

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: April 28, 2026

General Plan Element: *Provide for the orderly government and administration of the affairs of the City*

General Plan Goal: *Open and Responsive Government*

ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 13662 appointing Luis Santaella to become the City Attorney of the City of Scottsdale effective April 28, 2026, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute the employment agreement between the City of Scottsdale and Luis Santaella, Contract No. 2026-065-COS.

BACKGROUND

The City Council appointed Luis Santaella as Interim City Attorney effective June 17, 2025. After successfully overseeing and serving the duties of the City Attorney’s Office over the past several months, the City Council is considering the regular, full-time appointment of Mr. Santaella into the position of City Attorney, removing the interim designation effective April 28, 2026 contingent upon the City Council approving and directing the execution of Luis Santaella’s proposed employment agreement with the City, Contract No. 2026-065-COS.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

City Manager, Human Resources

STAFF CONTACTS (S)

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APPROVED BY

Greg Caton

Greg Caton, City Manager

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4/17/26

Date

Action Taken _____

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 13662
2. Contract No. 2026-065-COS

RESOLUTION NO. 13662

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPOINTING LUIS SANTAELLA TO THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2026, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE AND LUIS SANTAELLA, CONTRACT NO. 2026-065-COS.

WHEREAS, Council would like to appoint current Interim City Attorney Luis Santaella as permanent City Attorney and execute Contract No. 2026-065-COS to employ him as City Attorney of the City of Scottsdale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County as follows:

Section 1. Luis Santaella is hereby appointed to become City Attorney of the City of Scottsdale effective April 28, 2026.

Section 2. The employment agreement between the City of Scottsdale and Luis Santaella, Contract No. 2026-065-COS, for the position of City Attorney is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2026-065-COS on behalf of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale this _____ day of _____, 2026.

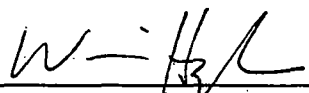
ATTEST:

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an
Arizona municipal corporation

Ben Lane, City Clerk

Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Luis E. Santaella, Interim City Attorney
By: William Hylen, Deputy City Attorney

City of Scottsdale Charter Officer – Employment Agreement

This agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026, by and between Luis Santaella ("Santaella") and the City of Scottsdale, an Arizona municipal corporation ("City"), referred to collectively herein as "Parties."

Recitals

A. Santaella was appointed City Attorney of the City of Scottsdale by the City Council and shall assume those duties effective April 28, 2026, subject to Mr. Santaella executing this Agreement with the City.

B. Santaella will serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual covenants and promises contained below, and for other good and valuable consideration, the Parties agree as follows:

1.0 The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Agreement and made a part of it by this reference.

2.0 During the term of this Agreement, Santaella will have the powers and will perform the duties of City Attorney as set forth in state law, the City's Charter and the City's Code and ordinances, and will perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions.

3.0 The term of this Agreement shall be until Santaella resigns the position or retires, becomes disqualified to hold the position by operation of law, or Santaella's employment is terminated by the City Council.

4.0 Santaella is an unclassified, exempt from overtime employee. His service as City Attorney is at-will and he serves at the pleasure of the City Council, subject to the terms of this Agreement and any laws, City Charter and City Code provisions, rules, regulations and policies applicable to unclassified, exempt from overtime, at-will employees of the City.

5.0 Santaella will be compensated for his services as City Attorney effective April 28, 2026, as follows:

a. Annual base salary of \$319,009.60, with an increase of four (4) percent effective July 1, 2026, consistent with the salary increases for which other City employees are eligible. Santaella will also be entitled to the same benefits afforded to other City employees, except as otherwise specified herein.

b. The City agrees to budget for and to pay for professional dues, subscriptions, continuing education and conference attendance and related business travel up to \$7,500 for the City Attorney's continued professional growth, or for the good of the City.

c. The City agrees to reimburse Santaella for moving expenses in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 incurred during the six-month period by which he must relocate his

residence to the City of Scottsdale upon the City's receipt of proof of such expenditures that is satisfactory to the City's Accounting Department Director.

6.0 As a condition of his employment as City Attorney, Santaella agrees to become a resident of the City of Scottsdale within six months of his appointment as City Attorney and continue to reside in the City during his tenure as City Attorney.

