

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.

2021 Presented a resolution to the city council of Surprise expressing opposition to a proposal for 3 electronic billboards on SR 303 adjacent to SCW.

2019-2022 Intervened on behalf of Sun City West in four utility rate cases before ACC. (One resulting in a rate decrease).

2019 Hosted forums to help educate voters in school district elections.

- Actively participated in Valley Metro Transit Committee.
- Actively corresponding with Corte Bella and informing citizens of proposed waste transfer station.
- Continually maintain a close relationship with legislative leaders regarding proposed legislation that could impact Sun City West and its citizens.
- Continually work closely with County Supervisor Hickman in matters dealing with Maricopa County and its officials.

2022 Successfully associated with Sun City and Paradise Valley to persuade ACC not to consolidate water districts.

2024-2025 Coordinates with the efforts of the Arizona Residential Utilities Consumers Office (RUCO), which represents the interests of residential utility rate payers, in rate-related proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

PORA HAS SAVED 80% OF SCW RESIDENTS DYSART SCHOOL TAX EVERY YEAR

EXAMPLES OF THE SAVINGS	
ASSESSED VALUE	AMOUNT OF SAVINGS
\$15,000	\$ 827
25,000	1,377
30,000	1,653
35,000	1,929
40,000	2,204
45,000	2,424
50,000	2,480

PORA HAS SAVED 100% OF SCW RESIDENTS
UTILITY FEES EVERY YEAR APPROXIMATELY
\$25 EVERY MONTH

Responsibilities of PORA:

- Representation to local, state, and federal government.
- Work with County and State officials.
- Maintain Sun City West property values.
- Fulfilling charter responsibilities of attracting new residents.
- Steward of Sun City West quality of life.
- Partner with groups and businesses offering savings, discounts, and benefits to members.

**PORA - Property Owners & Residents
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PORA's Governmental Accomplishments

1979-2025



(Property Owners & Residents Association)

**PROVIDING THE FRAMEWORK BY
WHICH SUN CITY WEST IS
SELF-GOVERNED**

Sun City West is an unincorporated, self-governed community within Maricopa County in Arizona. Seven elected board members direct PORA operations. PORA employees are responsible for day-to-day operations. Operating funds come from membership, so each and every membership is needed to help sustain our present status.

While Maricopa County maintains streets, building and zoning codes, law enforcement, and public health concerns, the board maintains liaison with the county and surrounding communities to address issues confronting the Sun City West Community on civic matters, traffic, zoning, pollution, safety, and more.



ACTIVELY REPRESENTING

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 Sundome 1025 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.

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.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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.

1998 Joined the chorus against Walgreens Drug Store relocation at 151st & Deer Valley.

2000 Convinced Del Webb to renegotiate construction at Corte Bella.

2002-2004 Won court initiative to use CAP (Central Arizona Project) water on golf courses preventing subsidence.

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.

FUTURE VISION

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.

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.