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Sarah Siep

CITY OF PRESCOTT APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL VACANCY

Questions may be directed to Sarah Siep, Prescott City Clerk, at 928-777-1437 or sarah.siep@prescott-az.gov. Applications must be received in the City Clerk's Office at 201 N Montezuma St. Suite 302, Prescott, Arizona, by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.**

NAME Sherrie Hanna	DATE April 15, 2025
RESIDENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]	CITY/ZIP Prescott, 86301
MAILING ADDRESS Same	CITY/ZIP
PHONE (RESIDENCE) NA	PHONE (CELL) [REDACTED]
EMPLOYER Retired	PHONE (BUSINESS)
IF RETIRED, FORMER EMPLOYER United States Postal Service	E-MAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

HAVE YOU BEEN A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE CITY OF PRESCOTT FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS?

☒ YES ☐ NO 57 Years

HOW LONG HAVE YOU RESIDED IN PRESCOTT? _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED, RECEIVED DEFERRED ADJUDICATION, OR ENTERED A GUILTY PLEA OR NOLO CONTENDERE FOR ANY FELONY OR CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE? ☐ YES ☒ NO

NOTE: A "YES" ANSWER WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY YOU FROM APPOINTMENT. IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN. INCLUDE DATE, PLACES, AND NATURE OF OFFENSES.

ARE YOU PRESENTLY UNDER INDICTMENT OF ANY FELONY OR CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN. INCLUDE DATES, PLACES, AND NATURE OF OFFENSES. DO NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION FOR ANY CHARGES THAT HAVE BEEN DISMISSED OR ARE NO LONGER PENDING.

BRIEFLY STATE YOUR REASONS AND DESIRE FOR WANTING TO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL. PLEASE INCLUDE SPECIAL INTERESTS, ABILITIES, SKILLS OR CONTACTS THAT COULD BENEFIT THE CITY COUNCIL.

I'm compelled to serve on the Prescott City Council, driven by my lifelong commitment to our community, where I raised my family. My passion for community involvement, public safety, recreation, and local heritage fuels my desire to enhance Prescott's quality of life.

As a dedicated resident, I've lead initiatives like Prop 443 and 478 to fund police and fire services, reflecting my commitment to collaborative governance. I focus on accessible recreation, agriculture advocacy, and public safety, shown through my work on City of Prescott Boards. I bring integrity, vision and practical solutions to serve Prescott effectively.

WHAT CIVIC AND/OR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU PRESENTLY INVOLVED WITH?

Vice President of Prescott Police Foundation, Women's Leadership Committee, Arizona Farm Bureau, Women's Leadership Chair, Yavapai County Farm Bureau, Member - Yavapai Cattlewomen, Member - Prescott Rodeo Association, Member - Republican Women of Prescott, Precinct and State Committeemen - Yavapai County GOP, Americanism Chair - Arizona Federation of Republican Women.

LIST YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE ON A CITY/TOWN COUNCIL OR ADVISORY GROUP/BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE IN PRESCOTT OR ELSEWHERE.

Served on Prescott's Acker Trust Board and Prescott's Parks and Recreation Board.

DESCRIBE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUNCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Prescott City Council serves as the governing body for the City, responsible for setting policies, enacting laws, and overseeing the city's operations. Its primary purpose is to ensure fiscal responsibility, public safety, and manageable growth while preserving the city's heritage, charm and quality of life.

STATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CITY BUDGET AND THE BUDGET PROCESS.

The Prescott City Council oversees the annual budget, funding basic services like public safety, utilities, and infrastructure while maintaining fiscal responsibility. It is my understanding that, with input from department heads, the City Manager and Chief Financial officer will propose the budget, which the Council then reviews. After all revisions have been made, it's up to the Council adopt/approve the budget.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE CITY OF PRESCOTT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS?

My vision for Prescott by 2035 is a thriving, well-managed community that cherishes its Western heritage and recreational attraction for residents and visitors. We can make this happen through a strategic economic development plan prioritizing public safety, local business growth, water sustainability, and reliable health and wellness services. With my leadership, budgeting experience, and community engagement from roles with the Yavapai County Farm Bureau, Prescott Police Foundation, and the successful passage of Proposition 478, I am committed to guiding Prescott toward a future that balances tradition with progress.