7.0 Starting in 2027, the City Council shall review Santaella's performance in his position as City Attorney annually and may adjust his compensation and terms and conditions of employment in accordance with that review, or as otherwise determined by the City Council.

8.0 In the event that the City terminates Santaella's appointment at any time, the City shall pay to Santaella severance in the amount of six (6) months' total compensation. For the purposes of this provision, total compensation is defined to include base salary, with any Council-approved base salary increases, in addition to any other Council-approved forms of compensation paid to Santaella, including City-paid car allowance and City-paid deferred compensation, if applicable, and City-paid medical insurance, but specifically excludes the value of any other City-provided benefit, such as the cost for providing insurance other than medical insurance or the cost of other benefits, including leave, which would have accrued during the six-month period had employment continued. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, no severance payment shall be paid to Santaella if a super majority of five (5) members of the Council vote and find, in their sole discretion, that Santaella should be separated for failure to properly carry out his duties or responsibilities or that Santaella's acts or omissions cast serious doubt on his fitness or ability to serve or to fully perform his duties for any reason, either voluntary or involuntary.

9.0 The effective date of this contract shall be April 28, 2026, with Santaella assuming the duties of City Attorney on April 28, 2026.

10.0 This Agreement sets forth and establishes the entire understanding between the City and Santaella relating to the employment of Santaella by the City. Any prior discussions or representations by or between the parties are merged into and rendered null and void by this Agreement.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2026.

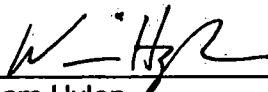
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Arizona municipal corporation

ATTEST:

Lisa Borowsky
Mayor

Ben Lane
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William Hylan
Deputy City Attorney



Luis Santaella

Lane, Benjamin

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MEETING DATE	4/28/2026
WHICH AGENDA ITEM WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON?	15A. City Attorney Appointment and Employment Agreement
Name	
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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

I'm writing to express support for the permanent appointment of Luis Santaella as Scottsdale City Attorney. Acting City Attorney Santaella has a proven track record of exceptional service to the City and its citizens. He is level headed, practical and extremely capable. Mr. Santaella balances risk and opportunity in a practical and reasonable manner. He appropriate prioritizes the needs of the City, the City Council and most importantly the community. I am confident that he will continue to serve with honor and dignity in the permanent role as City Attorney.

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
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Name

FULL NAME Quang H. Nguyen

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CITY

PRESCOTT VALLEY

Comment

COMMENT

I am proud to strongly endorse Luis Santaella as the permanent City Attorney for Scottsdale. As interim City Attorney, Luis has demonstrated exceptional legal expertise, unwavering integrity, and a deep commitment to serving our community with transparency and professionalism. His thoughtful approach to complex municipal issues, dedication to upholding the rule of law, and collaborative spirit have already strengthened Scottsdale's governance. Scottsdale deserves a proven leader like Luis Santaella in this critical role, and I urge the City Council to appoint him permanently to continue delivering the excellence our residents expect and deserve.

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
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Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Steve Twist

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FULL NAME Steve Twist

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

Supporting appointment of Mr. Santaella. He has been a strong advocate for the rights of crime victims.

Lane, Benjamin

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 1:38 PM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Warren Petersen

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Name

FULL NAME Warren Petersen

NAME OF GROUP OR ORGANIZATION Arizona State Senate

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ADDRESS

1700 W Washington Street

CITY

PHOENIX

Comment

COMMENT

I am pleased to support the appointment of Luis Santaella as the permanent City Attorney for the City of Scottsdale. Luis has been a great partner in upholding the rule of law, promoting sound governance, and supporting the criminal justice system. His professionalism, integrity, and steady leadership make him exceptionally well qualified to continue serving the people of Scottsdale in this important role.

Sincerely,

Warren Petersen
President, Arizona State Senate

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitoforms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 1:40 PM
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Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Bruce Washburn

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Name

FULL NAME Bruce Washburn

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CITY Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

I had the honor to serve as the Scottsdale City Attorney from 2009 to 2019. During that time I saw on a daily basis Mr. Santaella's outstanding work on whatever tasks he undertook, and observed his professionalism and his excellent legal abilities. He is, to put it simply, a really top notch attorney, an exceptionally hard worker, a very creative thinker, and a man of the highest integrity. He will make an excellent City Attorney.

