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CITY OF PRESCOTT APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL VACANCY

Questions may be directed to Sarah Siep, Prescott City Clerk, at 928-777-1437 or sarah.siep@prescott-az.gov. Applications must be received in the City Clerk's Office at 201 N Montezuma St. Suite 302, Prescott, Arizona, by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.**

NAME	Patrick Grady	DATE	April 22, 2025
RESIDENT ADDRESS	[REDACTED]	CITY/ZIP	Prescott 86305
MAILING ADDRESS	Same	CITY/ZIP	
PHONE (RESIDENCE)	[REDACTED]	PHONE (CELL)	[REDACTED]
EMPLOYER	None	PHONE (BUSINESS)	
IF RETIRED, FORMER EMPLOYER	City of Phoenix	E-MAIL ADDRESS	[REDACTED]

HAVE YOU BEEN A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE CITY OF PRESCOTT FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS?

☒ YES ☐ NO

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN PRESCOTT? 8 years

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED, RECEIVED DEFERRED ADJUDICATION, OR ENTERED A GUILTY PLEA OR NOLO CONTENDERE FOR ANY FELONY OR CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE? YES ☒ NO

NOTE: A "YES" ANSWER WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY YOU FROM APPOINTMENT. IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN. INCLUDE DATE, PLACES, AND NATURE OF OFFENSES.

ARE YOU PRESENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT OF ANY FELONY OR CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN. INCLUDE DATES, PLACES, AND NATURE OF OFFENSES. DO NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION FOR ANY CHARGES THAT HAVE BEEN DISMISSED OR ARE NO LONGER PENDING.

BRIEFLY STATE YOUR REASONS AND DESIRE FOR WANTING TO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL. PLEASE INCLUDE SPECIAL INTERESTS, ABILITIES, SKILLS OR CONTACTS THAT COULD BENEFIT THE CITY COUNCIL.

I enjoyed my 30 years in public service! I believe that my local government experience can be of value to my community. I have long been an advocate for stewardship of our natural environment. My career in local economic development, downtown development, neighborhood revitalization, will bring some hands-on perspectives with respect to our overall economic competitiveness. My personal interest in affordable housing (founding Columbus Habitat for Humanity and serving as Board President) is timely. Moreover, I am hopeful that my non-partisan skills of consensus-building and finding common ground will be of benefit. I have intergovernmental contacts in Yavapai County, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Sedona and Flagstaff as a result of my volunteer work.

WHAT CIVIC AND/OR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU PRESENTLY INVOLVED WITH?

I am currently engaged on the Prescott Sustainability Working Group, with the Deputy City Manager. In addition, I serve on the Quad Cities Climate Collaborative that focuses on wildfire protection, sustainable water, healthy forests and eco-systems and municipal energy savings. I am also involved with CWAG, the ASU Sustainable Cities Network and the Interfaith Climate Action Team.

LIST YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE ON A CITY/TOWN COUNCIL OR ADVISORY GROUP/BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE IN PRESCOTT OR ELSEWHERE.

While I have extensive experience working with City Council members, Boards and Committees in a staff capacity in College Park, Md; Tampa, Florida; Columbus, Ohio; and Phoenix my direct participation includes the Cave Creek Sustainability Committee and the Prescott Sustainability Working Group.

DESCRIBE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUNCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

In a City Management form of government (where I served in College Park, Md and Phoenix), I believe the primary roles are around setting vision, mission, policies and the overall City budget to guide actual City operations. The City Council, in its leadership role, also establishes City programmatic priorities annually and over a 5-year period. In its important role in guiding development, it guides growth through its planning and zoning responsibility. The City Council also helps to guide the City through its establishment of various advisory bodies on specific topical areas like workforce housing and water resources. The City Council receives continuous reports and actions from both the City Manager's Office and specific departments, including the important role of approving budgets, programs, contracts and even recommending specific program strategies. Moreover, and perhaps of most importance, is the role the City Council has in listening to its customers, its fellow citizens.

STATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CITY BUDGET AND THE BUDGET PROCESS.

The City budget process is designed to allocate budget resources to align with the City's stated strategic priorities. It includes both operational budgets, by department, but also capital projects as well as purchasing expenditures. While engaging departments, there is also a role for citizen input.

Having served as the Department Director for the Phoenix Community and Economic Development Department (at one point, with over 200 employees), I have significant practical experience of working at the leadership level on a City's budgeting process. This also includes direct experience with examining how Departmental budgets align with the City's larger goals and objectives, including the revenue side of the budget. I also worked in partnership with other City departments on budget needs impacting our specific economic development project activities (specifically Finance, Public Works and Environmental Departments).

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE CITY OF PRESCOTT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS?

My vision is consistent with the recently adopted vision statement, with its key descriptors - thriving, hometown values, western heritage, cultural events, our outdoor adventures and, of course, a prosperous economy.

My personal vision would focus a little deeper on the need for a competitive and diversified economic base.

In addition, my vision would include a moderate growth projection, interdependent upon sustainable water resources.

April 18, 2025

DATE

Patrick Grady

SIGNATURE

PATRICK GRADY QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

B.A. DePauw University 1970

M.A. Kent State University 1972

ABD Kent State University Urban History and Urban Studies

1973 Summer Internship, New York City, Housing Development Dept

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City Planner Tampa, Florida 1974-1976

Assistant Development Director College Park, Md 1976-1979

Department of Development Columbus, Ohio 1979-2000

Various positions in Community and Economic Development

Economic Development (1984-1987); Manager 1987-1997

Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development 1997

Accomplishments

Created and operated several targeted and city-wide business programs

Won All-America City Award in 1987 for commercial revitalization

In partnership with Ohio State University, created Business

Technology Center; served as first Board President

Spearheaded major public/private partnership in Brewery District, adjacent to Downtown

Leadership role in development of downtown Market District, anchored by North Market, Central Ohio's public market

Spearheaded revitalization of Short North mixed-use business district, between downtown and Ohio State University campus

Director of Community and Economic Development
Phoenix, 2000-2003
Director of Downtown Development 2003-2005

Accomplishments

Creation of Phoenix Bioscience Core
Served as liaison to downtown business partnerships and all 3
State universities
Led the development of Downtown Strategic Plan
Spearheaded the building of the Translational Genomics
Research Institute on the downtown bio-science campus
Coordinated the development of the downtown Sheraton Hotel

Community Engagement

Co-founded and created the Columbus affiliate of Habitat for
Humanity; served as first Board President 1987-92

Cave Creek Museum Board Member 2010-12

Volunteered with Arizona Interfaith Power and Light, serving as Board
President from 2016-2018

Co-founded and served as Chair of the Prescott Interfaith Climate
Action Team 2021 to present

Chairperson of the Quad Cities Climate Collaborative

Co-leader of the newly-established Prescott Sustainability Working
Group 2025

Have served as a volunteer/member with the Greater Prescott
Outdoors Fund, Save the Dells and CWAG