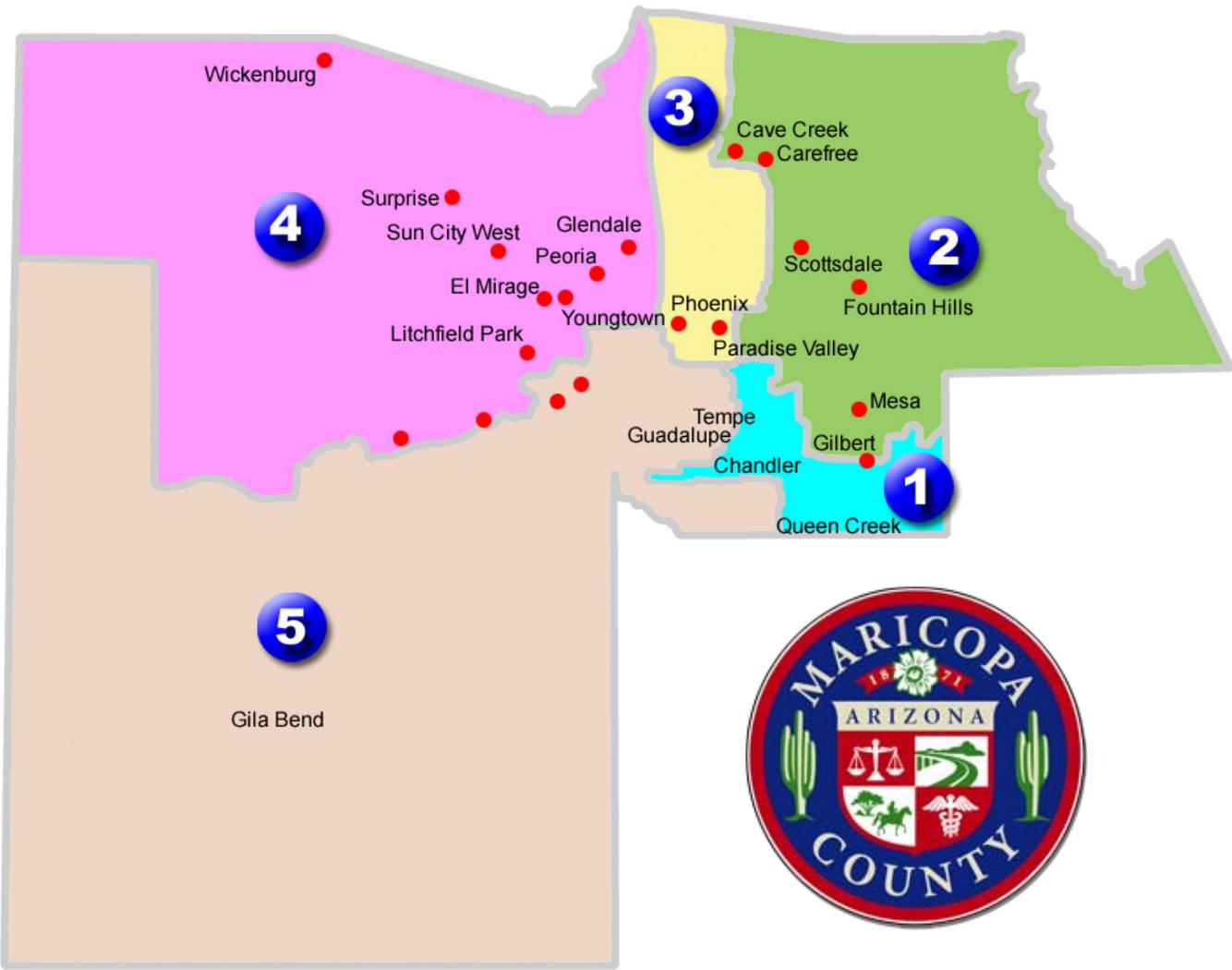


County Government Structure



When elections occur, citizens vote on whom they want to represent them. Sometimes it is for representation within their city. Other times, it is for representation within our county or even state.

When it is for the county, citizens vote for a representative within his or her district. A district is simply an imaginary boundary dividing up the residents into equal groups. Some districts appear quite large, but there are fewer people living in those areas... as the particular district is mostly desert.

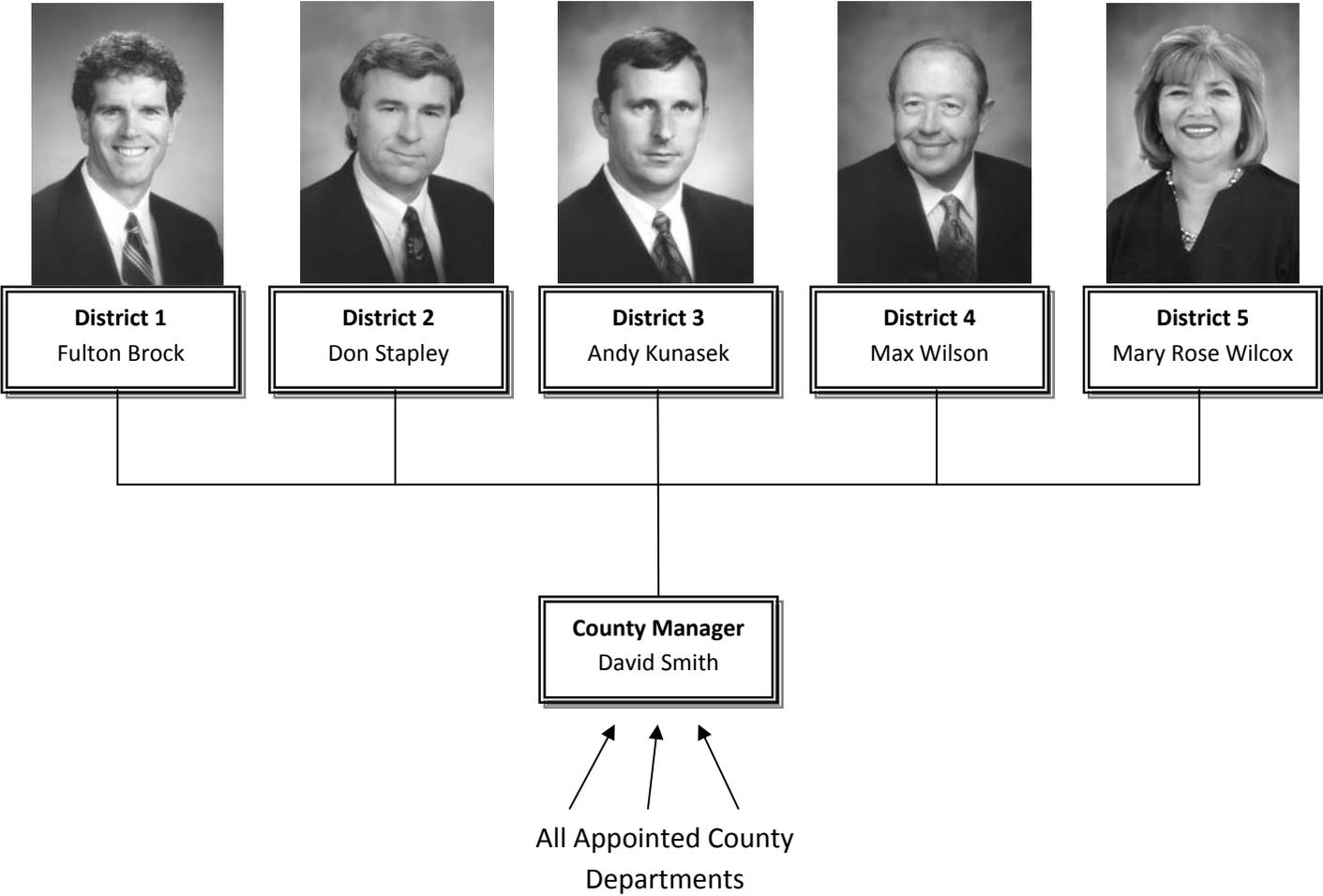
A representative from a district is called a Supervisor. Currently, Maricopa County has five (5) districts and five (5) Supervisors.

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Together, the five (5) district representatives, or Supervisors, form the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors' direct the work of the County Manager. (This is where they represent your area of town to County government.)

The County Manager essentially runs Maricopa County, based on Supervisor policies.



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There are more than 40 departments in Maricopa County.

Many of these departments, such as Elections, directly interacts with the public.

Some departments, such as Information Technology, perform an internal service to other departments.

Some of these departments are run by Directors who are appointed by the County Manager.

Others are run by officials who are elected by the citizens of Maricopa County.

Below are some of the County's departments and a little about what they do. For more information about a specific department, or to see a full listing of departments, visit the County's website at www.maricopa.gov

Air Quality

Monitors air pollution to keep air clean

Animal Care & Control Services

Rescues animals, offers animals for adoption

Assessor: Keith Russell (elected)

Determines the value of property and collects property tax

Community Development

Assists with funding to develop viable communities to primarily benefit low and moderate income people

Economic Development

Plans for and assists with the development of jobs and businesses in the County

Elections/Recorder: Helen Purcell (elected)

Oversees elections and maintains recorded documents for the County

Emergency Management

Conducts response and recovery efforts in the event of an emergency

Environmental Services

Helps maintain a healthy living environment for citizens through a number of processes including evaluating restaurant cleanliness

Library

Runs all of the non-city libraries in the county

Medical Examiner

Performs autopsies and assists with criminal investigations of crimes

Parks & Recreation

Maintains the county's parks and trails system

Public Health

Protects the health of Maricopa County residents through education and preventive health services

Schools: Don Covey (elected)

Assists school districts, educators, and the community so that they can effectively improve student achievement

Sheriff's Office: Joe Arpaio (elected)

Maintains law and order

Stadium District

Responsible for running Chase Field

Superior Court

Handles a variety of civil, criminal, family and tax court cases

Transportation

Builds and maintains roadways and bridges

Treasurer: Charles "Hos" Hoskins (elected)

Collects all property taxes for the state, county and incorporated cities and towns, school and special districts