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TO: CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR SCOTT SMITH 

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

Attached are my recommendations for 9 new appointments to City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees.

Economic Development Advisory Board – Nine-member board with one new appointment.

New Appointment:

Terry Benelli, District 5. Ms. Benelli is the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation. A Mesa LTD graduate, she also served on their Board of Directors. Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Dale Easter. Her partial term ends on June 30, 2011.

Housing Advisory Board – Nine-member board, with one new appointment, a community representative.

Heather Kay, District 4. Ms. Kay is the COO for ICC Innovations. She received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She has spent many hours volunteering for both the Child Crisis Center and the Salvation Army. Her appointment fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo. Her partial term ends June 30, 2009.

Human Relations Advisory Board – Eleven-member board with two new appointments.

New Appointments:

Craig Cuillard, District 3. Mr. Cuillard is an information technology specialist. He received his BS degree from the University of Phoenix. He is active in the Boy Scouts of America, and is involved with the Department of Developmental Disabilities. His appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Douglas McCarter. His partial term ends June 30, 2011.

Denise Heap, District 3. Ms. Heap received her AA degree from Mesa Community College. She has spent years working on several civil rights issues, both locally and on the state level. Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of K. Robert Carlston. Her partial term ends June 30, 2010.

Human Services Advisory Board – Nine-member board with one new appointment.

New Appointment:

LaDawanna Hudson, District 6. Ms. Hudson is the CEO and Founder of Women of Power International Ministries. She received her Associate of Business Management from Highland Park Community College. Through her work as a pastor, Ms. Hudson has spent countless hours volunteering for numerous charitable organizations. Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Jerry Davis. Her partial term ends June 30, 2011.

Library Advisory Board – Nine-member board with one new appointment.

New Appointment:

Teresa D'Asaro, District 3. Ms. D'Asaro is a field coordinator for the UFCW Local 99. She received her degree in business from Fullerton College. In addition to serving on the Mesa united Way Board, Ms. D'Asaro is active in numerous UFCW organizations. Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Dorothy Shupe. Her partial term ends June 30, 2010.

Museum and Cultural Advisory Board – Eleven-member board with one new appointment.

Kit Filbey, District 2. Ms. Filbey owns her own business, Maxion Systems, LLC. She received her bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Phoenix. She has been very active in 4H, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and has received national recognition for her community outreach work with low income families. Her appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Samuel Vicente Fernandez. Her partial term ends June 30, 2009.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Eleven-member board with two new appointments.

New Appointments:

Matthew Shaffer, District 5. Mr. Shaffer is a financial analyst for the Banner Baywood Medical Center and Heart Hospital. He received an MBA from the University of Phoenix and a BA in Social Work from Penn State University. His appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Tim Gump. His partial term ends June 30, 2009.

Milt Fort, District 2. Mr. Fort is the Director of Marketing for the Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau. He received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, and his MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management. He serves on the Board of Directors for Mesa Sister Cities, and also served on the Mesa Constitution Celebration Committee. His appointment fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Brian Etheridge. His partial term ends June 30, 2009.