MARK FREEMAN

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

The following are my recommendations for reappointments to the City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees:

Board of Adjustment – Seven-member board.

Heath Reed, District 6. Mr. Reed is a project manager at Crown Castle LLC and a member of the America Planning Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in urban planning from Arizona State University and a master's degree in urban & regional planning from the University of Colorado, Denver. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Building Board of Appeals– Nine-member board.

Jerry Peterman, District 2. Mr. Peterman served in the US Navy and completed four tours in Vietnam. After 30 years with the Graham Fire Department, he retired as Line Captain. He also was a member of the Graham City Council and retired as Mayor. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Tracy Dyches, District 5. Mr. Dyches is President and CEO of Dyches Property Service and was a designer of custom homes with G.W. Berry Builders. He fills the homebuilder position on the Building Board of Appeals. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Design Review Board – Seven-member board.

Ryan J. Circello, District 2. Mr. Circello has nearly 20 years' experience as a professional civil engineer. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Portland, and his experience has been in design and construction in civil, water and wastewater industries. He completed a partial term 7/1/24 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Economic Development Advisory Board – Nine-member board.

Charles Gregory, District 5. Mr. Gregory previously served as president of Benedictine University. He also has extensive experience as an administrator in education and has consulted numerous high schools and colleges in their fundraising efforts, enrollment, and strategic initiatives. He earned a Master of Education from Cumberland University, a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from Austin Peay State University, and an Associate of Arts Degree from Cumberland College of Tennessee. He completed a partial term, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Education and Workforce Development Roundtable – Seventeen-member board.

Kristin Sorensen, District 2. Ms. Sorensen is a senior community and government relations specialist for The Boeing Company. She was also formerly the director of communications and community engagement for the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family for the State of Arizona. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term 11/2/23 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

David Williams, Mr. Williams is Community Development Regional Manager, Southwest, at Meta. He earned a bachelor's degree in government and economics from New Mexico State University and has extensive experience at the United States Senate. His second term will expire June 30, 2025.

Historic Preservation Board – Seven-member board.

Bruce Nelson, District 4. Mr. Nelson is an award-winning actor and filmmaker who has produced several historical documentaries and museum exhibits about Mesa. His films have been selected at the Phoenix Film Festival, Herberger Arts Film Festival, The Arizona Black Film Showcase and others. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Housing & Community Development Board – Eleven-member board.

Monica R. Thompson, District 6. Ms. Thompson is a fifth and sixth grade innovation teacher with Mesa Public Schools. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Arizona State University, a teacher certification from Ottawa University, a Master of Education from Arizona State University, and an Associate of Applied Science in law enforcement technology from Rio Salado Community College. She completed a partial term 4/3/25 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Warren Williams, District 3. Mr. Williams is executive pastor at Redemption Church. He also has experience in operations management and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Albany. He completed a partial term 8/17/23 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Human Relations Advisory Board – Eleven-member board.

William Campos, District 6. Mr. Campos is a senior digital strategist at Arizona Federal Credit Union. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree in marketing from the University of Texas at Dallas. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Nina Allred, District 2. Ms. Allred is the Community Outreach and Engagement Supervisor at Mesa Public Schools. She is a bilingual interpreter/translator and earned a bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies from Brigham Young University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Oscar White, District 1. Mr. White is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran with a long career in operations management. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from California Polytechnical University. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Mary Redwing (Plomin), District 2. Ms. Redwing has personal experience with down syndrome and is a parent-advocate for those with disabilities. She has been an attorney and criminal prosecutor for more than 17 years and is currently the Deputy County Attorney in the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Northwestern University and a Juris Doctor from the University of California at Hastings College of Law. She completed a partial term 8/22/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Jane W. Cooper, District 6. Ms. Cooper has a background in nursing and community education and has over 30 years of experience in nursing in both rural areas and large cities. She holds several degrees including a Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing and Master of Applied Science in Nursing, both from Governors State University, and is currently working toward a Doctorate of Nurse Practitioner from Bradley University. She completed a partial term 8/22/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Judicial Advisory Board – Seven-member board.

