



**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission**  
**16000 N. Civic Center Plaza**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**  
 Wednesday, September 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports
- E. Staff Reports
- F. Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In order to address the Board\Commission, you will need to fill out a Call to the Public Form available at the front counter, and then turn it in to the Secretary before the meeting begins.

Note: A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) - During this time members of the public may address the Board\Commission only on issues within the jurisdiction of the Board\Commission which are not an item on the agenda. At the conclusion of the open call, the Board\Commission may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. No discussion or action shall take place on any item raised.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:**

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| 1. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to the CDBG and HOME Needs Hearing for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Second Year Annual Action Plan. | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
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**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:**

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| 2. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the August 13, 2025 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 3. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion by The Home of Record Project.   | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 4. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.   | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 5. | Citywide | Discussion pertaining to the potential division of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission.                     | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |

- G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items
- H. Adjournment

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KRISTI PASSARELLI, CITY CLERK

**POSTED: September, 8th, 2025 @ 5:00 PM**

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**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Veterans, Disability and Human Services**  
**Commission**

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Council Meeting Date: September 10, 2025      Contact Person:  
Submitting Department: Human Svcs and Comm      District: Citywide  
Vitality  
Staff Recommendations:

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Consent: No      Regular: No      Public Hearing: Yes      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Presentation and discussion pertaining to the CDBG and HOME Needs Hearing for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Second Year Annual Action Plan.

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**Motion:**

Presentation and discussion only.

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**Background:**

As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds, the City of Surprise must complete a Five-Year Consolidated Plan to help the City identify needs in the community related to housing and community development. The Consolidated Plan also contains the Second Year Annual Action Plan for anticipated funding to be received from the Department of Housing & Urban Development. As part of the Consolidated Plan process, the City must conduct a minimum of two public hearings.

This hearing is being conducted in advance of the City's formation of its 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Second Year Annual Action Plan that will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Although funding amounts have not been announced, based on past year allocations, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$748,125 in CDBG funding, and \$200,000 in HOME funding in Program Year 2026.

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**Objective Analysis:**

In accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan, this "Needs" Public Hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for organizations and citizens to comment and provide input on any housing and/or community development needs they have identified for providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This action is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

None

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**Budget Impact:**

None

**FTE Impact:**

None

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Needs Hearing VDHS Staff Report
  2. Surprise - 2026\_AAP\_Public Hearing\_1
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**Date:** September 10, 2025  
**To:** Veteran’s, Disability & Human Services Commission Members  
**From:** Adam Lane, Housing & Community Services Manager  
**Re:** Program Year Annual Action Plan – “Needs” Public Hearing

**Introduction**

As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds, the City of Surprise must complete an Annual Action Plan for anticipated funding to be received from the Department of Housing & Urban Development. As part of the Action Plan process, the City must conduct a minimum of two public hearings.

**Background**

In accordance with the City’s Citizen Participation Plan, this “Needs” Public Hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for organizations and citizens to comment and provide input on any housing and/or community development needs they have identified for providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

This hearing is being conducted in advance of the City’s formation of its Second Year Annual Action Plan that will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Although funding amounts have not been announced, based on past year allocations, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$748,125 in CDBG funding, and \$200,000 in HOME funding in Program Year 2026.

Any public comments received during the Public Hearing will be considered and included in the final version of the plan.

**Recommendations**

Staff recommends consideration of all public comments for inclusion in the 2026 Annual Action Plan.

**Future Actions**

Review and approve the draft Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan following a 30-day public comment period, and final approval by City Council for submission to HUD.

# Program Year 2026 Annual Action Plan

## Public Hearing #1

September 10, 2025



## Introduction

- The City of Surprise is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funding.
- The City receives the CDBG annual allocation as a direct entitlement community.
- The City receives an annual allocation of HOME funding as a member of the Maricopa HOME Consortium.

