



Welcome to the 2018



Maricopa Association of Governments

Desert Peaks Awards

June 27, 2018



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Sheraton Crescent Hotel

2620 West Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021

PROGRAM

4:30 Reception

Reception and Cash Bar

5:00 Awards Presentations

Welcome

Eric J. Anderson, *Executive Director*,
Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)

Master of Ceremonies

- *Recognition of Special Guests*
- *Recognition of MAG Regional Council*
- *Recognition of Sponsors and Judges*

Jackie Meck, *Outgoing Chair*, MAG
Regional Council; *Mayor*, City of Buckeye

Desert Peaks Awards

Presenters

Lifetime Achievement

Jackie Meck, *Mayor*, City of Buckeye

Public Partnership

Gail Barney, *Mayor*, Town of Queen Creek

Public-Private Partnership

Jackie Meck, *Mayor*, City of Buckeye

Professional Service

Jerry Weiers, *Mayor*, City of Glendale

Regional Partnership

Lana Mook, *Mayor*, City of El Mirage

*Outstanding Economic Development
Champion*

Mark Mitchell, *Mayor*, City of Tempe

Regional Excellence

John Giles, *Mayor*, City of Mesa

Passing of the Gavel

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MAG Regional Council Members



CHAIR
Jackie Meck
Mayor of Buckeye



VICE CHAIR
Gail Barney
Mayor of Queen Creek



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Lana Mook
Mayor of El Mirage



Robin Barker
Vice Mayor, Apache Junction



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Mayor of Avondale



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Mayor of Chandler



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Mayor of Florence



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Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation



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Councilmember, Fountain Hills



Tommy Sikes
Mayor of Gila Bend



Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor
Gila River Indian Community



Jenn Daniels
Mayor of Gilbert



Jerry Weiers
Mayor of Glendale



Georgia Lord
Mayor of Goodyear



Valerie Molina
Mayor of Guadalupe



MAG Regional Council Members

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Thomas Schoaf
Mayor of Litchfield Park



Christian Price
Mayor of Maricopa



Denny Barney
Supervisor, Maricopa County



John Giles
Mayor of Mesa



Michael Collins
Mayor of Paradise Valley



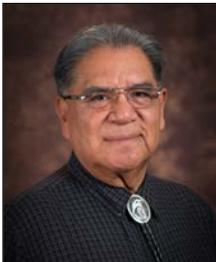
Cathy Carlat
Mayor of Peoria



Thelda Williams
Mayor Pro Tempore, Phoenix



Todd House
Supervisor, Pinal County



Delbert Ray, President
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community



W. J. "Jim" Lane
Mayor of Scottsdale



Sam Elters
State Transportation Board



Jack Sellers
State Transportation Board



Sharon Wolcott
Mayor of Surprise



Mark Mitchell
Mayor of Tempe



Anna Tovar
Mayor of Tolleson



Everett Sickles
Mayor of Wickenburg



Michael LeVault
Mayor of Youngtown



Judges

The Maricopa Association of Governments wishes to thank the following individuals for their participation as judges for the Desert Peaks Awards. Their involvement in this process has contributed greatly to the success of the program.



Chris Clark

President/CEO

Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce



Patrick McDermott

Community Affairs Manager

APS



Harry Mitchell

Former U.S. Congressman

U.S. House of Representatives



Thank you for your participation!

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded by the Chair of the MAG Regional Council to an individual who, during their lifetime, has made contributions of lasting significance to the regional community. The individual is recognized for outstanding service, vision, commitment, and character, as demonstrated throughout their career.

Recipient

Dennis Smith

Dennis Smith began his career at the Maricopa Association of Governments in 1976, when then-Secretary Jack DeBolske hired him as a criminal justice coordinator. Mr. Smith served in a variety of capacities at MAG and was appointed Executive Director in 2003.

Mr. Smith has been involved in numerous regional achievements, including the development of the regional emergency 9-1-1 system and pioneering several major transportation efforts, including Proposition 300, which funded the regional freeway system, and Proposition 400, which continues to fund street, transit and freeway projects. Other initiatives at MAG spearheaded by Mr. Smith were the formation of the MAG Economic Development Committee, which focuses on making the MAG region and the Sun Corridor more globally competitive; working on greater political alignment for the Intermountain West; and forming a megaregion alliance between Arizona and Mexico, known as Ari-Son. Mr. Smith is a past member of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Executive Directors Council and a member of the Arizona Council of Governments (COG) Directors Association, where he twice served as Chair.

