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## **Scottsdale City Council adopts Scottsdale Leadership's Principles for Civil Dialogue**

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On July 1, 2013 the Scottsdale City Council adopted Resolution 9445, calling for the city to adopt Scottsdale Leadership's Principles for Civil Dialogue. Scottsdale Leadership alumni have created and are driving the Principles for Civil Dialogue, which advances public interests by providing a safe environment in which different points of view can be expressed and evaluated. The milestone announced last month means that over 20 non-profit and community organizations have either adopted or endorsed Scottsdale Leadership's initiative.

Principles for Civil Dialogue: As a member of the Scottsdale community, I will genuinely listen; speak respectfully; and be accountable for my words and actions.

"Scottsdale's adoption of the Principles for Civil Dialogue is a huge win for our community", said Cynthia Wenström, whose Scottsdale Leadership Committee was responsible for creating and driving this grassroots effort to introduce the civil dialogue initiative over two years ago. "It sends a message that respectful discourse is expected in addressing sensitive community issues like transportation, zoning and budget." Other organizations that have adopted or endorsed the Principles for Civil Dialogue include the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce, Scottsdale Convention & Visitors Bureau, Scottsdale Boys & Girls Club, Sunrise Rotary, Scottsdale Community College and seven City of Scottsdale commissions.

The mission of Scottsdale Leadership is to inform, inspire and empower leaders to champion and strengthen the interests of the community. Since 1987, Scottsdale Leadership has graduated more than 920 individuals who are prepared to take on leadership roles in an ever-changing world. Scottsdale Leadership alumni have had a significant impact on the Scottsdale community, spearheading preservation of open space; improving the education system; championing public art; mentoring at-risk youth; and raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities.

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