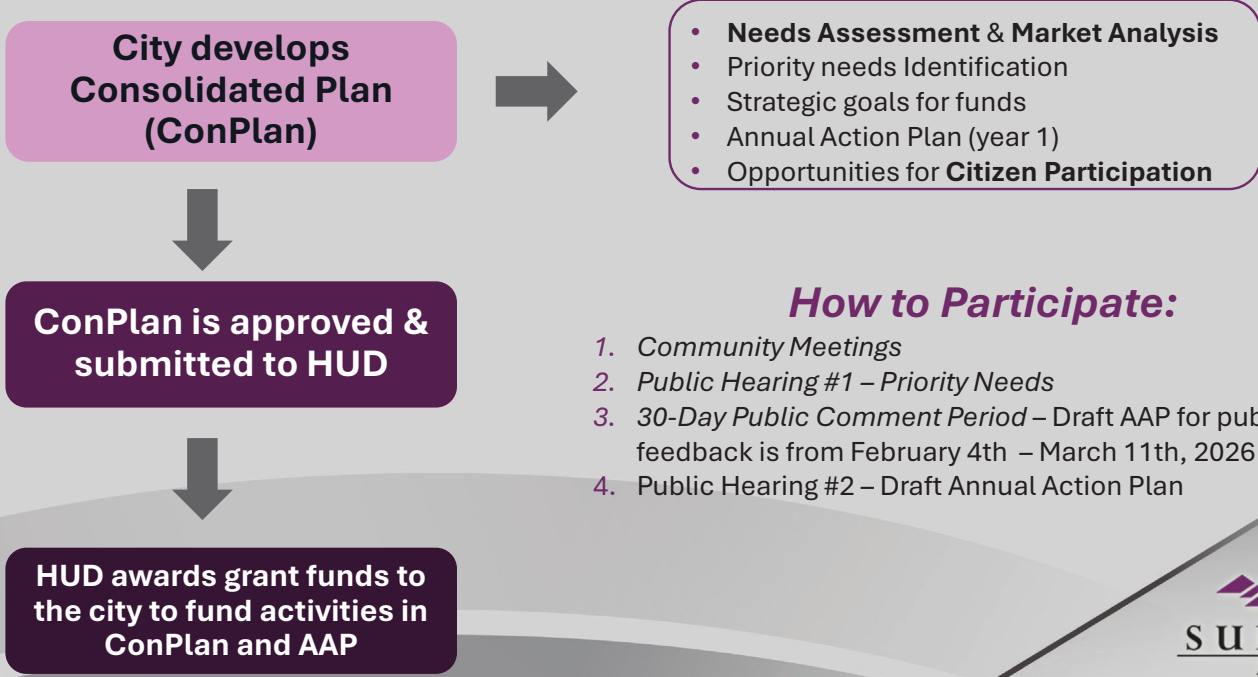


# Purpose

- The City must complete an Annual Action Plan each year
- The Plan must address Goals identified in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
- Planned projects must meet a National Objective
- Projects must provide principally to low- and moderate-income persons:
  - Decent housing
  - A suitable living environment
  - Expanded economic opportunities



# HUD Consolidated Plan Process



# Annual Action Plan & Allocation

## Major Components

1. Annual Goals
2. Available Resources
3. Identify Projects
4. Other Needs/Actions
5. Citizen Participation

## HUD 2025 Allocation

Source	Amount
CDBG	\$748,125
HOME	*\$207,649

\*Via Consortium

(2026 HUD allocations TBD)



# Citizen Participation

## Community Survey - Top Priority Needs:

### 1. Affordable Housing

- New Construction of Affordable Housing
- HVAC Replacement or Repairs
- Down Payment Assistance

