

Special Message to Scottsdale Area Association of REALTORS® Members

Subject: 2018 SAAR® Candidate Review and Endorsements

Dear Member,

It is that time again for the municipalities of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Cave Creek and Carefree to hold their elections for City/Town Council.

As part of the advocacy initiatives laid forth in our [Strategic Plan](#), the Scottsdale Area Association of REALTORS® (SAAR) recommends and endorses candidates that recognize the issues facing our more than 9,000 members and share our vision for future communities that support real estate and homeownership.

Recently, a balanced, hard-working group of 14 of your peers reached out to the 33 candidates running for office and reviewed all 18 of the candidates who had responded to our invite to interview (*5 in Scottsdale; 5 in Fountain Hills; 6 in Cave Creek; and 2 in Carefree*). Our policy requires that candidates must fill out our candidate questionnaire in order to be considered for an interview and endorsement. In addition to assessing the viability of each candidate's campaign, they are evaluated based on their knowledge and understanding of the needs of their communities and the goals and direction they intend to pursue once in office, in relation to their support of real estate-specific issues as set forth in SAAR's [Policy Platform](#), which was adopted by your Board of Directors in 2012.

The 2018 SAAR Candidate Review Committee recommended, and the SAAR Board of Directors has approved, the endorsement of the following candidates:

Scottsdale

For Councilmember -

- Bill Crawford
- Linda Milhaven (incumbent)
- David Smith (incumbent)

Fountain Hills

For Mayor –

- Cecil Yates

For Councilmember –

- Alan Magazine (incumbent)
- Mike Scharnow

Carefree*

For Mayor –

- Mike Farrar

**In Carefree, it is an unopposed race for all candidates running for the position of Councilmember. SAAR wishes to congratulate all the Carefree councilmember candidates and we look forward to working with them in their coming term in office.*

Cave Creek

For Mayor –

- Ernie Bunch (incumbent)

For Councilmember –

- Susan Clancy (incumbent)
- Tom McGuire (incumbent)
- Kathryn Royer

For more information on SAAR's advocacy priorities, visit www.ScottsdaleREALTORS.org/advocacy/.

Fountain Hills, Cave Creek, and Carefree Town Council primary elections are slated for August 28, 2018.

Scottsdale City Council elections are slated for the November 6, 2018 general election.

If you are not registered to vote, please register [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) by midnight on October 8th to vote in the general elections.

Thanks to our members' support and contribution of [RAPAC](#) dollars, we are able to support these candidates and help ensure Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Cave Creek and Carefree citizens and REALTORS® are represented with strong, quality leaders, who are sensitive to the diverse vital needs in their respective cities and townships.

The SAAR Candidate Review Committee is comprised of all volunteer REALTORS® eligible to serve and derived from our Government Affairs Committee, RAPAC Committee Chair, and Executive Board Officers; each of which, is open to all qualified SAAR members to serve on. If you have an interest in being a part of the Government Affairs Committee, RAPAC Committee or future Candidate Review Committees, please contact Suzanne Brown, Director of Community & Government Affairs at Suzanne@ScottsdaleREALTORS.org.

These are important elections directly impacting our local communities and I hope you will take the time to get to know the candidates and vote in the upcoming elections. "Remember, we can only make a recommendation; ultimately the choice is yours and **YOUR VOTE** counts!"

Sincerely,

Becca Linnig
2018 President

Scottsdale Area Association of REALTORS®



For information on AAR's endorsements at the State level, please reference their 2018 Primary Election Voter Guide: <https://www.aaronline.com/voice-at-the-capitol/rapac-voter-guide/>