April 15, 2025
DATE

Sherrie Hanna
SIGNATURE

Sherrie Hanna

Prescott, AZ 86301

April 15, 2025

City of Prescott
City Clerk's Office
201 S. Cortez St.
Prescott, AZ 86303



Dear Members of the Prescott City Council Selection Committee,

Thank you for considering my application for the open City Council seat for the City of Prescott. As a longtime resident with three children and twelve grandchildren all living, working, and attending school here, my investment in this community runs deep. With extensive leadership experience, a proven dedication to public service, and a passion for collaborative solutions, I am eager to serve Prescott with integrity and vision.

In the three decades as a Rural Carrier at the Prescott Post Office, I built strong relationships with residents while delivering exceptional customer service. As Quality Work Life Team Leader, I led training programs, mentored new postal carriers, and organized events to foster team unity. These are the skills I will use to promote collaboration on the City Council. My earlier roles, including Court Clerk for the Yavapai County Superior Court and administrative positions supporting organizational leaders, sharpened my skills in managing budgets, solving problems, and navigating complex challenges with fairness and clarity.

My service to Prescott extends far beyond my professional career. As a member of the Acker Trust Board and Prescott Parks & Recreation Board, I have worked to preserve our heritage and enhance recreational opportunities for families like mine. I have championed public safety as Vice President of the Prescott Police Foundation and through my leadership in passing Proposition 443 and Proposition 478, securing vital funding for our police and fire services. As Chairman of the John Hanna, Sr. Guns & Hoses Memorial Golf Tournament, I raised funds for Prescott's "Shop with a Cop" and Fire Fighter Charities, uniting our community with meaningful impact.

My leadership as President of the Republican Women of Prescott, the nation's largest federated Republican women's club, and Women's Leadership Chair for the Yavapai County Farm Bureau reflects my ability to inspire and deliver results. As an Arizona

Downwinder Advocate, I collaborated with United States Congressional and Senatorial leaders in Washington DC and gained national recognition for affected communities, demonstrating my advocacy skills. Initiatives like the “Keep Prescott, Prescott” Drive Friendly Campaign and my involvement with the PUSD Parent Teacher Association while raising my children further highlight my dedication to a safe and vibrant Prescott. As a Prescott Badger, I continue to support Prescott High School athletics.

With my family’s and our community’s future tied to Prescott’s success, I am driven to serve on the City Council with transparency and accountability. My team and I championed Proposition 478 to secure a sales tax increase for Prescott’s fire and police services, ensuring critical funding for public safety. As a city council member, I will diligently monitor these funds through the OpenGov platform and budget workshops to guarantee these funds get spent as promised.

My skills in negotiation, financial oversight, and team leadership will help ensure responsible growth, robust public safety, and a community where every voice matters.

Thank you again for considering my application. I would be pleased to discuss how my experience and vision align with Prescott’s goals. Please contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] to schedule a time to talk.

With gratitude and respect,

Sherrie Hanna

Sherrie Hanna

Prescott, AZ, 86301

Objective

As a community-driven leader with a proven track record in public service, team leadership, and advocacy, I'm seeking to serve as a City Council member for the City of Prescott. I am committed to promoting fiscal responsibility, public safety, and collaborative governance to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Core Competencies

- **Positive Team Leadership:** Inspires collaboration and drives team success.
- **Negotiator/Problem Solver:** Mediates conflicts and crafts effective solutions.
- **Budgeting & Finance:** Ensures sound financial management and resource allocation.
- **Team Liaison:** Builds strong relationships between stakeholders and teams.
- **Hiring & Training:** Recruits, trains, and mentors personnel for excellence.
- **Customer Service:** Delivers empathetic and responsive service to community needs.

Education

- TWA Travel Agent Certificate 1982
- Yavapai College, Prescott, AZ | 1973–1974
- Prescott High School Graduate, Prescott, AZ | 1973

Professional Experience

Rural Carrier - United States Postal Service, Prescott, AZ | 1984–2015

- Managed mail and parcel delivery, postage stamp distribution, and address change monitoring.

- Delivered exceptional customer service, addressing community needs with professionalism.
- Served as Quality Work Life Team Leader, fostering collaboration and team development.
- Conducted work ethic and driver training for new carriers, ensuring operational efficiency.
- Acted as team training liaison, coordinating workplace initiatives and events.
- Planned and executed team-building events to enhance morale and engagement.

Legal Assistant/ Receptionist - Walraven, Lang, and Mabery | 1981–1983

- Welcomed clients and scheduled appointments for all attorneys.
- Conducted legal research using law library resources to support case preparation.
- Drafted and filed legal documents and correspondence with precision and accuracy.