### 2. Public Improvements

- Street Improvements
- Water Quality Improvements
- Neighborhood Cleanup

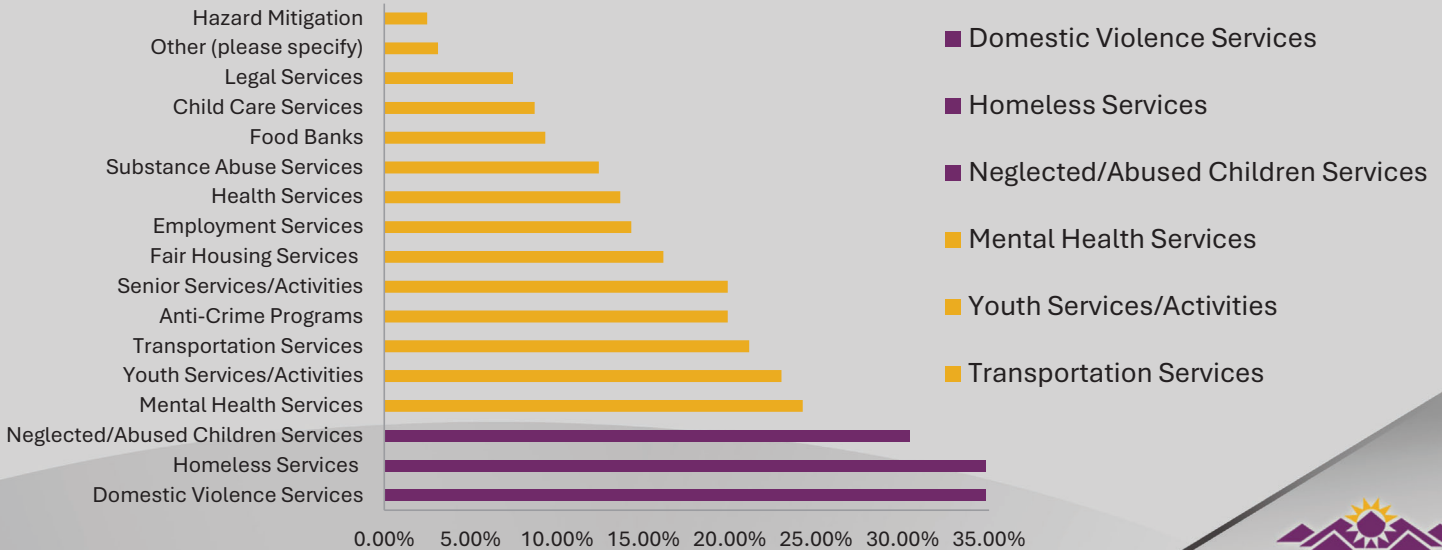
### 3. Public Facilities

- Multi-Purpose/Community Center
- Parks & Recreational Facilities
- Homeless Shelters



# Citizen Participation – Survey Highlights

## Public Services - Priorities



# 2025-2029 ConPlan - Priority Needs

Priority Needs	Goals
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	1A Affordable Housing 1B Housing Services
<b>Public Facility Improvements</b>	2A Public Facility Improvements
<b>Public Services</b>	3A Public Services
<b>Planning and Administration</b>	4A Administration & Planning



# Proposed 2026 AAP Projects - CDBG

Project Name	Funding
CDBG Affordable Housing & Housing Services (37%)	\$369,888
CDBG Public Facility Improvements (28%)	\$116,394
CDBG Public Services (15%)	\$112,218
CDBG Administration (20%)	\$149,625
<b>TOTAL 2026 Program Year Funds</b>	<b>\$748,125</b>

*(Pending federal action)*



# 2026 Action Plan Projects - HOME

Project Name	Funding
HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$207,649
<b>TOTAL 2026 Program Year Funds</b>	<b>\$207,649</b>

*(Pending federal action)*



## Program Year 2024 CAPER - Outcomes

#	Consolidated Plan Goals	Consolidated Plan Total Goal	PY2020	PY2021	PY2022	PY2023	PY2024	Total Con Plan
1	Affordable Housing	139 Units	12	19	19	40	36	126
2	Housing Services	130 households	22	13	32	22	13	102
3	Public Facility Improvements	20,000 persons	2,440	36	3,780	440	823	7,519
4	Public Services	615 Persons	226	458	81	137	171	1,073

