

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

AVONDALE CITY HALL – MOJAVE ROOM  
11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE - AVONDALE, AZ 85323

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**December 17, 2008**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**1. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK**

**2. INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR UPCOMING VACANCY IN THE CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council will interview individuals who submitted a letter of interest to fill the vacant City Council seat according to the following schedule:

TIME	NAME
6:00	Jason Earp
6:15	Yolanda Zaragoza
6:30	Rick Spencer
6:45	Peter Carlone
7:00	Angela Cotera
7:15	Bob Stokes
7:30	Gabriel Saenz
7:45	David Scanlon

**3. APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANT FOR UPCOMING VACANCY IN THE CITY COUNCIL**

City Council will deliberate and appoint a candidate as Council Member to fill Council Member Wolf's unexpired term.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk

Individuals with special accessibility needs, including sight or hearing impaired, large print or interpreter, should contact the City Clerk at 623-333-1200 or TDD 623-333-0010 at least two business days prior to the Council Meeting

Jason M. Earp  
11603 W. Clover Way  
Avondale, AZ 85392

December 10, 2008

Avondale City Council  
City of Avondale  
11465 W. Civic Center Dr, Ste 280

Dear Mayor Lopez-Rogers and Council Members:

First, I laud Mr. Wolf for his years of dedication to the City of Avondale. Councilmember Wolf's resignation will leave a void on the City Council, especially with his vast knowledge of wastewater and water issues. He will be greatly missed and I wish him and his family the best of luck in his new endeavor.

With that said, I was flattered to receive your gracious comments concerning my tenure as a councilmember and respect the fact that you would even consider me to fill the vacancy. Therefore, I formally submit my interest to once again serve our beloved Avondale for the remaining year of Councilmember Wolf's term.

I assure you that I would wholeheartedly commit to this council to forward its vision. I understand the difficult economic times we are all experiencing; and will be mindful as we deliberate on the challenges we must face hand in hand as a council to steer Avondale in the right direction. Lastly, I have no doubt I would be a great fit given the fact that I've only been removed from council for a year which should ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with Council, staff, and the citizens of Avondale.

Sincerely,

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Jason M. Earp

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**From:** yolanda [mailto:ydz59@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, December 12, 2008 8:13 AM

**To:** Email City Clerk

**Subject:** City Council Vacancy

I would like to express my interest in the council vacancy for City of Avondale. I have been a resident of Avondale for approx 3 years now, and would like to be more involved and better serve my community.

Please advise if you require a letter of resume or if my request via email is sufficient.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Zaragoza

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am interested in applying for the open City Council seat left by Dr. Charles Wolf who is relocating to California.

I have lived in Avondale since April 2001 and the West valley since August of 1983. I am currently on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Social Service Advisory Board for the City of Avondale. I was also on the sub-committee for Healthy Avondale 2010 with Christina Lyons. It has been a wonderful experience working with Avondale's great city staff such as Dan Davis, Chris Reams, Sylvia Sheffield and Christina Avila. I have learned how important it is to have intelligent, hard working people in each City Department to make Avondale an exceptional place to live and raise a family.

I have worked for U-Haul the last 15 years and am currently a National Sales Team Manager for the Sales and Reservations department. I am married and have 4 children.

I look forward to interviewing on Wednesday night for the open City Council seat.

Sincerely,

Walter (Rick) Spencer

Peter Carlone  
10405 W. La Reata Avenue  
Avondale, AZ 85392  
623-476-2308

December 15, 2008

City Clerk's Department  
11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Suite 200  
Avondale, AZ 85323

Dear Members of Avondale City Council:

It is with great honor and respect that I submit this Letter of Interest for consideration to fill the vacancy in the Avondale City Council. I have resided in Avondale for over four years, am a qualified elector of the City, and hold no position with the City or other public office. Please allow me to briefly highlight some key information about me and some of the reasons that I would be an excellent choice to fill the vacancy.