Administrative Assistant to Nelson Longley, President University Center, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX | 1978–1980

- Supported executive operations, managing schedules, correspondence, and special projects.
- Coordinated events and meeting reservations for university clubs and administrative departments.
- Supervised office students who calculated the University Center work hours.

Administrative Assistant to President of Sales Grey Line Tours, Phoenix, AZ | 1977–1978

- Spearheaded advertising for Grey Line Tours across Arizona and Nevada to maximize outreach and engagement.
- Coordinated tour logistics, including room reservations, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and event planning.
- Negotiated optimal financial deals for group packages to ensure profitability for Grey Line Tours.

Administrative Assistant to District Supervisor, Canned Meat Division Cudahy Foods, Phoenix, AZ | 1976–1977

- Provided administrative support, managing records, schedules, and team communications.
- Assisted with budgeting and inventory tracking to ensure operational efficiency.

Court Clerk for the Honorable Paul G. Rosenblatt, Yavapai County Superior Court Judge, Prescott, AZ | 1974–1976

- Transcribed trial and court hearing proceedings, secured trial evidence, and swore in witnesses.
- Maintained accurate records and ensured confidentiality of sensitive materials.

Court Clerk for Grand Jury Proceedings, Robert W. Keebler, Yavapai County Deputy County Attorney, Yavapai County, Prescott, AZ | 1974–1976

- Swore in grand jurors, transcribed proceedings, and safeguarded evidence.
- Supported legal teams with administrative and procedural tasks.

Internship Yavapai County Assessor's Office, Prescott, AZ | 1972–1973

- Assisted with property record management and public inquiries.
- Provided administrative support and efficient office operations.
- Processed and filed property tax information

Community Involvement

City of Prescott Boards & Commissions

- **Acker Trust Board:** As an Acker Trust Board member, I assisted the team who oversaw transparent fund distributions to qualified applicants and monitored interest rates to preserve the trust's principal.
- **Prescott Parks & Recreation Board:** As a Parks and Recreation Board member, I supported accessible recreation, various organizations and endorsed the no-camping ordinance in city parks to ensure safe and welcoming areas.

Organization Affiliations

- **Vice President, Prescott Police Foundation** | Supported community policing initiatives.
- **Women's Leadership Chair, Yavapai County Farm Bureau** | Promoted agricultural advocacy.
- **Member, Women's Leadership Committee, Arizona Farm Bureau** | Advanced rural community interests.
- **Member, Yavapai Cattle Growers** | Supported local agricultural heritage.
- **Member, Yavapai Cattle Women** | Championed women in agriculture.
- **Member, Prescott Rodeo Association** | Preserved Western traditions.

- **Member, Republican Women of Prescott** | Promoted civic engagement.
- **Precinct and State Committeeman, Yavapai County GOP** | Strengthened local governance.
- **Member, Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** | Advocated for education during children's school years.

Leadership Roles & Campaigns

- **Chairman, John Hanna, Sr. Guns & Hoses Memorial Golf Tournament** | Raised funds for Prescott Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" and Prescott Fire Fighter Charities.
- **Co-Chair, Proposition 443** | Successfully passed funding for unfunded liability of Prescott Police and Fire retirement accounts.
- **Co-Chair, Proposition 478** | Successfully passed sales tax increase to fund Prescott Police and Fire services.
- **Americanism Chair**, Arizona Federation of Republican Women | Promoted patriotic values and civic education.
- **Keep Prescott-Prescott "Drive Friendly" Campaign** | Championed community safety and civility.

Accomplishments

- **2024 Nominee, Prescott Area ATHENA Award** | Recognized for leadership and community impact.
 - **2022–2023 President, Republican Women of Prescott** | Led the nation's largest federated Republican women's club.
 - **2017 Finalist, Prescott Area Leadership Women of the Year** | Honored for outstanding community leadership.
 - **Arizona Downwinder Advocate** | Gained national recognition collaborating with Congressional and Senatorial leaders to support Downwinder Legislation.
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References upon request

FROM THE DESK OF

Laura E. Swesey

April 23, 2025

Sarah Siep
City of Prescott

Dear Sarah,

I would like to support and recommend Sherri Hanna for Prescott City Council. I met Sherri three years ago while being a member of RWOP. Her ability to manage a group of that caliber impressed me so much. Sherri managed that group with skill, dignity, and respect for others opinions.