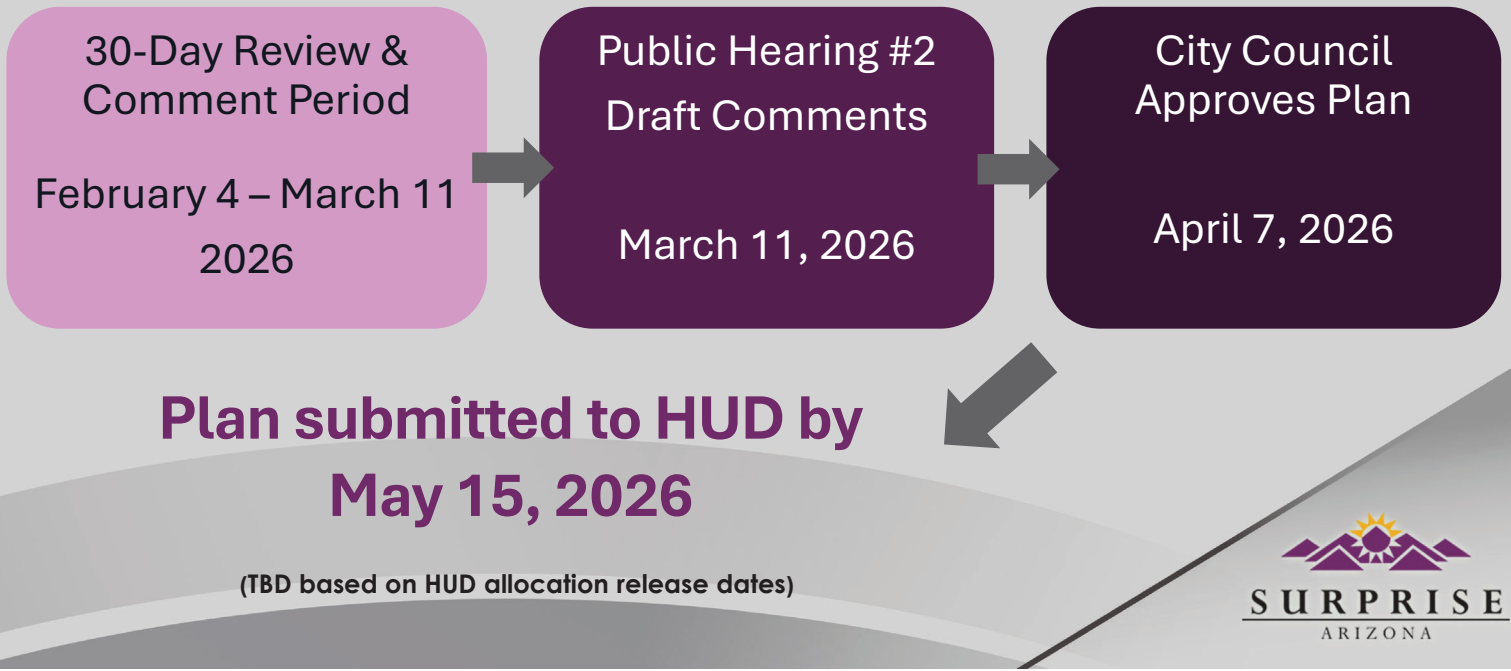


## 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Progress

#	Consolidated Plan Goals	Associated Need	Total Goal	PY2025	PY2026	PY2027	PY2028	PY2029	Total Con Plan
1	Affordable Housing	1	25 Units	2	0	0	0	0	2
2	Housing Services	1	75 Households	15	0	0	0	0	15
3	Public Facility Improvements	2	2,500 Persons	600	0	0	0	0	600
4	Public Services	3	400 Persons	85	0	0	0	0	85



# Phases and Processes



# Questions or Comments?

Adam Lane  
Human Service & Community Vitality  
Housing & Community Services Manager





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**Commission**

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Vitality  
Staff Recommendations: None

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Consideration and action pertaining to the August 13, 2025 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

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**Motion:**

I move to approve the August 13, 2025 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

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**Background:**

N/A

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**Objective Analysis:**

N/A

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

None

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**Budget Impact:**

None

**FTE Impact:**

None

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 8.13.25 VDHS Commission Minutes - DRAFT
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**CITY OF SURPRISE  
VETERANS, DISABILITY, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM  
City Council Chambers  
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza  
Surprise, AZ 85374**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Wisniewski called the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Surprise City Hall, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on August 13, 2025.

