



## Cholla District Weekly Update

**August 7, 2015**

Greetings!

I will be hosting a traditional public meeting next **Thursday, August 13** to seek feedback from residents regarding the City of Glendale's consideration for a possible anti-discrimination ordinance. Assistant City Attorney, Nancy Mangone will provide the scope of a possible city ordinance, followed by public comments. The meeting will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, located at 5600 W Union Hills Dr. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting format will be similar to previously held public meetings on a variety of issues. Individuals who wish to speak will be given an opportunity to voice their opinion or ask questions. Speakers will be given 4 minutes to speak, and called on in the order that the cards are received.

Participants who wish to speak will be asked to fill out a speaker card. If you would like to have your card printed and filled out prior to the meeting, you can download the card [here](#).

Participants will also be encouraged to fill out a questionnaire to help the city assess the need for a possible anti-discrimination ordinance. If you would like to have your questionnaire printed and filled out prior to the meeting, you can download the card [here](#).

Best Regards,



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### City Announcements

**Glendale Police Awarded \$40,000 Occupant Protection Enforcement Grant From the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.** The Governor's Office of Highway Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are partnering with the Glendale Police Department to increase the proper use of seat belts and child safety seats. Motor vehicle collisions continue to be the leading cause of death and serious injuries to the citizens of our state. Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

This funding will allow the Glendale Police Department to deploy extra traffic enforcement resources in school zones, as well as the areas surrounding the schools, during the month of August as students around the valley go back to school. It is important to pay attention while driving with regard for the safety of other motorists and pedestrians as well as taking the time to properly secure children before driving them to school. To ensure the safety of the children and parents, the Glendale Police Department will actively enforce traffic laws around school zones, buses and crosswalks.

**Glendale Police Department Receives Reaccreditation.** On July 25 a board from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) awarded reaccreditation to Glendale Chief of Police Debora Black and the Glendale Police Department. A team of assessors from CALEA conducted an assessment to examine all aspects of the Glendale Police Department. During the on-site assessment, both residents and Chiefs of nearby agencies expressed many positive comments about the Glendale Police Department that included the agency's willingness to assist small law enforcement agencies and overall leadership in the metropolitan area. The committee was impressed with the city's community outreach programs and community engagement through programs that include "Coffee with a Cop," the agency website and overall use of social media, to include the recent introduction of the Nextdoor application.

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Also discussed during the hearings was the police department's upcoming acceptance of the Freedom Award by the Department of Defense's ESGR program. The award recognizes the commitment to our employees that have or currently do serve in the Armed Forces. Internal leadership development was also recognized, as the department continues to strive to enhance the organization, highlighted by the point that a member of the Command Staff was recently selected to be the interim Chief of Police in Ferguson, Missouri.

The goal of the assessment is to demonstrate that the Glendale Police Department is in compliance with over 480 professional standards, as established by CALEA. Since this was the agency's fifteenth consecutive year of accreditation, the Department was also given the Meritorious Award distinction. This is an important achievement for the men and women of the Glendale Police Department. Members of the assessment team noted it was obvious, through what they observed during their visit, that the Glendale Police Department was committed to the accreditation process through the leadership of Chief Black. The Glendale Police Department is one of only thirteen accredited agencies in the state of Arizona.

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