When her term was up, she took on Prop 478, again she managed a large group, engaged several different agencies and worked in a bipartisan manner and succeeded in her efforts. Sherri also is also a huge participant in the Down Winders, and again has been very successful.

Sherri has developed and earned the respect of several high ranking City members including but not limited to the Fire Chief , Police Chief, Mayor, and citizens while working through all these endeavours.

Sherri would be a great asset to the City of Prescott.

Sincerely yours,

Laura E. Swesey

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Prescott, AZ 86305.

Letter of support for Sherrie Hanna

From Rod Luedke [REDACTED]
Date Tue 4/22/2025 3:19 PM
To Sarah Siep <sarah.siep@prescott-az.gov>

To whom it may concern

We've known Sherrie Hanna for about 4 years. During that time we've rarely met anyone more public spirited than her. We watched her steady hand guide the Republican Women of Prescott as President. We have observed her interest and diligence in her participation in local political activities. She has been active in supporting recent grassroots legislative efforts to pass the sales tax increase to support infrastructure and personnel increases for the City of Prescott public safety departments.

The City of Prescott would be fortunate indeed if she is selected to fill the Council Seat recently vacated by Cathey Rusing. She will bring industry, wisdom and common sense with her as she sits on the council and participates in its various deliberations.

Rod & Karin Luedke

[REDACTED]
Prescott Az 86301
[REDACTED]

April 22, 2025

To: Mayor Phil Goode and Prescott City Council Members

My name is Jill Martin and I am writing to enthusiastically recommend **Sherrie Hanna** for the open position on the Prescott City Council. Having worked closely with Sherrie for five years on a multitude of community issues and events, I can personally attest to her exceptional leadership, deep community roots, and outstanding qualifications for this role.

As a longtime Prescott resident, Sherrie carries the heart of our community and enjoys a well-deserved reputation for integrity and engagement. I've seen Sherrie interact with hundreds of citizens and community leaders, consistently showing kindness and genuine concern for each person. Her leadership style is both inspiring and effective, characterized by collaboration, decisiveness, and a true knowledge of the culture of Prescott.

I have witnessed her lead projects with clarity, fostering teamwork while ensuring every voice is heard and respected. Her ability to navigate complex challenges with calm resolve and strategic thinking has consistently delivered positive outcomes for those involved. This ability to connect authentically, combined with her knack for uniting diverse perspectives, makes her a natural leader for Prescott's City Council.

Sherrie's passion for our city's well-being drives her to serve with purpose, ensuring decisions reflect the values and needs of our community. She has a deep understanding of Prescott's history and how the City Council has governed over growth, water, fire prevention, etc.

I trust Sherrie Hanna and her character to govern over Prescott's needs with wisdom and care. I am confident she will excel on the City Council and will bring a valued perspective that will benefit the council moving forward.

Please vote for Sherrie Hanna. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my personal insight into her leadership and capabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Martin". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Jill Martin



Jeff and Mary Pace

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Prescott, Arizona
86301

April 22, 2025

Mayor Phil Goode and Council Members
Prescott City Council
201 N Montezuma St
Prescott, Arizona
86301

Dear Mayor Goode and Prescott City Council members,

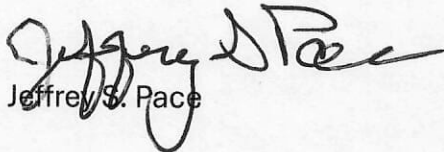
We understand that the city council will soon appoint a replacement for Ms. Rusing as she runs for Mayor. We cannot think of a better, more qualified person to replace her than Ms. Sherrie Hanna. She has proven herself repeatedly by her civic engagement in Prescott.


She actively supported the Keep Prescott Safe – Yes on 478 Proposition and was the president of the largest organizations of its kind in the country, the Republican Women of Prescott. These are just a couple of examples of her positive community activism over the years.

We sincerely believe her long residence here, extensive connections in the community, and proven leadership ability will make her a great asset for the City of Prescott.

Please give her serious consideration for this appointed position.

Thank you,


Jeffrey S. Pace


Mary G. Pace

To Mayor and Council Members: Candidate recommendation for vacant Council seat

From Prerna OHara [REDACTED]
Date Wed 4/23/2025 11:42 AM
To Sarah Siep <sarah.siep@prescott-az.gov>

To Mayor Goode and Prescott City Council Members,

I am writing to recommend Sherrie Hannah to fill the vacant seat on City Council. I have known Sherrie for several years and have had the opportunity to observe her in various leadership roles. I also had the privilege of working with Sherrie on the "Keep Prescott Safe" campaign. Her dedication and attention to detail is outstanding. Sherrie is an active participant in our community and is currently on the Board of the Prescott Police Foundation. Sherrie has a proven track record of accomplishments and skills which is why I believe she should be selected to serve on our City Council.