### **Work Experience**

I currently work for MPR Associates, Inc., an engineering firm based out of Alexandria, Virginia. Our primary business is technical engineering for the power industry, medical products industry and the federal government. My specific focus of work is in nuclear power where I manage and participate in projects to improve nuclear plant performance. I have worked in the nuclear industry since graduating from Duke University in 1997. My work has taken me around the country and around the world and has exposed me to a variety of challenges that have tested my technical engineering ability, problem solving skills, and interpersonal skills. I believe these same skills will be beneficial as a member of the City Council.

### **Neighborhood and Family Services Commission Chair**

I have been a member of the Neighborhood and Family Services Commission since its inception two years ago, serving once as Vice Chair and now as Chair. This Commission has introduced me to the workings of the Avondale government, the issues and challenges facing the citizens of Avondale, and, the unique and exciting plans for Avondale's future. I am also a member of the three-person Community Development Block Grant sub-committee that makes recommendations to the Commission on CDBG related funding. I volunteered for the NFS Commission out of a sincere interest in helping the community and my desire to serve on the Avondale City Council is a natural progression of this interest.

### **Home Owner's Association Board Member**

I am a resident of the Los Arbolitos neighborhood in the Northeast area of Avondale. Within the first year of moving here, I took an interest in the Home Owner's Association in our neighborhood because I was initially displeased with the appearance of the neighborhood and the performance of the HOA. Since joining, I and other members of the board have made very positive improvements to the HOA and the neighborhood, including routine communications from the Board to the homeowners, diligent pursuit of delinquencies, and successful petitioning for traffic calming through the City of Avondale's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. I believe that my time on the Los Arbolitos HOA Board has exposed me to some of the specific issues surrounding homeowners in Avondale. I believe that exposure to these key issues has made me aware of some of the challenges currently facing the City Council. Also, I believe that by being a fairly new resident of Avondale I can provide a fresh outlook on the City Council with experience from other cities in the U.S.

### **Education**

In 1997, I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Prior to attending Duke University, I went to high school in Seoul, South Korea and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### **Diversity of Life Experience**

In 1988 when I was 13 years old, my father's work took us to Seoul, South Korea and three years later to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where I graduated from high school. This international experience at a formative age exposed me to many cultures and situations that the average U.S. teenager does not encounter. I believe that the diversity of my life experience has prepared me for the exciting mix of people and cultures that we currently have in the City of Avondale. I consider myself to be open-minded, curious, and considerate of other cultures and I believe that mindset is critical to City, State, and Federal governments.

### **Family Interests**

Just over a year ago, I became a father for the first time when my wife Leslie gave birth to our twins, Samuel and Olivia. That experience has been exciting and rewarding and has provided me with a renewed focus in the betterment of my community. I believe that leading by example is the greatest way to lead, and that by actively participating in the community and City government, I can show Sam and Olivia that individuals can make a difference. I believe that my interest in the future of Avondale is not just for me, but for my children and the other children of our community. I will carry that interest with me if appointed to the City Council.

### **Vision for Avondale**

It is an exciting time to be a citizen of the City of Avondale. Ten years ago, no one could have predicted the growth and untapped potential we now have. Our growth in the last several years has provided the City with unique challenges and at the same time, unparalleled opportunity. I would like to be a part of a united, community-oriented City of Avondale that is the envy of the West Valley. I would like Avondale to be a destination, not just a place valley residents pass through. I would like Avondale to be safe, friendly, and clean. I would like our programs and policies to be models for other valley cities. I would like all citizens of Avondale to be proud of where they live. I believe that the decisions made by the City Council in the next several years will pave the way for the success of Avondale in the years to come and I believe that my input on the Avondale City Council could contribute to that success.

I appreciate the opportunity to present this information for your consideration and look forward to speaking with you on Wednesday.