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
<notifications@cognitofrms.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:17 PM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - JenLyn & Matt Long

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Name

FULL NAME JenLyn & Matt Long

NAME OF GROUP OR ORGANIZATION Daily Dose Old Town Bar & Grill

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

As local business owners, we are fully in favor of Luis Santaella becoming the full time City Attorney. His demeanor, leadership skills & work ethic make him the ultimate person for this position. The city will benefit from having someone of his stature in this role.

Lane, Benjamin

From: Michal A Joyner <michaljoyner@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 2:20 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Luis Santalla

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I am very happy to see that Luis Santalla is on tomorrow nights agenda to become our City Attorney. I have known Luis for over 20 years in a variety of capacities. I've always found him to be responsive, honest, kind, and extremely well informed. He has guided Scottsdale through some very tough decisions, and I believe we should be proud to have him represent us permanently.

Please enthusiastically vote for him to become our permanent City Attorney.

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Lane, Benjamin

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To: Lane, Benjamin
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Name

FULL NAME Jim Ford

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

I am writing in to support the selection of Luis Santaella as the next Scottsdale City Attorney. I have known and worked closely with Mr. Santaella for over 25 years and have always been impressed with his commitment to the community, unwavering support, and willingness to directly address the many challenging issues we encountered. In my humble opinion, the City could not make a better or wiser choice.

Lane, Benjamin

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 5:24 PM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Alan Rodbell

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Name	
FULL NAME	Alan Rodbell
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ADDRESS

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

It is my pleasure to write an endorsement for Mr. Luis Santaella for the appointment to the position of City Attorney. Mr. Santaella and I worked closely together, first, when he was Chief Prosecutor and then for 15 years as the City Attorney's liaison and advisor to the police department.

During the entire time we worked together, I found Luis to be competent, capable, energetic, thorough, thoughtful and always professional. It was a pleasure working with him and I relied heavily on his insight and advice.

Luis always has Scottsdale's interests at heart. He is capable of supporting a strong position if it is legally sound and in the City's best interests. At the same time, I, and our City, have benefited from Luis' ability to find workable and appropriate solutions to issues that have presented themselves.

In the challenging positions of responsibility you hold, Mr. Santaella, will be a tremendous asset to you, our City and our Community. He has my strongest endorsement.

Thank you for all you do for our Community.

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 7:27 PM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Thomas Myers

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Name

FULL NAME Thomas Myers

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

For decades Luis Santaella has served the City of Scottsdale, its citizens and the city employees with distinction and integrity. His leadership and character were on display for the past several years while serving in multiple important legal positions at one time. He handled the magnitude of these assignments with adept competency, relentless efficiency and remarkable ease. The icing on the cake is his warm disposition and quick wit. My family and I are multi generational Scottsdale citizens since 1984. We collectively pray the council will reach the wise decision to place Scottsdales legal future in the capable hands of Luis.

Lane, Benjamin

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To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Kara Stanek

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Name

FULL NAME Kara Stanek

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CITY Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

I fully support the permanent appointment of Luis Santaella as City Attorney. I am a local attorney for a neighboring municipality but a resident of Scottsdale. I have had many occasions to work collaboratively with Mr. Santaella and have consistently found him to be the consummate professional. He is intelligent, knowledgeable, hard working and truly an excellent attorney. His depth of knowledge in the municipal law practice is an asset to the City of Scottsdale and the City Attorney's Office. His leadership and mentoring will also further the development of the other attorneys in the office. Council, Management and departments citywide will benefit from his permanent appointment. I would like to offer this letter of support for Luis Santaella as City Attorney. Thank you.

Lane, Benjamin

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Name

FULL NAME John Sayegh

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CITY

Scottsdale az 85254

Comment

COMMENT

Luis santaella it's a great guy. I have asked him a few questions and he gave me great advice. I think he would do an excellent job.

Lane, Benjamin

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 7:42 PM
To: Lane, Benjamin
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Name

FULL NAME Rachel Levandowsky

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

Highly recommend Luis Santaella!

Lane, Benjamin

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

Recommending Luis Santaella

Lane, Benjamin

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Name

FULL NAME Falcia Hankins

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CITY Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

Our family has been residents of the city of Scottsdale for over 30 years, and we support the appointment of Luis Santaella.