Sherrie cares for our community and gives freely of her time and talent. As a long time resident of Prescott, Sherrie has great insight to the issues which face our community. When she identifies a need, Sherrie wastes no precious time to address the issue. I am thankful that someone of Sherrie's caliber is stepping up to serve our community.

If you value hard work and strong ethics, Sherrie Hannah is your candidate. I have no doubt Sherrie will do an amazing job for our community and I strongly recommend her to fill the vacancy on our City Council. I thank you in advance for taking my recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Prerna O'Hara
Scarlett's Curated Collection
107 N Cortez, Suite 100
Prescott, AZ 86301

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Mrs. Trudy Steinhauer

Prescott, Arizona
86301

April 23, 2025

Dear Ms. Siep,

I'd like to voice my support for Sherrie Hanna in being appointed to Cathey Rusing's vacant seat on the City Council. I've known Sherrie a number of years and can speak very highly of her.

To say that Sherrie is a committed, hard worker is an understatement. She is focused, dedicated and intent on getting the job done, which is a huge asset for City Council as well as Sherrie's remarkable leadership skills.

Since having been raised in Prescott, one of her objectives is to continue keeping Prescott as **"Everybody's Hometown"** and maintaining our strong sense of community.

I have absolutely no doubt that with Sherrie Hanna as a member of the Prescott City Council, she will continue to keep our Prescott the amazing city it is and the great place where we all live.

Sincerely,
Trudy Steinhauer

Re: Replacement for Council Member Cathy Rusing

From Bette Borst [REDACTED]
Date Wed 4/23/2025 1:24 PM
To Sarah Siep <sarah.siep@prescott-az.gov>

On Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 1:06 PM Bette Borst [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mayor Goode:

I want to place my full support for Sherrie Hanna as the most qualified candidate to fill the council seat of Council Member Rusing for the remainder of the term.

Sherrie has been an exceptional president of Republican Women of Prescott, an effect Americanism chair for Arizona Republican Women. Her communication skills are exceptional. She is a native Prescottonian and, I believe , truly knows everyone in the city!

Sherrie's kindness and her commitment to Prescott as well as her dedication to the City Council and its desire for Prescott to continue to provide safety for Prescott and its citizens is clear in her efforts on Proposition 478.

I hope Sherrie will be at the top of your list as a candidate for the council seat.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Sincerely,

Bette G. Borst

April 23, 2025

To Honorable Mayor Phil Goode and Honorable Council Members:

We are writing to express our strong support for Ms. Sherrie Hanna in her candidacy for the city council position. As we have known Ms. Hanna for almost 13 years, we can confidently say she possesses the qualities and skills necessary to excel in this role and make a significant, positive impact on our Prescott community.

Ms. Hanna has consistently demonstrated her dedication to public service and community engagement. She has been actively involved in various local initiatives, volunteering her time and expertise to address the needs and concerns of our residents. Her commitment to several ballot initiatives has been particularly noteworthy, showcasing her ability to lead and inspire others.

One of Sherrie's most commendable attributes is her ability to listen and empathize with others. She has a unique talent for understanding diverse perspectives and building consensus, which is essential for effective governance. Her approach to problem-solving is both pragmatic and innovative, always seeking out the best solutions for our community.

In addition to her significant interpersonal skills, Ms. Sherrie Hanna has strong ties within our community, having grown up in Prescott and subsequently graduated from our High School. Before leaving Prescott to be with her husband and work in the business world, Ms. Hanna worked in the Superior Court as a clerk for two judges. This included clerking for the Grand Jury. Ms. Hanna has also received State and National recognition for her activities in the Downwinder Program.

We have no doubt Ms. Sherrie Hanna will be a dedicated and effective city council member. Her vision for Prescott is one of inclusivity, growth, and sustainability. She has the proven ability to drive positive change ensuring Prescott remains a vibrant and prosperous environment for all residents.

We wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Sherrie Hanna for the city council and urge you to appoint her to the open council position. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss her qualifications in more detail, please feel free to contact us at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles and Debra McVey



Prescott, AZ 86301