Sincerely,



Peter Carlone

Avondale City Council  
11465 W. Civic Center Dr., Ste. 280  
Avondale, AZ 85323

December 15, 2008

Dear Mayor Rogers and Council Members,

I am submitting my name for consideration for the City Council seat recently vacated by Dr. Chuck Wolf. As a member of the Planning Commission for the past year, I have had the opportunity to participate in the adoption of the City Center Plan. I therefore have a detailed understanding of the vision put forth by the City Council for an exciting future for Avondale, and strongly support that vision. I would welcome this year long opportunity to serve the community and work with current Council members to help the City Center vision move forward and become reality. I believe I could be of assistance in bringing to Avondale the key economic drivers that will ensure the viability of both the City Center and the redevelopment of Old Avondale.

I recognize that one of the major responsibilities of the appointed City Council member will be to participate in budget decisions during these very difficult economic times. As a scientist, I am pleased to have the opportunity to put into the service of the Council and the City, some of the valuable skills developed during my career. In particular, I think the combined skills of being able to very rapidly learn and master new topics (especially those involving detailed numerical analysis), and to find original solutions to complex problems, can be of great value to the Council at this time.

As a recent candidate for the Arizona State Senate, I had an opportunity to present to the community my vision for the future of the West Valley. That vision includes improved and multi-modal transportation, a vibrant business environment with an emphasis on technology based companies, strong schools, and supporting our local law enforcement to keep our communities safe. This is a vision I know I share with Avondale City Council. As an interim member of that Council, I know I could help to make our community a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Angela Cotera  
Principal Investigator  
Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe

December 10, 2008

Avondale City Council,

My name is Bob Stokes. I have resided at 10315 W. Catalina Drive (Glenarm Farms) since 1986. I am married and have four adopted children, twin daughters Megan and Alisha, age 20, Anna, age 12, and Beth, age 11. My wife is Mary Louise.

I would like to be considered for the vacant council seat. I was planning to run for a council seat in the next election, so I would really appreciate the opportunity to serve now.

I am an Army veteran, having served three years, 1964 – 1967. I am a graduate of Massey Business College in Nacogdoches, Texas. I worked as a medical supply buyer and inventory accountant for seventeen years at Sun Health Corporation.

Thank you very much for considering me for this position.

Sincerely,

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Bob Stokes

12-11-08 10:30 AM

December 12, 2008

Avondale City Council  
11465 West Civic Center Drive  
Avondale, AZ 85323

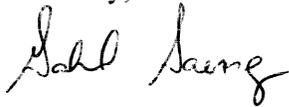
To Whom It May Concern:

I would first like to thank the board for the opportunity to express an interest in the upcoming vacancy in the city council. I have been a resident of the City of Avondale since September 2005. I have since married and am raising my two boys along with my wife who has been a life long resident of Avondale. With my wife growing up in Avondale and the amount of family and friends give me strong ties to the community.

As a Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Phoenix I feel I have a duty to serve the citizens while on and off the fire truck. My experiences as a Firefighter have shown me the importance of taking an active role in serving the community. Serving on the city council will allow me to continue to serve the community in which my family and I reside.

Again, it is a great privilege to be considered for the upcoming councilmember vacancy. I feel that my passion and dedication to serving the community will allow me to be a valuable asset to the citizens of Avondale and to the city council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabriel Saenz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "S".

Gabriel Saenz

# United Fire Fighters Association



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## Phoenix LOCAL 493

December 11, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer this letter of recommendation for Gabe Saenz. Having known Gabe for almost 10 years I can speak to the attributes I believe uniquely qualify him for the city council.

His depth and variety of public sector involvements and Labor Management experiences enable Gabe to bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position. The areas he oversaw for the Local 493 included, but are by no means limited to; community services, member services, and political involvement. Gabe was a trustee on our Executive Board where he co-chaired various Labor Management Committees. In just over a year he was moved up and appointed to an officer intern position where he was placed in charge of our fire fighter class representative program. This program is designed to assist in the development of future officers of our local.

