## **City of Phoenix**

## TOTAL COMPENSATION STUDY FINDINGS City Council Meeting

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## Study Methodology

## **Benchmark Representation**

- We selected 601 benchmarks found in both public and private sector representative of the City's workforce as shown below:
  - 100% of employee groups
  - 95% of exempt employees; 98% of non-exempt employees
  - 100% of occupational groups; 79% of job titles
  - 89% by salary grade
  - ➤Total compensation was then calculated on a subset of approximately 150 benchmarks which represents 61% of employees in jobs that can be found in both the public and private sectors
  - ➤ We were then asked to separate out the private sector specific benchmarks from the 150, resulting in a data cut of 42 benchmarks for Total Compensation
  - ➤ Based on concerns expressed, additional benchmarks found in the private sector were added to the total compensation calculation

## **Study Methodology**

### **Survey Sources**

### Public Sector:

- National custom survey of public sector employers & the Arizona state government
- Job Information Management System (JIMS) for local public sector peers

### Private Sector:

- Local custom survey of private sector employers
- Published data representing multiple private sector employers, nationally and locally

Peers have been identified as being:

- ✓ Similar in size or services provided
- ✓ Similar in job functions, or
- √ Competitors for talent

#### Public Sector Peers

### **≻ Custom Survey**

- Peers surveyed\*
  - Cities (similar services/pop. size)
    - » Los Angeles, CA (3.8M)
    - » Houston, TX (2M)
    - » Philadelphia, PA (1.5M)
    - » CITY OF PHOENIX (1.4M)
    - » San Antonio, TX (1.3M)
    - » San Diego, CA (1.3M)
    - » Dallas, TX (1.2M)
    - » San Jose, CA (946,000)
    - » Indianapolis, IN (820,000)
    - » Jacksonville, FL (820,000)
    - » San Francisco, CA (805,000)
    - » Austin, TX (790,000)
  - State of Arizona (6.4M)

### > JIMS Database

- Local public sector peers (similar services/competitors for talent)
  - » City of Avondale
  - » City of Chandler
  - » City of Flagstaff
  - » City of Glendale
  - » City of Goodyear
  - » City of Mesa
  - » City of Peoria
  - » City of Scottsdale
  - » City of Surprise
  - » City of Tempe
  - » City of Tucson
  - » Maricopa County
  - » Town of Gilbert

<sup>\*</sup>Bold and Italicized indicates participant

### Local Private Sector Peers/Published Sources

### Custom Survey

- Surveyed 13 local private sector/quasi-governmental peers (local, similar services and competitors for talent)
- Seven responded

#### > Published Sources

- Airports Council International Compensation Survey
- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
- CompTrack (Towers Watson) data base
- Economic Research Institute (ERI) data base
- Job Information Management Systems (JIMS) data base
- Milliman Arizona Compensation Survey
- PayMonitor (Mercer) database
- Segal's local benefits database

## **Total Compensation Survey**

### > Topics Covered

- Demographics
- Pay range information by benchmark
- Pay practices (pay schedule design and adjustments, pay progression, additions to base pay, tuition reimbursement, additional benefits, etc.)
- Paid time off (vacation, sick and other paid leave as well as carry over and cash out policies)
- Disability leave (short- and long-term)
- Retirement benefits Defined Benefit (DB)<sup>1</sup> and Defined Contribution (DC)
- Retiree health
- Health benefits (medical, dental and vision)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The DB plan was reviewed and analyzed by the Pension Task Force

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## **Market Competitiveness**

Compensation is considered market competitive when base salaries are <u>between</u> 95% and 105% of market pay range midpoints

> For example if the market average for a job is \$50,000, a City job would be "at market" if it ranges between \$47,500 and \$52,500. However, if the City rate is \$53,000, it would be 106% of the market average (\$53,000/\$50,000)

> A job found to be at 106%, is 1 percentage point above market

## **Key Findings**

#### **Base Salaries**

We found in aggregate across all benchmarks, the City to be at market (within the competitive range). When considering Phoenix's competitive pay range midpoint to each specific labor market, we found the City's base pay is:

- Significantly below local private sector employers by 19 percentage points
- > At market compared to published data representative of the City's recruitment markets for both non-exempt and exempt employees
- > Slightly above national public sector employers by 2 percentage points
- At market compared to local public sector employers

In drilling down, overall we found:

- General employee benchmarks to be at market
- Sworn public safety benchmarks slightly above market by 1 percentage point

86% of the City's jobs were found to be in appropriate grades

## **Key Findings** continued

### **Total Compensation**

(Based on a subset of benchmarks representing 61% of employees)

- Public and Private Sector:
  - Slightly above market for General Employees by 1 percentage point above the competitive range
- Private Sector:
  - Below market for General Employees
- Public Sector:
  - Above market for Sworn Public Safety by 5 percentage points above the competitive range

The market competitive range of 95% - 105%

## **Combined Paid Time Off by Market Sector**

Market Sector	Vacation	Sick*	Holiday	Personal	Total
Market Sector 6-10 years Sick* Holiday Personal Total Public Sector					
Executives	18	11	10	2	41
Managers	17	11	10	2	40
General Employees	17	11	10	1	39
Police	17	12	11	1	41
Fire	18	13	11	2	44
Private Sector					
Executives	19	11	9	1	40
Managers	19	11	9	1	40
General Employees	19	9	9	1	38
Published Data	<u>'</u>				
Executives	22	9	9	3	43
Managers	22	9	9	3	43
General Employees	22	10	9	3	44
Phoenix					
Executives	15	15	11.5	3	44.5
Managers	15	15	11.5	3	44.5
General Employees	15	15	11.5	3	44.5
Police	15	15	11.5	2.5	44
Fire	15	15	11.5	0	41.5

<sup>\*</sup>Phoenix sick time is higher in that Phoenix does not have short-term disability.

Phoenix's paid leave is slightly more generous than the market



## **Sick Leave Carry Over**

- Maximum number of days in the market for carry over range from 52 – unlimited
  - National Public Sector Employers
    - 83% allow
    - 40% allow unlimited days
  - Local Public Sector Employers
    - 100% allow
    - 70% allow unlimited days
  - Local Private Sector Employers
    - 60% allow
    - 33% allow unlimited days
  - Published Data Not Available

Phoenix does not offer short-term disability; carry over is unlimited



### **Sick Leave Cash-Out**

- Maximum number of days in the market for cash out at separation or retirement range from 31 to unlimited
  - National Public Sector Employers
    - 50% allow cash-out at separation; 33% allow unlimited days
    - 67% allow cash-out at retirement; 50% allow unlimited days
  - Local Public Sector Employers
    - 50% allow cash-out at separation; 20% allow unlimited days
    - 70% allow cash-out at retirement; 57% allow unlimited days
  - Local Private Sector Employers
    - 40% allow cash-out at separation; 100% allow unlimited days
    - 40% allow cash-out at retirement; 50% allow unlimited days
  - <u>Published Data</u> Not Available
    - Phoenix does not allow cash out upon separation
    - Phoenix allows cash out at retirement based on eligibility rules



## **Vacation Leave Carry Over**

- Maximum number of days in the market for carry over range from 8 to unlimited
  - National Public Sector Employers
    - 88% allow
    - 14% allow unlimited days
  - Local Public Sector Employers
    - 91% allow
    - 10% allow unlimited days
  - Local Private Sector Employers
    - 71% allow
    - 20% allow unlimited days
  - Published Data
    - 63% allow
    - 11% allow unlimited days



### **Vacation Leave Cash-Out**

- Maximum number of days in the market for cash out at separation or retirement range from 20 to unlimited
  - National Public Sector Employers
    - 86% allow cash-out at separation; 83% allow unlimited days
    - 100% allow cash-out at retirement; 100% allow unlimited days
  - Local Public Sector Employers
    - 91% allow cash-out at separation; 60% allow unlimited days
    - 91% allow cash-out at retirement; 60% allow unlimited days
  - Local Private Sector Employers
    - 86% allow cash-out at separation; 100% allow unlimited days
    - 71% allow cash-out at retirement; 100% allow unlimited days

Published Data – Not Available

Phoenix allows cash out upon separation and at retirement up to 56.25 days



# Medical Benefit PPO

### Monthly Employer (ER) / Employee (EE) Contribution

Survey Source	Single ER / EE	Family ER / EE
Public Sector Custom	\$585 / \$67	\$1,184 / \$643
Local Public Sector	\$423 / \$103	\$913 / \$285
Private Sector Custom	\$429 / \$76	\$1,208 / \$342
Published Data	\$385 / \$104	\$1,058 / \$333
OVERALL	\$464 / \$85	\$1,086 / \$400
Phoenix	\$415 / \$104	\$1,195 / \$299

Phoenix is <u>slightly below market</u> in employer contribution costs for single coverage and <u>slightly above market</u> for family coverage



# Medical Benefit PPO

## Monthly Employer (ER) / Employee (EE) Cost Sharing Percentage

Survey Source	Single ER / EE	Family ER / EE
Public Sector Custom	90% / 10%	<i>65% / 35%</i>
Local Public Sector	80% / 20%	76% / 24%
Private Sector Custom	85% / 15%	78% / 22%
Published Data	NA	N/A
OVERALL	85% / 15%	73% / 27%
Phoenix	80% / 20%	80% / 20%

Phoenix's share of cost is <u>slightly below market</u> for single coverage and <u>above market</u> for family coverage



# Medical Benefit HMO

## Monthly Employer (ER) / Employee Contribution (EE)

Survey Source	Single ER / EE	Family ER / EE
Public Sector Custom	\$427 / \$22	\$1,077 / \$251
Local Public Sector	\$405 / \$47	\$1,038 / \$285
Private Sector Custom	\$446 / \$24	\$1,622 / \$364
Published Data	\$376 / \$93	\$1,025 / \$305
OVERALL	\$410 / \$44	\$1,082 / \$261
Phoenix	\$377 / \$94	\$1,085 / \$271

Phoenix is <u>slightly below market</u> in employer contribution costs for single coverage and <u>at market</u> for family coverage



# Medical Benefit HMO

## Monthly Employer (ER) / Employee (EE) Cost Sharing Percentage

Survey Source	Single ER / EE	Family ER / EE
Public Sector Custom	95% / 5%	81% / 19%
Local Public Sector	90% / 10%	81% / 19%
Private Sector Custom	95% / 5%	82% / 18%
Published Data	N/A	N/A
OVERALL	92% / 8%	81% / 19%
Phoenix	80% / 20%	80% / 20%

Phoenix's share of cost is <u>slightly below market</u> for single coverage and <u>at market</u> for family coverage



### **Dental Benefit**

## **Monthly Employer (ER) / Employee Contribution (EE)**

Survey Source	Single ER / EE	Family ER / EE
Public Sector Custom	\$9 / \$10	\$26 / \$32
Local Public Sector	\$37 / \$3	\$70 / \$44
Private Sector Custom	\$30 / \$9	\$92 / \$47
Published Data	\$16 / \$10	\$48 / \$31
OVERALL	\$27 / \$7	\$64 / \$40
Phoenix	\$52 / \$0	\$107 / \$36

Phoenix is above market in employer contribution costs for dental benefits



### **Dental Benefit**

## Monthly Employer (ER)/Employee (EE) Cost Sharing Percentage

Survey Source	Single ER / EE	Family ER / EE
Public Sector Custom	47% / 53%	45% / 55%
Local Public Sector	93% / 7%	61% / 39%
Private Sector Custom	75% / 25%	66% / 34%
Published Data	61% / 39%	61% / 39%
OVERALL	79% / 21%	61% / 39%
Phoenix	100% / 0%	75% / 25%

Phoenix's share of cost is <u>above market</u> for single coverage and for family coverage



### **Retirement Benefits**

- National Public Sector Employers
  - All have DB programs
  - 14% have a DC program with a required employer contribution
- Local Public Sector Employers
  - All have DB programs
  - 22% have a DC program with a required employer contribution
- Local Private Sector Employers
  - 43% have DB programs
  - None have a DC program with a required employer contribution; however,
     43% have a matching program
- Published Data
  - 40% contribute 10% or more to DB programs<sup>1</sup>
  - 4% average contribution to DC program¹

