

**MINUTES**  
**LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, March 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.  
League of Arizona Cities and Towns Zoom  
1820 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS**

**President**

Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma \*

**Vice President**

Kevin Hartke, Mayor, Chandler \*

**Treasurer**

Mila Besich, Mayor, Superior

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Tom Schoaf, Mayor, Litchfield Park  
Ed Honea, Mayor, Marana

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Jerry Bien-Willner, Mayor, Paradise Valley  
Kate Gallego, Mayor, Phoenix  
Stephanie Irwin, Mayor, Pinetop-Lakeside  
Tom Murphy, Mayor, Sahuarita  
David Ortega, Mayor, Scottsdale  
Corey Woods, Mayor, Tempe \*  
Regina Romero, Mayor, Tucson \*

\*Not in attendance

Treasurer Mila Besich called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. She then introduced Executive Director Tom Belshe to lead the Executive Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE**

Mayor Mila Besich introduced and welcomed Executive Director Tom Belshe to provide a legislative session update. Executive Director Tom Belshe expressed that while the current legislative session has been difficult, there have been many successes. The topic of housing has been the most divisive issue and plans for tackling the budget discussions are underway.

Executive Director Tom Belshe introduced and welcomed Legislative Director Tom Savage to provide a legislative session update.

Legislative Director Tom Savage informed the committee that it is the eighty-second day of the legislative session.

### **Residential Rental**

SB 1131 – strike everything amendment

SB 1117 – failed a vote in the Senate, split into three bills

### **State Budget**

SB 1131 – possibly up for discussion in the budget session

### **Food Tax Repeal**

SB 1063 – Measure was vetoed

### **Corporate Income Tax Rate**

HB 2003 – proposed reduction of corporate income tax rate over the next four fiscal years down to two and a half percent from four-point nine percent, this would have a 120-million-dollar impact on cities and towns.

SCR 1035 & SB 1577 – proposed structural surplus in state budget, Department of Revenue would be required to reduce by fifty percent the income tax rate based on that surplus.

### **TPT Prime Contracting**

HB 2807 – proposed on any residential remodel that does not increase the square footage of property, taxed at materials only.

### **Homelessness**

SB 1585 – bill appropriated 155 million for State homelessness programs, 70 million would be used for grants for cities, towns, and counties to be able to apply to the Department of Housing to fund any structured facilities for homelessness or fund expansions or upgrades to existing shelters.

### **Charter Authority Repeal**

SCR 1023/SCR 1027 – proposes a measure that would remove from the constitution the ability for cities and towns and the public to establish a charter form of government, pertaining to cities and towns with a population over five thousand.

### **Home-Based Business Bill**

HB 1162 – proposes to override ordinances dealing with home occupation and local regulations, removes authority that cities possess to balance needs, allowing by-right residential property owners to have a home-based business, they would be absolved of the requirement to acquire a business license.

Executive Director Tom Belshe urged members of the committee to get involved with the efforts in regard to Charter Authority and Home-Based Business bills even if the issue is not specific to their own city or town.

### **Affordable Housing/Zoning**

HB 2536 – Statewide preemption on zoning Regulations, preemption on parking requirements, design reviews require administrative approval.

## 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

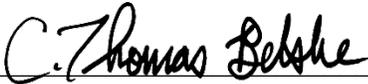
Mayor Mila Besich introduced Executive Director Tom Belshe to review the nominating committee's recommendations. Executive Director Tom Belshe explained the nominating process and introduced Mayor Tom Murphy to present the slate of candidates.

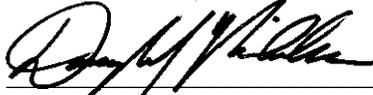
Mayor Tom Murphy thanked the members of the nominating committee for their time and efforts and while there were many qualified applicants, the four nominees decided upon are:  
Mayor Ginny Dickey of Fountain Hills, Mayor Nancy Smith of Maricopa, Mayor Al Gameros of Globe, and Mayor Jason Beck of Peoria.

Mayor Mila Besich called for any new nominations from the floor; no nominations were proposed. Mayor Tom Murphy called for a motion to approve the slate of nominees, Mayor Ed Honea seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Mila Besich inquired if any members of the committee had any topics for the Good of the Order, no topics were presented, and Mayor Mila Besich called for no further business.

The Executive Committee adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m.

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

  
PRESIDENT