

August 22, 2024

TO: CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR JOHN GILES

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

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

Housing and Community Development Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Diana “Dede” Yazzie Devine is the retired President and CEO of Native American Connections where she worked for over 40 years. Ms. Devine has over 44 years of experience in social service programs, affordable housing and community development. She holds a bachelor’s degree in social services and a Master of Business Administration from Arizona State University. She also holds international and state licenses in substance abuse counseling. The appointment would fulfill the Special Needs Provider role on the board. Her first term expires June 30, 2027.

Human Relations Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Jane Williams Cooper has a background in nursing and community education. She has over 30 years of experience in nursing working 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. She is also working toward a Doctorate of Nurse Practitioner from Bradley University. Her partial term expires June 30, 2025.

Transportation Advisory Board – Eleven-member board including new appointments.

Dana Alvidrez serves as a City Transportation Engineer for the City of Chandler. She is a registered professional engineer and professional traffic operations engineer, has 20+ years of experience in traffic/transportation engineering and planning, and experience working for local municipalities. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Civil) from Arizona State University and is currently working toward a Master of Public Administration. Her partial term expires June 30, 2025.