

# VOICE

## *It Works to Work Together*

**1979-1981** PORA was successful in seceding from Dysart School District, resulting in no school tax in original area, and reducing tax by \$475 per \$100,000 home value.

**1980** Started Bingo games for community, which provides \$12,000 annually to charitable organizations.

**1980** Prevented the Recreation dues increase proposed by Del Webb Corporation.

**1981** Stopped proposed "Used Car Lot" in Sundome1025 Plaza area.

**1982** Successfully worked with State Dept. of Transportation to include Sun City West on State Map.

**1983** Convinced supervisors to approve Age Overlay for Sun City West.

**1983** Stopped Del Webb from advancing "Time Share Units". Pressed Del Webb to repurchase forty-eight units.

**1984** Prevented 4,000 unit RV and trailer parking lot to preserve home appearances in Sun City West.

**1985-1995** Presented 11,000 signatures to officials in Washington, DC to prompt installation of a post office in Sun City West.

# SUPPORT

**1987** Convinced DEVCO to donate to PORA 3.6 acres of land for Foundation building and first permanent quarters for Posse. Helped to raise funds for a building to also house PRIDES, Helping Hands, Interfaith Salvation Army and Jewish Faith Service.

**1996** Added Visitors Center to the PORA building, 12,000 annual visitors, to promote Sun City West.

**1997** Stopped Deer Valley Road west connection to proposed Loop 303.

**1997** Stopped Scottsdale firm from acquiring Crestview for 60 room hotel and 58 time shares.

**1997-2010** Worked on El Mirage Road revision, pushed it 600 feet east versus widening the current lane.

**1998** Partnered with Sun City West Coalition in stopping Continental Homes plan for high density, low income housing in area now called Corte Bella. Coalition gathered 12,000 petition signatures while PORA worked with Supervisor Brewer on density level, which Continental Homes rejected.

**1998** Successfully opposed construction of chemical plant southwest of Sun City West for fear of fumes.

**1999** Joined the chorus against Walgreens Drug Store relocation at 151<sup>st</sup> & Deer Valley.

**2000** Convinced Del Webb to renegotiate construction at Corte Bella.

**2002-2004** Won court initiative to use CAP (Central Arizona Project) water for the community to reduce reliance on groundwater pumping.

*Note: Since there never was a way to receive the CAP water allotment, the reduction of groundwater use never happened. The proposed pipeline was not built. However, the SCW allotment from CAP has been allocated to other water systems by Epcor, resulting in a monetary benefit to SCW residents via our water bills.*

# VISION

**2009-2013** Fought utility rate increases and beat consolidated rates. Members testified before legislature.

**2009-2013** Lobbied legislature to stop parking infringement for six consecutive years and other bills unhealthy for Sun City West.

**2012** Construction of Phase 1 of \$850,000 noise wall, north of expansion area.

**2012** Stopped Deer Valley east connection to Peoria with new routing diagonal from Peoria to Williams Road east of Corte Bella.

**2013** Proposed highway signage for Sun City West at intersection of El Mirage and Bell.

**2013** Promoted the selection of Board member, Merlyn Carlson, to the Maricopa County Transportation Advisory Board.

**2013** Lobbied successfully for three new pedestrian light crossings and one new traffic light. Two installations were by hospital entrance.

**2013** Won the solar battle on a 3/2 vote that will preserve the invested value of a solar user, whether or not they sell their home, while modestly adjusting infrastructure costs on new solar installations.

# ADVOCACY

**2013** PORA began the Farmers Market, at Executive Director's request, on PORA premises to accommodate Sun City West residents for a unique shopping opportunity, especially for fresh fruits and vegetables as well as novelties.

**2013** Proposal of 100% completion of noise wall.

**2013** Protected residents from undesirable development of 53 acres northwest of Sun City West by arranging numerous meetings with the Recreation Centers Governing Board Officers, County Supervisor Hickman and county officials. Will follow Supervisor Hickman's plan to pull property off auction and get it rezoned compatible with Sun City West.

**2014** Contacted and supported Supervisor Hickman's effort to overcome glitch in Posse insurance coverage which shut down their patrol operations and activation of the 175 person Posse. As the largest Posse in the Sheriff's operation, it was fortunate that Supervisor Hickman was able to resolve our concern.

**2014-2019** Developed strong relationships with state local and Federal governments.

**2017-2019** Intervened and advocated in three utility rate cases. Continued to build relationships with APS and EPCOR (ACC).

**2018** Supported Sun City West Posse in their efforts to maintain their status with MCSO.



## MISSION

**To advocate for a strong, supportive community.**

## VISION

**To be an effective voice for Sun City West.**

**-PORA will provide a continual, strong foundation of advocacy for Sun City West.**

**-PORA will remain a voice of impact in local, state and Federal governments. We are poised and ready to support the community with a wide scope of critical issues.**

## **PORA**

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# SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



**Building Blocks that Made Sun City West a Better Place to Live 1979-2022**

