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## **GLENDALE SEEKS PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED OPEN DATA RESOLUTION** *Resolution seeks to establish framework for proactive release of city data to community*

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The Glendale City Council demonstrated its support for the development of a city open data program and for seeking public feedback on the city’s [draft open data resolution](#) during a workshop held May 2. An open data program would establish a framework for proactively publishing data and information that would be accessible to the public in open, machine-readable formats.

The draft resolution would establish the framework for an actionable plan for the city manager and executive team and demonstrate the city council’s commitment to transparency. These efforts are part of the city’s engagement with Bloomberg Philanthropies’ What Works Cities (WWC) initiative, one of the largest national philanthropic efforts to enhance the use of data and analytic evidence in the public sector.

Since being selected as a What Works city in late February, Glendale has been working with WWC partner the [Sunlight Foundation](#) to explore opportunities to improve municipal policies and procedures that would make city data more accessible to residents and to help engage the community around government priorities and services. This work is aligned with the recent formulation of a new organizational mission, vision, and values established by the city council that seeks to incorporate transparency, innovation and community engagement into the work being done at Glendale City Hall.

The city is encouraging interested parties to review and comment on the draft resolution online by visiting [www.mymadison.io/documents/city-of-glendale-draft-open-data-resolution](http://www.mymadison.io/documents/city-of-glendale-draft-open-data-resolution) through June 15, 2017. Using this free public platform, [www.mymadison.io](http://www.mymadison.io), individuals can register their support and/or opposition as well as provide specific feedback on the document. The city hopes to use this public comment period as an opportunity to gather stakeholder feedback on the proposed resolution. The ultimate goal of the open data program is to engage the community in a dialogue around data and evidence in decision making, gain an understanding of stakeholders’ public information needs, improve the quality of city data and develop a one-stop portal for accessing city data.

*About What Works Cities: What Work Cities, launched by Bloomberg Philanthropies in April 2015, is one of the largest-ever philanthropic efforts to enhance cities' use of data and evidence. Through the initiative's expert partners, who are providing technical assistance to 100 cities on a rolling basis through 2018, cities around the country are receiving support, guidance and resources to succeed. In 2016, What Works Cities was named "one of the ten most promising philanthropic bets" of the year by Forbes and called the "most important company operating in the local government arena" by Engaging Local Government Leaders. For more information, please visit [whatworkscities.org](http://whatworkscities.org).*

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