



# **City Manager and Community**

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#### **Community Engagement** A Holistic Approach

- Community Members
- Elected Officials
- Business Leaders
- City Emloyees

Each group has its own constituency although they can overlap





### Community Members

#### **Key Aspects**

- Open lines of communication

   Input
  - important issues
  - concerns
  - $\circ$  Response
- Keeping residents informed on city initiatives and developments
- Diverse stakeholders
- Build trust/confidence with the community.

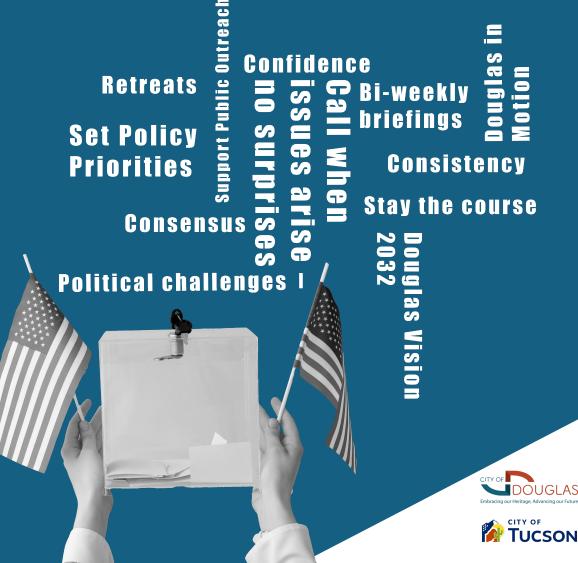
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### **Elected Officials**

#### **Key Aspects**

- Understand Priorities
- Roles
- Alignment
- Strong Collaboration
- Communication
- Navigate complex political dynamics
- Build consensus among stakeholders
- Codes of Ethics
- Policies
- Diversity of constituency groups



### **Business Leaders**

### **Key Aspects**

- Work closely with business community
- Support Economic Development
- Attract new business
- Support existing business
- · Foster partnerships with private sector
- Job creation
- Spur economic activity
- Understand what drives business community

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# City Employees

#### **Key Aspects**

- Build the team
- Best ambassadors

   Represent the City and community in all they do
- Motivated, well trained and committed public servants
- Leadership, support, guidance
- Foster positive work environment
- Move the needle on culture
- Bring values to life

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### **City Manager Success In Community**

- Possess strong communication, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Integrity and honesty
- Listen to diverse perspectives
- Observe vs. judge
- Build consensus
- Make decisions that are in the best interest of the community as a whole
- Remain proactive in seeking feedback, addressing concerns, and fostering a culture of transparency and accountability within the organization.



# In Summary

Effectively engaging community members, elected officials, business leaders, and employees can help build a strong and vibrant community that is responsive to the needs and aspirations of its residents.