Lane, Benjamin

From: notifications@cognitofrms.com on behalf of City of Scottsdale
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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 7:54 PM
To: Lane, Benjamin
Subject: City Council Public Written Comment Form - Trevor Hankins

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Name

FULL NAME Trevor Hankins

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CITY Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

I am a Scottsdale native and me and my family support Luis Santaella for city attorney. We trust that he has the best interest of the citizens of Scottsdale.

Lane, Benjamin

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Name

FULL NAME Shawna Hankins

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CITY Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT Luis Santaella for office

Lane, Benjamin

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To: Lane, Benjamin
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Name

FULL NAME Elizabeth O'Connor

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

Please appoint Luis Santaella as City Attorney, he is more than qualified and will serve our city well.

Lane, Benjamin

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CITY

Scottsdale

Comment

COMMENT

I write as a private citizen and 33 year resident of Scottsdale. I strongly recommend Luis Santaella for the position of Scottsdale City Attorney. Professionally, I have worked with Luis in his position as Acting City Attorney, Scottsdale Police Legal Advisor and Scottsdale City Prosecutor. In my positions as the Government Affairs Director of the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), AOC Law Enforcement Liaison, Judge Pro-tem and a judicial trainer I have have the pleasure of closely working and interacting with Luis for many years. I have also worked closely with the Scottsdale Police Department in my various capacities over the years going back to Fred Collins as Chief (that is many years).

First and foremost Luis has represented his client, the City of Scottsdale, to the highest level with strong integrity. He is a source of knowledge and one with whom many of can call on for his legal acumen. Luis has this line that his workload will decrease when I retire. This is because I call on him to sit on Supreme Court AOC committees and working groups and judicial educational panels. As a judicial trainer I find it important to bring a prosecution and defense perspective to certain training modules. Invariably, Luis is my first choice. Luis' ability to represent his client while getting along and working with others is essential in gaining respect and success. During my many years with the AOC, sitting as a judge and as a Deputy County Attorney I have had the occasion to work with city attorneys and city prosecutors from throughout the state. I turn to Luis. He is one I can trust and one with whom I can work through issues. We have indeed worked through some complex legal issues. I can say through personal knowledge that Luis is always available for his clients and on top of things. I value Luis' opinion and

knowledge. Hopefully, the city of Scottsdale will continue to as well. I strongly recommend Luis Santaella for the permanent position of Scottsdale City Attorney.

Lane, Benjamin

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COMMENT

I would like to support Luis Santaella for permanent city attorney.

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Comment

COMMENT

I highly support the appointment of Luis Santaella as the City Attorney for the City of Scottsdale. His extensive background in municipal law and reputation for high ethical standards makes him an ideal candidate to protect the interests of our city and residents.

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COMMENT

The Scottsdale Firefighters are proud to speak in favor of Luis Santilla. Luis has shown himself to be a person of high character. He puts the needs of Scottsdale above all else. He has been a string supporter of public safety. The Scottsdale Firefighters urge the Scottsdale City Council to appoint Luis as the permanent Scottsdale City Attorney.

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Comment

COMMENT

I fully support

I fully support the appointment of Luis Santaella as the City Attorney. He has held several roles in the City of Scottsdale which means he has a great perspective on what the City of Scottsdale needs. His leadership as the interim City Attorney has been a breath of fresh air with transparency and strong leadership. On social media he underscores the importance of good leadership and the excitement for the future of Scottsdale. He also clearly indicates how important teamwork is to accomplish important goals. Also Luis Santaella encompasses a calm disposition in stressful or tense situations. He is a demonstrated leader. As a resident of Scottsdale since 1997 I strongly recommend Luis Santaella be appointed and have no doubt in his success as he has been successful in all of his other roles.

Lane, Benjamin

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Comment

COMMENT

My name is Dennis McGrane, and I am the Yavapai County Attorney. I have known Luis Santaella for many years as a fellow representative on the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council (APAAC). Luis is always prepared and is an intelligent, well respected member of the Council. He is an excellent choice for the position of Scottsdale City Attorney. I have found him to be calm and deliberate under pressure. He will continue to represent your organization in the best possible fashion if selected for the permanent position.