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Call for Nominations!

It's time to submit names for the next AZ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Each year, the accomplishments of Phoenix area residents, including youth, who contributed significantly to creating a compassionate and socially just community. The awards celebration promotes cultural diversity, awareness, and unity for all Arizonians in recognizing the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the contributions he left to the world in his quest for equality for all people. Honorees will be recognized on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, at the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Awards Breakfast.

The event is put together by the Phoenix Human Relations Commission, in collaboration with the City of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department, the AZ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee, and Arizona OIC. Deadline is Sunday, **Aug. 31, at 5 p.m.** Review award criteria and submit your nomination [here](#).

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- *Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award*
- *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Living the Dream Award*
- *AZMLK "Drum Major for the Community"*

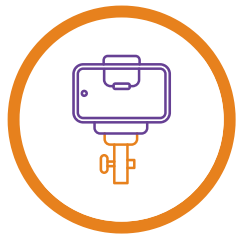
Deadline Extended

The Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues is accepting nominations for the annual Disability Awareness and Recognition Event! Know someone who is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all residents and communities of Phoenix? Nominate them by **Aug. 8!**

For award categories and nomination form, visit: [Phoenix.gov/MCDI](https://phoenix.gov/MCDI).



City Hall Selfie Day



The 10th annual City Hall Selfie Day is almost here – on **Aug. 12**. There are two ways to participate!

- Join us outside of the main City Hall entrance at **10 a.m. on Aug. 12** for a group selfie
- You can also send in a selfie right now from your workspace to be included in a social media design. Email your photo to: socialmedia.pio@phoenix.gov



Transit Trailblazer? Win an Award!

Are you a Commuter Icon? Celebrate your commute as a *Transit Trailblazer*, *Carpool Crusader*, *Pedal Power Pioneer*, or *Super Strider*! Nominations for Valley Metro's Clean Air Campaign Awards are now open to highlight City of Phoenix employees who travel to work using alternative modes. If you commute using bus, light rail, carpool, biking or walking you could win an award and be named a Champion for Clean Air! [Nominate yourself](#) online before **Aug. 22**.



For questions contact Katrina.Gerster@phoenix.gov. Please notify Katrina if you are selected as a finalist for an award.



The Art of Relaxation



This Blue Cross Blue Shield workshop is an introduction to the top relaxation techniques and time-tested resources to help you release stress and anxiety, calm your mind and body and optimize your sleep. You will also discover how to cultivate a powerful evening routine tailored uniquely to you - that sets the tone for high quality, deep and restorative sleep every night.

Register [here](#).

Fitness Friday



Kickstart your Friday with some relaxation! Partake in our LIVE ZOOM Fitness Friday seated yoga class.

- **Friday, Aug. 8**
- **10-10:30 a.m.**
- [Registration information and important reminders](#)

Meditation Series



Join our Health Coach for a Mindfulness Meditation every Wednesday for six weeks for a chance to win a prize!

The 15-minute sessions are once a week from **Aug. 6–Sept. 10** at **10 a.m.** You must attend all 6 sessions to be entered into a drawing for a yoga mat, gift card, or a meditation cushion!

Register [today](#)!

Webinar on Civil Discourse

The Phoenix Human Relations Commission presents: *Fostering Respectful Communication*.

Employees are encouraged to participate in this webinar to learn tools for meaningful engagement and how to partake in dialogue.



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Relations Commission**

DETAILS:

- *Thursday, Sept. 4 | Noon – 1 p.m.*
- *Guest Speaker: Angela Hughey*
- *Employees must register on WebEx and PhxYOU to earn 3x Cultural Competency Credits*
- *Course code: EOD140-VTL-PHRC*

Experience the Magic – Special Orpheum Theatre Offer!



City of Phoenix employees are being offered special pricing for a magic show coming to Orpheum Theatre.

Special Offer for City of Phoenix Employees:
\$50 (All-In Pricing) using promo code **COP50** at checkout! Offer valid for shows on **Oct. 8 & 9**.

The Ehrlich Brothers, Europe's record-breaking illusionists, are bringing their jaw-dropping mega-show DIAMONDS – The Mind-Blowing Magic Show to the U.S. for the very first time! Direct from sold-out arenas, this isn't your average magic show – it's the biggest magic experience on Earth, packed with spectacular illusions, pyrotechnics, and show-stopping stunts. Perfect for the whole family (ages 4+). Don't miss your chance to witness the impossible become reality.



Employees Can Grab Umbrellas For Shade

The Office of Public Health and Human Resources Benefits and Wellness Division are working together to keep employees safe from the heat.

City employees can now grab umbrellas in umbrella stands near the employee exits and entrances at Phoenix City Hall and the Calvin Goode Building. Staff can use umbrellas during breaks; lunchtime walks and travel between buildings downtown.



Please return them after use. This program encourages employees to stay healthy and safe this summer, alleviating sun exposure, skin damage, and more.

Employee Leave Requests



The following employees are accepting leave donations:

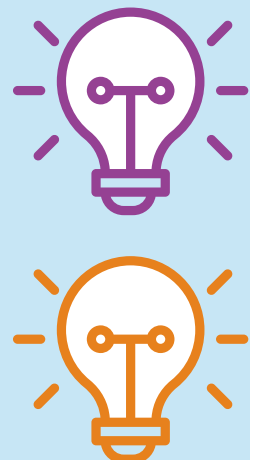
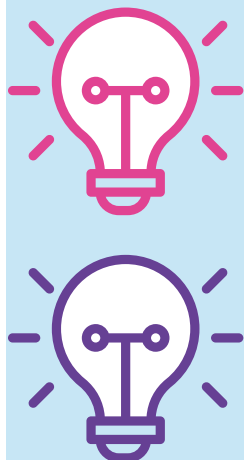
- **Maria Angel Borrego** | Public Transit
- **Gilbert Madril** | Water Services
- **Michell Wood** | Law

Complete list of eligible employees: [Leave Donation website](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Current employees are strongly encouraged to apply for jobs internally through the Careers icon in the Employee Self Service tab in eCHRIS. This ensures you can view all open positions, including those posted as Internal Only, which are only visible when applying internally.

