

Attachment A



City of Phoenix

To: City Council
From: Mayor Kate Gallego

Date: November 20, 2019

Subject: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – APPOINTEES

The purpose of this memo is to provide recommendations for appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Expenditure Limit Task Force

I recommend the Council appoint an Expenditure Limit Task Force and initiate the quadrennial review process to carefully study the State Expenditure Limit effect on the City of Phoenix. The Task Force will recommend a proposal for placement on the November 2020 County election ballot.

THE ISSUE

In 1980, Arizona voters approved a constitutional amendment limiting local government spending to 1979-80 amounts adjusted for annual growth in population and inflation. This constitutional amendment included provisions for obtaining voter approval to exceed those limits. Since 1980, Phoenix has had nine home rule options approved by the voters.

Each of our prior home rule options have been thoroughly studied and recommended by task forces. Our current home rule option will expire on June 30, 2021. A proposal must be presented to the voters in the regular election of November 2020 in order to be in place by July 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that a Task Force once again be appointed and charged with reviewing the revenue and expenditure forecasts prepared by City of Phoenix staff, studying the potential effects of the constitutional limit, and recommend a proposal to the Mayor and City Council for referral to the ballot. The following schedule is recommended for their work:

- November 2019 – Appointment of the Task Force
- February 2020 – Task Force meetings

- March 2020 – Task Force presents findings to the City Council in the Policy Meeting
- April 2020 – Two required public hearings
- Mid-April 2020 – Required analysis transmitted to the Auditor General
- June 2020 – Adoption of the ballot language
- August 2020 – Publicity pamphlet materials prepared
- November 3, 2020 – Election Day

I recommend the following individuals for appointment to the Expenditure Limit Task Force:

Rachel Aja

Ms. Aja is the Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager with Cox Communications, Inc.

Bert Coleman

Mr. Coleman is the President of Coleman Dahm Layeux.

Herb Ely

Mr. Ely will serve as Chair of the task force. He is an attorney with Ely, Bettini, Ulman, Rosenblatt, & Ozer.

Todd Sanders

Mr. Sanders is the CEO of the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.

Kelli Williams

Ms. Williams is the Senior Litigation Counsel with CNA Insurance Companies.