His background in the areas that mirror or closely fit the areas over which he will be working with his fellow council members in the decision making process, his many years as an Avondale resident, and his tremendous people skills make Gabe, not only an excellent candidate for this position, but a great fit for your council.

It is for these reasons and his high ethical and moral standards I believe Gabe would be an asset to the City Council and tremendous representative of the City of Avondale.

I wholeheartedly endorse Gabe Saenz and I encourage you to give him your serious consideration for the position of City Council.

Sincerely,

Pete Gorraiz  
President

United Phoenix Fire Fighters  
Association I.A.F.F. Local 493



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December 15, 2008

Mayor & Council  
City of Avondale  
11465 West Civic Center Drive  
Avondale, AZ 85323

Dear Mayor & Council,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Gabriel Saenz to the vacant seat on the Avondale City Council. Gabriel Saenz is an incredible individual with an outstanding combination of experience, leadership and passion for the community he loves.

Without a doubt, Gabriel will be an asset to the City of Avondale and will work with you to build community and protect our neighborhoods. Gabriel is a person with great character and integrity and will be a great ambassador to the community.

As a Firefighter/Paramedic he understands public safety issues, and the importance of protecting our neighborhoods from crime and blight. During these difficult budget days, he will work cooperatively with others to maintain and improve the quality of life of the citizens of Avondale while effectively addressing the customer service needs, wants and expectations of the community.

As an executive board member for the firefighters and an active member of Los Bomberos, Gabriel has engaged our community through co-chairing numerous community service programs such as smoke detector walks, drowning prevention efforts and health fairs. As a co-chair in the labor-management process he has worked to improve relationships and demonstrated the ability to work through difficult issues.

Again, I hope you strongly consider the appointment of Gabriel Saenz to the Avondale City Council. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 602-377-7800.

Sincerely,

Martin Nowakowski  
Director of Government & Community Relations  
Southwest Ambulance

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# FOOD CITY

**Sam Garcia Jr.**  
Store Director

December 12, 2008

Store #93  
1450 N. Dysart Rd.  
Avondale, AZ 85323

Phone: 623.925.1515  
Cell: 623.680.1894

Avondale City Council  
11146 West Civic Center Drive  
Avondale, AZ 8323

To Whom It May Concern:

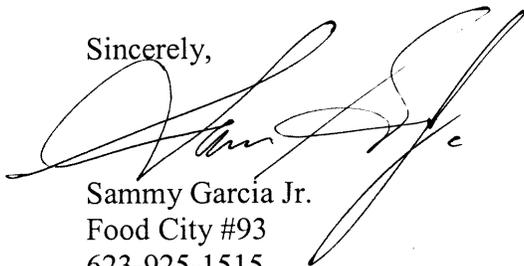
I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Gabriel Saenz. I am asking that you consider Gabriel for the upcoming vacancy on the city council. As a Store Director and a life long resident of Avondale I feel Gabriel posses the desire to protect and will strive to maintain the quality of life in Avondale.

As a firefighter I know Gabriel's job is to protect and serve the citizens of Phoenix. I know that he will maintain those same characteristics that make him a successful firefighter to a successful councilmember. Gabriel's hard work ethic and desire to serve his community where he lives will make him a positive attribute to the City of Avondale.

Gabriel's commitment goes beyond the fire station and directly in to the community as a member of the Valley Hispanic Bomberos. Gabriel's duties as an executive board member includes but is not limited to public service, charity events, fundraising and helping future firefighters accomplish their goals through mentorship.

Writing this letter of recommendation comes with the feeling of confidence that Gabriel will be successful as an Avondale city councilmember. I would like to express my appreciation for your consideration of Gabriel Saenz as a future Avondale city councilmember.