Keith Berkshire, Esq., District 5. Mr. Berkshire has been an attorney for 16 years and has practiced at every level of Court. He owns Berkshire Law Office and has served on various committees with the State Bar of Arizona. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Arizona and a Juris Doctor from the University of Houston Law Center. He completed a partial term 2/1/24 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Sonia Martinez, District 3. Ms. Martinez owns and operates Sonia Martinez Law. She was recommended by the State Bar of Arizona to be a member of the Judicial Advisory Board. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science/pre-law from California State University in Long Beach, CA and a Juris Doctor from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, CA. She completed a partial term 2/13/23 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Library Advisory Board – Nine-member board.

Kristin Ricklefs-Johnson, District 1. Dr. Ricklefs-Johnson is Director of Nutrition Science at GenoPalate. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Northern Iowa, a master's degree in exercise and wellness from Kansas State University, and a PhD in physical activity, nutrition and wellness from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term 2/13/23 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

James Martherus, District 6. Dr. Martherus is a research scientist at Morning Consult in Mesa. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University in Provo, UT and both a master's degree and PhD in political science from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. He completed a partial term 2/13/23 – 6/30/25, and his first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Jo Wilson, District 1. Ms. Wilson is Strategic Partnership and Community Relations Director at Benedictine University – Mesa. She earned a bachelor's degree in higher education from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in higher education from Arizona State University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Karina Wilhelm, District 3. Ms. Wilhelm has been a library professional for 18 years and has held various roles at the ASU Library. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Arizona State University, a Master of Information Resources and Library Science from the University of Arizona, and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Arizona State University. She completed a partial term 10/17/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Merit System Board – Three-member board.

Tara Francois, District 6. Ms. Francois is vice president of Global Sales Engineering for Smartsheet. She has more than 25 years' experience delivering software solutions to industries worldwide. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Linée Ferguson, District 5. Ms. Ferguson owns Master the Workplace, LLC. She earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and a master's degree in urban studies from Georgia State University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Museum & Cultural Advisory Board – Eleven-member board.

Claudia Bloom, District 5. Ms. Bloom is a professional musician who teaches and performs regularly. She is also the staff pianist and accompanist at Desert Palm UCC. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy from the University of Colorado Boulder. She completed a partial term 7/1/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Angela Buer, District 3. Ms. Buer teaches art, art history, digital media and humanities as an adjunct professor for the Maricopa County Community College District. She earned bachelor's degrees in fine arts and painting from Arizona State University and a master's degree in art education from the University of Arizona. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Parks & Recreation Board – Eleven-member board.

Nina Fader, District 1. Ms. Fader is an e-learning counselor at Salvation Army Croc Center. She earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in community resources and development from Arizona State University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Melanie Narish, District 2. Ms. Narish is a Senior Learning Designer at Arizona State University's Center for Education Thought Exploration. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Nevada, Reno and a master's degree in raptor biology from Boise State University. She completed a partial term 12/08/22 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Planning & Zoning Board – Seven-member board.

Jeff Pitcher, District 2. Mr. Pitcher is a transactional attorney and real estate director at Fennemore Craig P.C. He earned a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University. His second term will expire on June 30, 2028.

Genessee Montes, District 6. Ms. Montes is principal of Jefferson Elementary School, and she facilitates the Hispanic Leadership Institute through Valle Del Sol. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from New Mexico State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Self-Insurance Board of Trustees – Five-member board.

Michael Schaiberger, District 5. Mr. Schaiberger was the Employee Health Benefits Director at Maricopa County. He earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University. His second term will expire June 30, 2028.

Transportation Advisory Board – Eleven-member board.

Dana Alvidrez, District 5. Ms. Alvidrez serves as a City Transportation Engineer for the City of Chandler. She is a registered professional engineer and professional traffic operations engineer with 20+ years of experience. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Civil) from Arizona State University and is currently working toward obtaining a Master's in Public Administration. She completed a partial term 8/22/24 – 6/30/25, and her first term will expire June 30, 2028.

Tara Bingdazzo, District 3. Ms. Bingdazzo is Senior Director of Community Support Network at Solari, Inc. and oversees the 211 Arizona program, which includes transportation services. She earned a bachelor's degree in social and cultural studies from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her second term will expire June 30, 2028.