



Every year at this time, we begin the budget process for the upcoming fiscal year. Our budget provides Glendale residents and business owners with a clear understanding of our goals and priorities in areas such as public services, ongoing operations and capital facilities. The process also provides the community with a better understanding of the need for stable revenue sources to fund our priorities. I encourage all of you to stay involved as we begin these proceedings.

Many of you have recently read about the tight conditions of the economy in various cities, the state of Arizona and throughout the nation. Glendale is not in the position to have to endure as many cutbacks as other municipalities are experiencing. However, we must always be extremely thoughtful about our needs and resources.

One important source of revenues for all Arizona cities and towns is state shared revenues. The state of Arizona distributes a portion of revenue from state sales tax, state income tax and state motor vehicle licensing revenue to Arizona cities and towns based on their population. State shared revenues generally make up about 40% of Glendale's general fund. Our general fund pays for the services we provide, such as police and fire protection, courts, libraries, street repairs and more.

Over the past several legislative sessions there have been attempts to reduce or eliminate state shared revenues. Obviously, this would be extremely detrimental to the services that we are able to provide and this legislation would negatively impact the quality of life for all citizens if it were to pass. All of you can help to curb reductions in state shared revenue before they take place by contacting your state legislators and letting them know that you support state shared revenues. You can find your state legislators and obtain their contact information at [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov).

Glendale's budget directly affects all of us and the services that we are able to receive. Please stay involved in the process by joining us at the following budget workshops. If you are unable to attend the workshops you can watch them on Glendale Channel 11 or on their live video stream on [www.glendaleaz.com](http://www.glendaleaz.com).

#### **Budget Workshop Meetings**

- Tuesday, March 25 – 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 1 – 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 15 – 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 22 – 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM

*Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or [mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com), if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.*