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## **Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce Endorses Scottsdale Bond Measures, Joins Diverse Group of Backers**

*Prominent business group and its CEO will help lead campaign along with neighborhood advocates, tourism, recreation, public safety leaders.*

**(SCOTTSDALE)** — The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce has endorsed three Scottsdale bond measures on the November 2019 ballot and will become one of the leading supporters of Questions, 1, 2 and 3.

Those three bond measures fund needed infrastructure projects, improvements for public safety, parks and recreation as well as senior centers. Scottsdale voters have not approved a major bond package since 2000.

The Scottsdale Area Chamber formally endorsed the Scottsdale bond measures on May 21st, 2019. Mark Stanton, the Scottsdale Chamber's CEO, will serve on the steering committee of **For The Best Scottsdale: Vote Yes on Questions One, Two and Three** along with Matthew Benson, chair of the Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce's public policy committee. Stanton and Benson join a diverse group of community, business, tourism, recreation, public safety and neighborhood leaders serving on the steering committee. The Scottsdale Firefighters Association also back the 2019 bonds.

"The bond measures are essential for Scottsdale's quality of life and economic vibrancy. They will make overdue infrastructure repairs, bolster public safety, improve parks and senior centers and help drive economic development and tourism. The bonds are key to keeping Scottsdale competitive and will help all parts of our city," Stanton said. The Scottsdale Area Chamber has 818 members and is a leading advocate for small businesses, economic development, major employers and tourism.

"The Scottsdale Area Chamber is an important voice not only for businesses and our economic vitality but for our community's overall quality of life. We welcome the Chamber's endorsement and leadership which will be invaluable as we build a broad-based coalition in support of Questions 1, 2 and 3," said Scottsdale residents **Paula Sturgeon** and **Mike Norton** who are co-chairing the 2019 bond campaign.

Scottsdale voters have not approved a major bond program since 2000. The 2019 bond measures were authorized by a unanimous Scottsdale City Council in April. They would finance 58 projects throughout the city totaling \$319 million including expanding senior centers, building new parks, improving fire and police stations and investing in new infrastructure while repairing old. Scottsdale property taxes will still go down with passage of the bonds in November due to the retirement of the bonds from the last bond package passed two decades ago and the rise in property values in Scottsdale since then.

“The bonds make important and overdue investments in our community that will help everyone in our city. The Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports Questions 1, 2 and 3,” Stanton said.

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