

# Manross campaign to focus on revitalization efforts

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SCOTTSDALE - Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross filed the paperwork this week for her expected run at a third four-year term in next year's Sept. 2 municipal election.

Manross's campaign will focus on revitalization efforts that have poured some \$3.1 billion dollars into south Scottsdale.

"The cloud of uncertainty that hung over our city, just eight short years ago, have been lifted and Scottsdale's future has never been brighter," said Manross, whose campaign theme is "It's a Bright New Day in Scottsdale."

Manross first took her seat as a City Councilwoman in 1992 and has held the mayor's post since 2000, handily beating her opponents.

Next year, City Councilman Jim Lane is expected to announce his own run for mayor after serving one four-year term on the council. Attorney Jim Derouin also is considering a run against Manross.

The mayor said she is proud of her sponsorship of SkySong, the high-tech ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center, at McDowell and Scottsdale roads. A large subsidy for SkySong, now under construction, was opposed by Lane.

"I fought hard for SkySong, which is positioning Scottsdale and ASU as global leaders in the knowledge economy," Manross said.

SkySong has attracted businesses from the United States, China, Singapore, Turkey and Mexico, she added.

The mayor said she will focus on continuing the city's revitalization efforts, acquiring the final acres of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve and putting a transportation plan into effect, among other projects.

"Under my leadership, Scottsdale is stronger, more confident and is recognized as one of the safest and most desirable places to live in American," Manross said.