



GFOAz January Training – Speaker Bios

Jeff Barton

Jeff Barton is the Budget and Research Director for the City of Phoenix. In this capacity, he is responsible for administering the City's \$4.5 billion operating budget and the \$7.0 billion five-year CIP budget. Prior to serving as Budget and Research Director, Jeff held the roles of Deputy Budget and Research Director, Management Assistant II and Senior Internal Auditor. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Morehouse College and a Master's Degree from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

Lisette Camacho

Ms. Camacho has over 10 years of experience in government accounting and finance. She joined the City of Glendale in May 2013. As the Interim Budget and Finance Director, she oversees the City's financial operations including budget, procurement, accounting, grants administration, tax and license, and customer service and billing. Ms. Camacho holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Global Business Management in Finance and a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accountancy from Arizona State University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Lindsey Duncan

Duncan has worked in state and local government for 16 years. She currently serves as the Finance and Budget Director for the city of Avondale where she is responsible for the city's accounting, budgeting, procurement, revenue, and utility billing/customer service functions. Her focus is on guiding management and the city council in informed decision making for a sustainable future. She is dedicated to earning the public trust through financial transparency and accountability.

Duncan earned an executive master's in public administration and a bachelor's degree in economics from Arizona State University (ASU). She began her career with the Arizona Department of Economic Security as a financial analyst. After three years with the state, she transitioned to local government at the city of Surprise, Arizona where she served in various roles including Finance Director.

Duncan was a member of the board for the Government Finance Officers Association of Arizona (GFOAz) from 2015 to 2018, serving as board president in 2017. She was also on the 2018 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Transparency Task Force. She has been a trainer for both organizations on a variety of topics including financial transparency, budget and capital planning, and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software implementation.



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Lee Grafstrom

Lee Grafstrom is the Tax Policy Analyst for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. In this role, he serves as the League's leading representative with the state Department of Revenue to implement the provisions of HB2111, the TPT (Sales Tax) Reform bill, from the 2013 session. Prior to joining the League, Lee worked for the City of Chandler for 14 years where he served as the Tax Audit Supervisor. Lee is a member of the Unified Audit Committee (UAC) and the UAC Rulings Subcommittee, and has served as the chairman of both. He chairs the UAC Legislative Affairs Workgroup. Lee holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master of Public Administration degree from Arizona State University.

Kirsten Lennon

Kirsten Lennon was born in Fallbrook, California and moved to Cottonwood, Arizona, in 1984. She graduated from Mingus Union High School in 1992 and started taking college courses at Yavapai Community College. After having four children, she went back to school and received an Associates of Applied Science in Accounting degree in 1998.

She got a part-time job working at the Adult Community Center of Sedona (ACCS), also known as Sedona Community Center, in March of 1998 as a bookkeeper and was later promoted to the Assistant Director position. After a couple of years, she decided that— being a single mother- it would be better to work closer to her children. She said goodbye to ACCS and started working for the City of Cottonwood as the Accounts Payable Clerk. Since being hired by the City of Cottonwood, she has returned to Yavapai College and received an additional Associate of Arts degree in General Studies. She went on to Old Dominion University where she got a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Accounting.

Kirsten is currently the Accounting/Budget Manager for the City of Cottonwood where she has worked for 16 years. She is a graduate of Class XXV of Project Centrl. Project Centrl is non-profit rural Leadership program that is committed to equipping and empowering leaders to meet the needs of rural Arizona. She also serves on the board of the Government Finance Officers Association and serves as the education committee chair and on audit board for the Northern Arizona Council of Government. She is also the secretary for the City of Cottonwood Public Safety Retirement Board.

Outside of work, she loves being with her four children, who are now 19, 21, 23 and 25 and her grandchildren. She also enjoys watching basketball and baseball when time permits, running and volunteering to do tax preparation at Catholic Charities.



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Scott McCarty

Scott McCarty received a B.S. from the University of Redlands, California and is a CPA. He has worked his entire career in public service for local governments in Arizona and Washington, almost 30 years.

Scott is policy oriented and strategic in his approach. His experience in defined benefit pension plans is very extensive. Several years ago, he chaired the League's Task Force on PSPRS reform and served on the GFOA's Committee on Retirement and Benefits Administration. Currently, he serves as a trustee on the PSPRS Board.

He enjoys the exchange of ideas during the public speaking process and is always looking for that next "good idea."

Pat Walker

With more than 40 years of experience in local government and municipal finance, Pat Walker has provided a broad array of management and financial planning services. Ms. Walker was with the City of Chandler, Arizona, for 23 years and served as the City's Management Services Director and Chief Financial Officer. At the City, she was responsible for all financial management which included both external and internal audits. In 2007, she became a municipal management and financial consultant to cities, towns and utilities across the Country. In 2012, she formed Pat Walker Consulting LLC to continue her consulting in municipal management and financial services to small and large communities throughout Arizona.

Dr. Dan Wang

Dr. Dan Wang is the Fiscal Manager at the City of Phoenix Budget and Research Department. She is responsible for the citywide revenue analysis and revenue forecast. Prior to joining the City, Dan was the Senior Budget Analyst in the Central Budget Office at the Arizona Department of Health Services. She received her Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy from Arizona State University.