



Each and every one of us has been affected by the current recession and we are all faced with difficult budget decisions. Cities are no exception. Every city in Arizona, and most cities throughout the nation, are struggling to balance their budgets.

Because Glendale has established a diverse tax base, we have had to endure fewer cuts than many of the other cities in the valley, but that is not to say that we have not had to make sacrifices. In addition, we will have to find new ways to cut expenses in the future. Through it all, we will strive to maintain the best possible level of service for you, the Glendale citizens and businesses. That is why we need your involvement and participation in the upcoming budget process to make sure that we are best representing your needs.

This year, Glendale will be holding public budget meetings to share the process with you and also gain your valuable insight. There will be three meetings in March, and we will then use your feedback as your city councilmembers and I hold the budget workshops and begin to make important financial decisions.

[\(Click Here\)](#) to view the proposed budget reductions that have been released for community review. This information has been released in order to inform our citizens about the proposals that are being considered and to offer the opportunity for feedback from our residents.

I encourage all of you to attend one or more of the public budget meetings so that you can share your ideas with staff. The schedule for the public budget meetings is as follows:

March 3 – Foothills Aquatic Center, Coyote Room
5600 West Union Hills Drive
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

March 4 – Desert Mirage Elementary School
8605 West Maryland Avenue
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

March 8 – Glendale Council Chambers
5850 West Glendale Avenue
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM