

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 even-numbered year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March during Presidential election years. Elections taking place in non-presidential election years take place in June. 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

Roubik Golanian
City Manager

John Takhtalian
Assistant City Manager

Suzie Abajian
City Clerk

Paula Adams
Chief Human Resources Officer

Elena Bolbolian
Chief Innovation Officer

Jason Bradford, CPA
**Director of Finance/Information
Technology**

Onnig Bulanikian
**Director of Community
Services & Parks**

Bradley Calvert
Director of Community Development

Manuel Cid
Police Chief

Yazdan Emrani
Director of Public Works

Tim Ernst
Fire Chief

Michael J. Garcia
City Attorney

Rafi Manoukian, CPA
City Treasurer

Gary Shaffer
Director of Library, Arts & Culture

Mark Young
General Manager of Glendale Water & Power