Sincerely,



Sammy Garcia Jr.  
Food City #93  
623-925-1515  
623-680-1894

David W. Scanlon  
11121 W. Sieno Place  
Avondale Arizona 85392  
(623) 877-9577

December 12, 2008

By Email: [cmartinez@avondale.org](mailto:cmartinez@avondale.org)

Ms. Carmen Martinez  
City Clerk  
City of Avondale  
11465 W Civic Center Drive, Suite 200  
Avondale, AZ 85323

Re: Letter of Interest

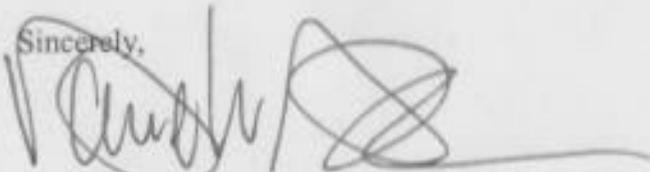
Dear Ms. Martinez:

Please accept this as my letter of interest to be appointed to the serve for the balance of Councilman Chuck Wolf's term.

Attached is my resume.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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David W. Scanlon

## RESUME OF DAVID W. SCANLON

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Avondale, Arizona 85392

### EMPLOYMENT

**Law Offices of David W. Scanlon**  
Attorney

April, 1993 - Present

Continued specialization in Civil Litigation with particular emphasis on commercial litigation, including personnel and labor, construction, land use, probate, mental health law, school law, intellectual property, competitive torts, general civil and appellate practice and business and corporations. Martindale-Hubbel rating: bv.

**Jennings, Kepner & Haug**  
Attorney/Partner

June, 1979 - March, 1993

Specialized in Civil Litigation with particular emphasis on construction and construction bonding matters, general civil and appellate practice and corporations. Partner since 1986. Martindale-Hubbel rating: bv.

**South Terminal Corp.**  
Assistant Terminal Manager

June 1976 - June, 1979

Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA. Managed a multi-user airport terminal facility, including negotiation of numerous leases and service contracts.

**Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns**  
Volunteer Researcher

1975 - 1976

As a law student, worked on a League project drafting alternative state wetlands legislation acceptable to Massachusetts municipalities.

#### **Military:**

United States Army, Infantry Officer  
Arizona Army National Guard, JAG Officer

April, 1971 - April, 1975  
October, 1979 - May, 1984

Test Officer, Company Executive Officer and Adjutant while on active duty in the Infantry

### ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Arizona -- 1979 to present. Admitted to practice in United States District Court for the District of Arizona and United States Circuit Court of Appeals (9th Circuit).

American and Maricopa County Bar Associations.

Judge pro tem, Maricopa County Superior Court -- 1994 to 2004.

Member, Pendergast Elementary School District Governing Board -- 1989 to present.

Member, Avondale Board of Adjustment – 2006 to present

Director, Community Care Network (CCN) – 1982 to 1992. Active involvement in community-based mental health, drug and alcohol "umbrella" organization. CCN was dissolved when ADHS awarded the contract for Maricopa County to CODAMA in 1992. Director, CODAMA 1997-2000.

White Tanks Rotary Club -- 1993 - 2003 (President, 1998-99)

Director, ComCare -- 1982 - 1992 (CODAMA 1997-2000)

Instructor, Legal Research and Ethics, Rio Salado Community College – 1982

Adjunct Faculty, Northern Arizona University -- 1996 –1999 (School Law)

### **EDUCATION**

1979 -- New England School of Law, Boston, MA -- J.D. *cum laude*

1975 -- University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK – Masters of Public Administration (MPA)

1974 -- Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA – Master of Arts in Education

1970 -- Northeastern University, Boston, MA -- Bachelor of Arts

Regular attendee at Arizona School Boards Association-sponsored School Law Conferences.

State Bar of Arizona College of Trial Advocacy, (60 hours), 1989.

State Bar of Arizona Continuing Legal Education (CLE).

### **PERSONAL**

Married: Marjorie A. Scanlon (37 years) -- Teacher, Phoenix Elementary School District.  
Two adult children: Amy and Peter