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance were Chair Allison Wisniewski, Vice-Chair Dr. Gwen Maxfield, Commissioners Julie Kent- Partridge, John Billcheck, Olivia Fryer, Michael Tree, and Charles Manuel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Human Services and Community Vitality Director, Seth Dyson, Assistant Director, Deb Perry and Administrative Specialist, Victoria Simmons.

**CURRENT EVENTS REPORT**

Chair Wisniewski reported on the following:

- Join us for a Day of Service, tomorrow, August 14, at St. Mary's Food Bank. Individuals will assist with sorting, packing food, assisting clients and packing Kid's Cafe meals. Volunteer opportunities start at 7:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and noon. Youth ages 12 and over are invited to participate, however, all participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required through St. Mary's Food Bank. For more information on how to register, visit [surpriseaz.gov/DayofService](http://surpriseaz.gov/DayofService).
- The City of Surprise proudly celebrates its designation as a Golden Rule Community through the annual Surprise Area Interfaith & Golden Rule Community Breakfast. This uplifting event brings together leaders from local government, faith communities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations to honor those who exemplify kindness, compassion, and dedicated community service. This free community event will take place on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, from 8 AM – 10 AM. During the program, the Surprise Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission will present the Surprise Community Legend Awards, recognizing recipients in the categories of Individual Legend, Outstanding Youth, Volunteer of the Year and Organization of the Year. Registration opens on August 14, and

space is limited. To RSVP, please visit [surpriseaz.gov/GoldenRuleRSVP](http://surpriseaz.gov/GoldenRuleRSVP).

- City of Surprise administrative offices will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Kent- Partridge
  - Attended the Veterans Community Project (VCP) meeting in June
    - Veterans housing project is located behind VFW in Glendale
    - Met with Veronica Morgan, with Home of Record Project, a nonprofit with resources to assist with rent and mortgage assistance for veterans and their families
  - Attended Phoenix VA Mental Health Advocacy Council meeting on June 26
    - Mental Health Summit on October 8, 2025. This is a free event and will be held virtually this year. More updates and invites to come
  - Attended Mayor's Disabilities Round Table on July 9
  - Attended meeting with Aubrey from the Veterans Community Project on July 29
    - Invited to tour the Longmont Colorado Housing Project and will be attending at the end of August
  - Attended the Valley Metro ADA Certification Clinic today
  - Met with Maggie Roby, with Arizona Registrar of Contractors
    - Scholarship program for service members, veterans, and their spouses, to help pay for registrar of contractors' fees
- Commissioner Tree
  - Attended the City of Glendale, Triple M (Mayor's Military Mission) meeting
    - Luke Air Force Base is hosting Retirement Day on October 18, 2025, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Navy Reserve Center
- Commissioner Fryer
  - Attended Mayor's roundtable on Disabilities
    - Discussed possible meeting to discuss employment opportunities
  - Attended legislative wrap up session hosted by various organizations dedicated to disabilities
  - Attended Arizona Disability Advocacy Coalition meeting earlier today
- Commissioner Billcheck
  - Attended Mayor's Disabilities Roundtable in July
  - Attended Mayor's Veterans Roundtable on August 6
    - Vet Fest Planning Committee meeting on September 9, 2025
- Vice Chair Maxfield
  - Attended subcommittee meetings for Grand Marshal and Community Legend Awards
  - Attended Mayor's Roundtable
  - Attended a Meet and Greet with the new Chief of Police and provided him with a VDHS Challenge Coin
  - Challenge Coin given to Melanie Ruiz, with Corte Bella Vets
- Chair Wisniewski
  - Attended Veterans Community Project meeting
    - Briefing on tiny homes project, in Glendale
  - Attended Mayor's Veterans Roundtable on August 6

## STAFF REPORT

Mr. Dyson discussed:

- Vet Fest Planning Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, at 4:00 p.m.
- See Victoria for extra VDHS Challenge Coins
- Surprise Resource Center quarterly partner meeting on Thursday, August 21, at 1 p.m.
- Gain Night on Saturday, October 25, from 5 – 8 p.m.

