

Dear Mayor Borowsky and Members of the City Council,

We are writing as concerned residents to propose revisions to the City's Code of Ethical Behavior (Scottsdale Revised Code §§ 2-47-2-58) to strengthen public trust in decision-making processes, particularly for development projects. Recent discussions and decisions highlight the need for immediate clearer rules on campaign contributions, which currently do not trigger automatic recusal despite potential perceptions of influence.

To address this, we suggest adopting an amending ordinance (below) that revises Section 2-49(b) to define "substantial interest" as including aggregate campaign contributions over \$250 with a 12-month lookback seems to be the most common and popular parameters from parties (e.g., builders, developers, architects, lawyers, and any parties associated with, or related to family members associated with the project) for decisions involved in pending city matters. This would require immediate recusal, public disclosure, and exclusion from related discussions/votes—aligning with state law while going further to prevent conflicts.

See attached full proposed ordinance language below.


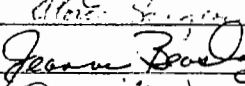
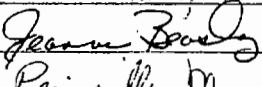
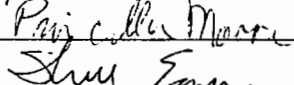
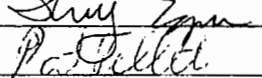
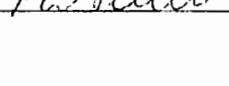
Many cities have implemented similar revisions: Los Angeles, NYC, Seattle, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, San Antonio, San Diego, Dallas, Boston, DC, Nashville, Portland, Vegas, Henderson, Detroit, Memphis, Louisville, Baltimore, Albuquerque, Milwaukee, Tucson, Fresno, Mesa, KC, Atlanta, Colorado Springs, Long Beach, Raleigh, Miami, Virginia Beach, Tulsa, Bakersfield, Wichita, Tampa, NOLA, Cleveland, Anaheim, Honolulu, St. Paul, Cincinnati, Chula Vista, Buffalo, St. Petersburg, Madison, Fort Wayne, and others too numerous to mention.

This is easy. This is necessary, now more than ever. This is transparency in action.

This change could be initiated via a Council resolution directing the City Attorney to refine and schedule it for hearings. It promotes transparency without overly restricting political speech, and public workshops would allow broad input. Please place this on a January 2026 agenda.

Thank you for your commitment to ethical and transparent governance.

Scottsdale voters:

	ROBERT SAEGER, DDS	12/07/2025
	PATRICIA SAEGER	12/7/2025
	Jeanne Beasley	"
	PERISELLA MOORE	"
	Shurley Eydson	"
	Patricia Pellett	"

Courtney Malone	COURTNEY MALONE	12/13
Stephanie Beard	STEPHANIE BEARD	12/13
Frances Oberman	FRANCES OBERMAN	12/13
John Sullivan	JOHN SULLIVAN	12/13
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KAREN PITTORI	KAREN PITTORI	12/13
Mark J Rubin	Mark J Rubin	12/17/25
Nancy Davy	Nancy DAVY	12-16-25
John P Davy	John P Davy	16 DEC 25
Janet Helberg	JANET HELBERG	17-17-25
Russell J. Helberg	RUSSELL J. HELBERG	17 DEC 25
Tom HEALY	TOM HEALY	17 DEC 25
Thomas Dugan	Thomas Dugan	12-18-25
Jennifer Albertini	JENNIFER ALBERTINI	12-18-25
Tom Albertini	TOM ALBERTINI	12-18-25
Ben Blockwell	BEN BLOCKWELL	12-18-25
Marc Sobelman	MARC SOBELMAN	12-29-25
Ellen Walker	ELLEN WALKER	12-29-25
Ethan Sobelman	ETHAN SOBELMAN	12-29-25
Lyn BARBUCCI	LYN BARBUCCI	1/1/26
Leatrice Sullivan	LEATRICE SULLIVAN	1/1/26

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF  
SCOTTSDALE CODE OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOR TO REQUIRE RECUSAL WHEN  
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Scottsdale as follows:

**Section 1.** Scottsdale Revised Code § 2-49(b) is amended by adding a new subsection (3) to read:

**(3) Campaign contribution conflict.** A city official shall have a conflict of interest requiring full recusal if, within the preceding twenty-four (24) months, the official or the official's campaign committee has accepted campaign contributions totaling more than two hundred, fifty dollars (\$250) from any person or entity (or its officers, employees, or agents) with a 12-month lookback, that is a party to, or has a direct financial interest in, or related to a family member who has ties to a matter pending before the city that is subject to an official action by that official. Upon identifying such a conflict, the official shall immediately:

- Refrain from all participation in the matter,
- Publicly disclose the conflict on the record, and
- Leave the dais/meeting room during discussion and vote.

**Section 2.** Severability, effective date, and publication provisions as standard.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST: City Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM: City Attorney