Don't miss out – log in today and explore what's available!



Featured Job of the Week

Retirement Assistant, General City Retirement Office

(Close Date: 8/4/2025)

The Retirement Office is comprised of 18 positions that are responsible for providing pension information to members of the City of Phoenix Employees' Retirement System (COPERS) and the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). The City's Deferred Compensation Plans (401(a)/457(b)/PEHP) are also managed within the office. Each of the benefit functions in Retirement report to their respective Board of Trustees that are responsible for overseeing roughly \$8 billion in retirement assets. The Retirement Office is comprised of three sections: Administration/Operations, Benefits, and Investments.

The Retirement Assistant responsibilities include:

- Advising employees, retirees, and dependents regarding City provided benefit programs.
- Reconciling salary and service credit issues.
- Providing paraprofessional retirement counseling.
- Presenting retirement education and information at City sponsored classes and seminars.
- Calculating General City and Public Safety employees' pensions, retirement buy backs, refunds, governmental and military service purchases.
- Processing Arizona State Retirement System transfers.
- Working with city departments and external agencies.
- Assisting retirees with general questions and helping them complete tax, direct deposit and address changes.

The working hours for this position are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and this position does not have the ability to work from home.

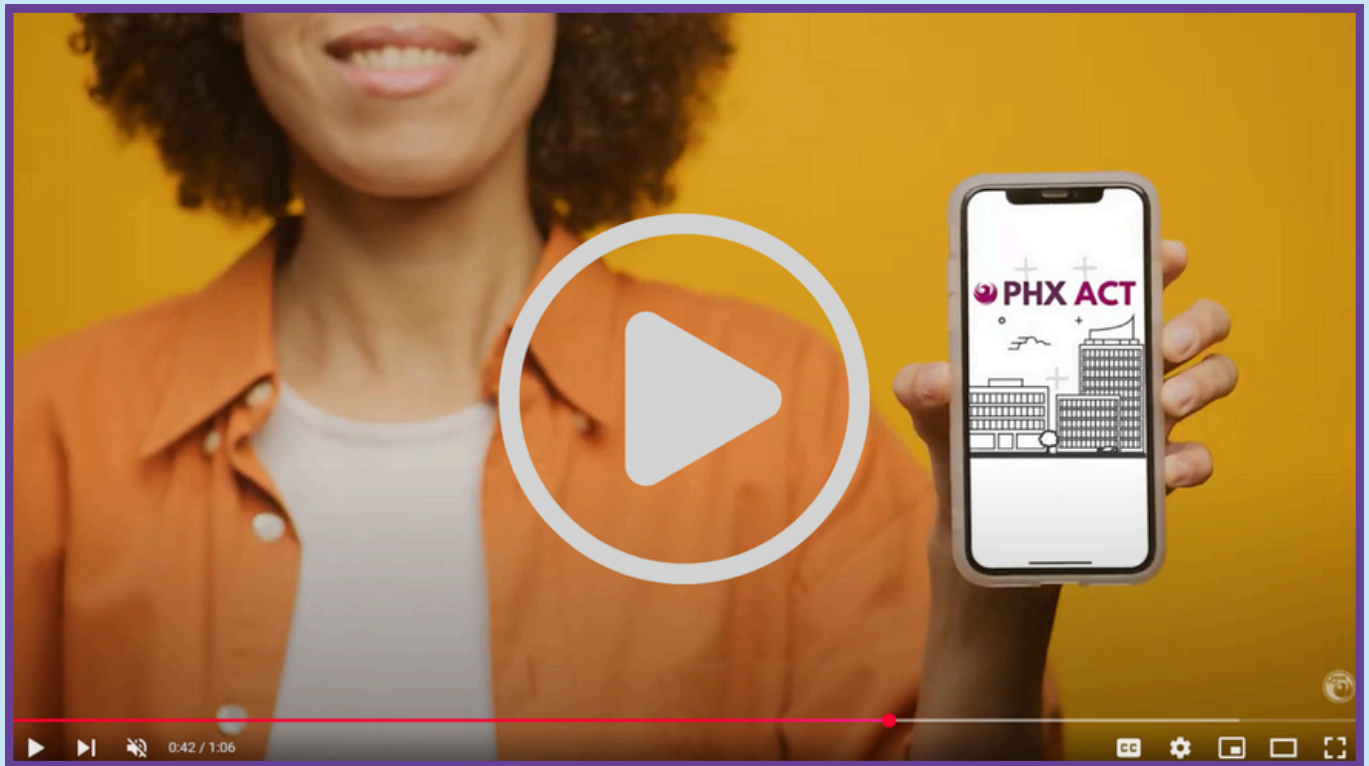
SALARY DETAILS:

Pay Range: **\$26.18 to \$36.84/Hr.**
Hiring Range: **\$26.18 to \$33.41/Hr.**

*(Pay range is the entire compensation range for the position classification.)
(Hiring range is an estimate of where you can receive an offer.)*

Learn about role responsibilities and more information at phoenix.gov/jobs
or log into eCHRIS

[**Check out all current job openings here**](#)



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