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Rosemary Lieberman discussed concerns about being denied CHAMPVA benefits after applying last year. She mentioned being eligible for benefits and is seeking further guidance.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#### **Item 1 – Citywide – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission Chair.**

Chair Wisniewski opened the floor to nominations.

Vice Chair Maxfield nominated Allison Wisniewski. Commissioner Billcheck nominated Michael Tree. Commissioner Manuel nominated Michael Tree. Commissioner Wisniewski nominated Allison Wisniewski.

Seeing no other nominees, Chair Wisniewski closed the floor to nominations.

The Commissioners submitted their votes. Allison Wisniewski received two votes (Dr. Maxfield, Wisniewski). Michael Tree received five votes (Manuel, Billcheck, Tree, Kent-Partridge, Fryer). Michael Tree was selected as the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Chair.

Chair Wisniewski moved to accept Commissioner Tree as Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission Chair. Commissioner Maxfield seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 Yes votes.

**Item 2 – Citywide – Discussion and action pertaining to the selection of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission Vice-Chair.**

Chair Tree opened the floor to nominations.

Commissioner Wisniewski nominated Dr. Gwen Maxfield. Commissioner Kent-Partridge nominated Julie Kent-Partridge. Commissioner Manuel nominated Julie Kent-Partridge.

Seeing no other nominees, Chair Tree closed the floor to nominations.

The Commissioners submitted their votes. Dr. Gwen Maxfield received two votes (Dr. Maxfield, Wisniewski). Julie Kent-Partridge received five votes (Tree, Billcheck, Kent-Partridge, Manuel, Fryer). Julie Kent-Partridge was selected as the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission Chair.

Commissioner Billcheck moved to accept Commissioner Julie Kent-Partridge as Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission Vice-Chair. Commissioner Wisniewski seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 Yes votes.

**Item 3 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to the June 11, 2025 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.**

Commissioner Wisniewski moved to approve the June 11, 2025 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Billcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 7 Yes votes.

**Item 4 – Citywide – Consideration and action pertaining to the 2025 Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal.**

The Commission discussed details about the selection of the 2025 Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal Subcommittee made the recommendation to nominate Leo Pooley.

Commissioner Wisniewski moved to approve Leo Pooley as the 2025 Veteran's Day Parade Grand Marshal. Commissioner Maxfield seconded the motion. Motion passed with 7 Yes votes.

**Item 5 – Citywide – Discussion and action pertaining to the 2025 Community Legend Awards.**

The commission discussed details about the selection of the 2025 Community Legend Awards. The Community Legend Awards Subcommittee made recommendations to nominate Layla Skye West for Outstanding Youth of the Year, A New Leaf West Valley Housing Assistance Center for Organization of the Year, Aly and Gary Klein with the Surprise Friends of the Library for Volunteer of the Year, and Connie Whitlock with WHAM for Individual Legend Award.

Vice-Chair Kent-Partridge moved to approve the Community Legend Awards as presented.

Commissioner Billcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 7 Yes votes.

**Item 6 – Citywide – Discussion pertaining to the division of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission into two commissions with one focusing on veterans and the other on disabilities and human services.**

Director Dyson presented to the Commission and shared that previous discussions by the City Council have led to the recommendation of splitting the existing VDHS commission into two. The commission discussed their thoughts, concerns, naming of the new commissions, and timing of the division.

A presentation will be made to City Council on September 2 to discuss the split.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Presentation by Veronica Morgan
- Abe McCann with Department of Labor, to discuss updates on programs
- Maggie Roby with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner John Billcheck moved to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission on August 13, 2025, 2024 at 7:43 p.m. Commissioner Wisniewski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 7 votes.

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Seth Dyson  
Human Service & Community Vitality Director

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Michael Tree  
Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission Chair

The foregoing instrument is a full, true, and correct copy of the original document on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Surprise, Arizona.

ATTEST BY:

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Victoria Simmons  
Administrative Specialist

DATE:

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Vitality  
Staff Recommendations: None

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Presentation and discussion by The Home of Record Project.