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Towers Watson

### **Other Benefits**

### **Annual Tuition Reimbursements**

- Majority of peers offer a tuition reimbursement program
- The City's tuition reimbursement policy is more generous than both public and private sector employers
  - ✓ City of Phoenix \$9,208 (equal to full-time tuition at ASU for 2 semesters)
  - ✓ Market Ranges from \$1,000 \$11,844; majority around \$5,000. (The Federal standard for job related educational expense that is excluded from an employee's income is \$5,250 according to IRC§ 127)

## **Pay Policies**

## **Longevity Differentials – Are Prevalent in Surveyed Market**

- Organizations that have pay for performance systems typically do not reward longevity
- Longevity differentials are granted as additions to base pay to retain long service employees
- In the public sector 53% provide longevity differentials to General Employees; 63% to Police; and 63% to Fire
- Private sector employers do not offer longevity differentials

City of Phoenix offers longevity differentials to all employee groups, except Middle Managers and Executives

#### **Shift Differentials**

- Most organizations provide shift differentials to General Employees and Uniform Police
- Weekend shift differentials are not prevalent in the market

Phoenix pays both shift and weekend differentials

## **Pay Policies**

## **Additional Benefits - Executives and Managers**

Benefits	Executive Bend Count of R	City of Phoenix	
	Executives	Managers	
Sabbaticals	Public Sector: 30% Private Sector: 17%	Public Sector: 27% Private Sector: 0%	No
Car Allowances	Public Sector: 73% Private Sector: 57%	Public Sector: 25% Private Sector: 0%	Yes
Expense Accounts	Public Sector: 9% Private Sector: 29%	Public Sector: 8% Private Sector: 17%	No
Executive Physicals	Public Sector: 18% Private Sector: 57%	Public Sector: 0% Private Sector: 0%	No
Relocation Allowance	Public Sector: 55% Private Sector: 86%	Public Sector: 33% Private Sector: 67%	Yes
Stock Options	Public Sector: N/A Private Sector: 57%	Public Sector: N/A Private Sector: 17%	No

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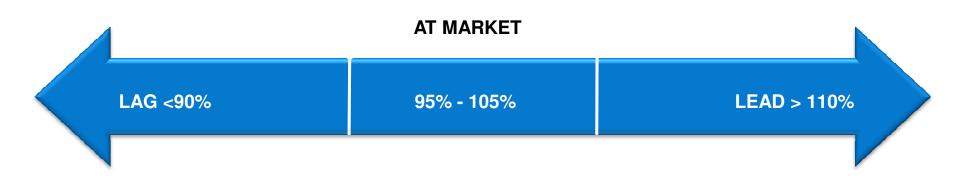
## **Implementation Steps**

## 1. City of Phoenix Market Position

## **Develop a Compensation Philosophy:**

- Defined labor markets
- ➤ City's relative position to the market at market, lead or lag
- Market-based system vs internal equity
- ➤ Mix of total compensation components

### TARGET TOTAL COMPENSATION



## Implementation Steps continued

### 2. Determine Proposed Grades

- > Pay ranges, in aggregate, are market competitive
- With this in mind, we find that certain individual jobs within occupational groups may be above or below market
- Align pay grade assignments with compensation philosophy

### 3. Determine Costs/Savings Estimate

Based on compensation philosophy determine cost, or savings

## Implementation Steps continued

### 4. Model Retirement Changes

- Changes to the defined benefit plan will affect overall total compensation costs
- Potential changes to the defined contribution program might include:
  - Reducing City contributions to be more line with the market
  - Changing City contribution so that it is a match to an employee contribution
  - Rolling defined contribution into base pay for all employee groups as done with some groups

### 5. Continue to monitor health offerings

- Review medical program design
- Determine changes based on overall total compensation costs

## Implementation Steps continued

### 6. Modify compensation practices and policies

- Consider changes that will provide the City greater flexibility in recruiting and retaining staff
  - Hot skills differential difficult to fill jobs based on supply and demand of talent (i.e. IT)
  - New hire policies increased flexibility in hiring

## City of Phoenix Total Compensation Study

Overall, City of Phoenix compensation is in line with other comparable public and private sector employers