

# City of Glendale, California

## Form of Government

Since its incorporation, Glendale has been a charter city governed by a City Council/City Manager form of government. Five Councilmembers are elected at-large and serve 4-year staggered terms, with elections taking place every odd-numbered year on the first Tuesday in April. Each year, the Mayor's position is rotated amongst the five Councilmembers. Other elected officials include the City Clerk and City Treasurer, while the City Manager and City Attorney are appointed by the City Council.

The City Manager acts as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the daily operations of the City and appoints all department executives, who are in turn responsible for the daily operations within their individual departments. The mission and description of each department and their sections are discussed within the Department Budget section of this document. The City Attorney is responsible for providing a full range of dedicated, in-house legal services intended to ensure the legality of legislation, contracts and programs, and defend legal actions filed against the City.

A variety of Boards, Commissions, and Committees volunteer their time to assist the City Council in serving the Glendale community. These bodies meet on a regular basis during open public meetings to identify and address specific needs and problems within their respective purview.

## Executive Team

SCOTT OCHOA, **City Manager**

YASMIN K. BEERS, **Assistant City Manager**

JOHN TAKHTALIAN, **Deputy City Manager**

ROBERT M. CASTRO  
Police Chief

CINDY CLEARY  
Director of Library, Arts & Culture

MATTHEW DOYLE  
Director of Human Resources

ONNIG BULANIKIAN  
Director of Community Services & Parks

ROBERT P. ELLIOT, CPA  
Director of Finance

GREGORY FISH  
Fire Chief

BRIAN GANLEY  
Chief Information Officer

MICHAEL J. GARCIA  
City Attorney

ROUBIK GOLANIAN  
Director of Public Works

PHILIP LANZAFAME  
Director of Community Development

ARDASHES KASSAKHIAN  
City Clerk

THOMAS R. LORENZ  
Director of Communications  
& Community Relations

RAFI MANOUKIAN, CPA  
City Treasurer

STEPHEN ZURN  
General Manager of Glendale Water & Power

ELENA BOLBOLIAN  
Director of Innovation, Performance  
& Audit