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**Motion:**

Presentation and discussion only.

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**Background:**

The Home of Record Project will discuss their mission for serving veterans within the community.

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**Objective Analysis:**

To promote quality of life, accessibility and equity for all residents of Surprise, including those who are veterans or who experience disabilities, through cooperation with Surprise residents and any veterans, disability and human service organizations that serve the residents of Surprise.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

None

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**Budget Impact:**

None

**FTE Impact:**

None

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Staff Recommendations: None

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Presentation and discussion by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.

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**Motion:**

Presentation and discussion only.

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**Background:**

The Arizona Registrar of Contractors will discuss details of their program for service members, veterans, and their spouses.

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**Objective Analysis:**

To promote quality of life, accessibility and equity for all residents of Surprise, including those who are veterans or who experience disabilities, through cooperation with Surprise residents and any veterans, disability and human service organizations that serve the residents of Surprise.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

None

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**Budget Impact:**

None

**FTE Impact:**

None

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Program Overview
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## Arizona Registrar of Contractors

### Application Information for Service Members, Veterans, and their Spouses

#### Honoring Service

The State of Arizona recognizes the skills, experience, education, training and work ethic developed while serving and has established some special provisions for service members, veterans, and their spouses when applying for an Arizona contractors license.

**Find more information at:**

**[roc.az.gov/service-members-and-veterans](http://roc.az.gov/service-members-and-veterans) or  
email [Veteran.Rep@roc.az.gov](mailto:Veteran.Rep@roc.az.gov)**

#### Licensing Fee Waiver

(A.R.S. § 41-1080.01)

The Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) will waive the fee to apply for an initial license for any of the following individuals if the individual is applying as a sole proprietor in Arizona for the first time:

- Any active duty military service member's spouse.
- Any honorably discharged veteran who has been discharged not more than two years before application.

#### Experience Requirements

(A.R.S. § 32-4303 & R4-9-119)

Experience requirements for a license may be satisfied by substantially equivalent education, training, or experience as a member of US Armed Forces, National Guard, or US Reserves.

#### Trade Exam Waiver

(A.R.S. § 32-4302)

A license must be issued without an examination to the spouse of an active member of the US Armed Forces if the spouse is accompanying the member to an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in Arizona and if the spouse:

1. Has established residency.
2. Has a license in good standing in at least one other state for the same discipline.
3. All licenses or certifications held must be in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license.
4. Has been licensed for at least one year.
5. Previously passed the other state's minimum education requirements and work experience requirements.
6. Previously passed an examination for the license.
7. Has not had a license revoked.
8. Has not voluntarily surrendered a license while under investigation.
9. Has not been disciplined by a regulating entity.
10. Does not have a complaint or investigation pending before a regulating entity that relates to unprofessional conduct.
11. Does not have a disqualifying criminal history per A.R.S. § 41-1093.04.
12. Pays applicable fees (all applicants for Residential or Dual license classifications are required to pay a Residential Recovery Fund assessment, even if approved for a Licensing Fee Waiver).

Arizona Registrar of Contractors  
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Phoenix, AZ 85007  
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[roc.az.gov](http://roc.az.gov)  
email: [Veteran.Rep@roc.az.gov](mailto:Veteran.Rep@roc.az.gov)





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**Agenda Wording:**

Discussion pertaining to the potential division of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission.

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**Motion:**

Discussion only.

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**Background:**

Councilmember Haney, as chair of the Surprise City Council Boards and Commissions subcommittee, introduced the idea of having a stand-alone Veteran Advisory Commission since there is so much interest from commission applicants wishing to serve Veterans specifically on the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission. The idea is to split the existing Veteran, Disability & Human Services Commission into two separate commissions, providing more opportunity for residents to serve and to allow for greater focus on the areas each new commission will cover. No decisions have been made as Council would like VDHS commissioner input on the possibility of two new commissions.

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**Objective Analysis:**

The objective is to gather input and feedback from the commissioners in preparation for the potential division of the Veteran, Disabilities & Human Services Commission.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with city and council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

None

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**Budget Impact:**

None

**FTE Impact:**

None

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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