

# Memorandum

City of Tempe



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To: All Council

From: Community Sustainability Council Committee  
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Subject: Community Sustainability Council Committee Work Plan

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The Community Sustainability Council Committee has developed a work plan for the Council's review and acceptance.

This work plan is for the overall Community Sustainability Council Committee and the sub-committees created to focus on Code, Technology and Financial issues. The sub-committees are chaired by: Vice Mayor Shana Ellis, Technology; Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian, Economics and Councilmember Corey Woods, Codes.



## Community Sustainability Council Committee

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### Work Plan

**Chair: Hugh Hallman**

**Members: Shana Ellis, Onnie Shekerjian, Corey Woods**

**Committee Scope:** Address environmental programs and capital projects, including 1) development and applications of cost-effective, environmentally sustainable programs, including recycling programs and resource conservation and waste reduction programs, both for city operations and community application; 2) consider and develop environmental design standards that are specifically applicable to the arid, relatively warm climate of Tempe.

The work plan includes the creation of three subcommittees to focus on Economics, Codes, and Technology. These sub-committees have prepared draft scopes of work and work plans to provide a framework for the actions items that will develop.

#### **Economics of Sustainability**

**Chair: Onnie Shekerjian**

**Scope of Work:** Address environmental and organizational sustainability to create efficiencies and economic benefits; include cost/benefit analysis to determine the feasibility of implementation.

#### **Work Plan:**

- A. Analyze the cost/benefit of programs and code amendments which could include recycling, solar and composting after initial review by the Technology or Code subcommittees.
- B. Review and provide input on organizational efforts toward setting measurable goals related to sustainability practices.

### **Technology Sustainability**

Chair: Shana Ellis

Scope of Work: Discuss and develop methods, tools and creative financing methods to encourage and assist in the use of technology and sustainable practices that use sustainable modes; also consider ways to emphasize the use of this technology and sustainable practices in redevelopment circumstances.

Work Plan:

- A. Produce and provide information and education relating technology and sustainable practices.
- B. Discuss and develop technology and practices for projects relating to solar, recycling, air quality and water.

### **Code Sustainability**

Chair: Corey Woods

Scope of Work: Discuss and develop codes for sustainable practices that are permissive rather than mandatory; identify state, county and city codes, ordinances and policies that are in conflict with sustainable practices.

Work Plan:

- A. Identify current City codes, ordinances, proposed sustainable practices and interpretations that move forward the ideal of sustainability.
- B. Identify and suggest changes to State and County codes to allow greater flexibility at City levels.