In fact, NARC recently honored Mr. Smith with the President's Award, the organization's highest award. In conferring the award, NARC noted, "His leadership and work has consistently cultivated cooperative relationships, leveraged innovation, and contributed to regionalism."

Mr. Smith is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Montana State University-Billings and his master's degree from Arizona State University.



Public Partnership

This award is presented to the group or project that has demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through public sector or public/nonprofit partnership. Nominations must include at least one MAG member agency.

Recipient

Apache Junction Chronic Homeless Committee

The Apache Junction Chronic Homeless Committee brings together local and regional public and nonprofit organizations to support programs and services for members of the Apache Junction community who are homeless and at risk of homelessness. The committee identified six key strategies to help the chronically homeless: outreach, collaboration, policy, housing, employment, and basic needs. At the heart of the partnership is a community center created to connect a variety of basic services to those who need it the most. For the last two years, the Chronic Homeless Committee has helped conduct the annual Point in Time homeless street count. This count helps to address housing issues, attract new services and providers to the community and supports the Project Connect resource fair. The Community Resource Center invites different organizations to visit the center each week so that these organizations can connect community members to resources such as healthcare, benefit services (Social Security, Department of Economic Security, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), phones, housing, employment, legal services, and mentoring.

Partnering Agencies: Arizona Department of Economic Security, Arizona Department of Housing, City of Apache Junction, Community Action Human Resources Agency, Community Alliance Against Family Abuse, Empowerment Systems, The Genesis Project, Horizon Health and Wellness, La Frontera, Pinal County, ResCare, Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Social Security Administration, United Way of Pinal County



Public Partnership

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Nominees

Air Quality Educational Kiosks

In order to complement the Maricopa County Air Quality Department's (MCAQD) robust school curriculum program for K-5 and middle school students in Maricopa County, MCAQD designed and implemented a stand-alone tool to supplement air quality education efforts. With a growing emphasis on citizen science, air quality educational kiosks provide residents and visitors information about air quality in their neighborhoods, something that was not previously available. Inside the kiosk is a small, localized air quality monitoring device that displays nearby air quality data in a friendly and relevant format. MCAQD worked closely with the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation's Lake Pleasant Discovery Center and Arizona Center for Nature Conservation's South Mountain Environmental Education Center locations. The South Mountain Environmental Education Center is owned by the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department but is operated by the Arizona Center for Nature Conservation. Not only does this project enhance the level of citizen participation in government programs, it promotes intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems.

Partnering Agencies: Arizona Center for Nature Conservation, City of Phoenix, Maricopa County

ADOT/DPS Traffic Operations Center Co-location for Traffic Incident Management

Improving safety by reducing crash-clearance times was a key goal of a partnership that placed state troopers in the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Traffic Operations Center (TOC). The three-year pilot project began in August 2014 as a partnership between DPS, ADOT, MAG and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). With funding from these partner agencies, a DPS sergeant and troopers staff the TOC to proactively manage traffic incidents. Troopers communicate with dispatch centers and emergency responders that include law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, towing service providers, and ADOT. Troopers actively manage incidents, which reduces communication delays, response times, roadway clearance times, secondary collisions, and congestion. Troopers assist with informing the public of traffic incidents, obstructions, and closures. Benefits of the co-location program include faster mobilization of correct resources, traffic queue monitoring, unrestricted access to the DPS computer-aided dispatch system, timely incident updates, and improved safety for first responders and the public.

Partnering Agencies: Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Maricopa Association of Governments

City of Goodyear and Salt River Project (SRP) Partnership

The City of Goodyear is located far from the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal, making it expensive to build a water conveyance system to the CAP canal. This challenge led to a landmark 100-year partnership between Goodyear and Salt River Project (SRP). Since the city was unable to directly deliver its Colorado River water, SRP agreed to deliver Goodyear's CAP water allocation to a location within five miles of the city's boundary for 100 years. This innovative partnership is significant because SRP will be delivering Colorado River water to an entity completely outside its water service area for the first time in SRP's history. This partnership will bring direct deliveries of water supplies to the southern portion of the West Valley that are currently dependent upon limited, nonrenewable groundwater supplies. It also allows access to other infrastructure attributes, such as water banking, to ensure sustainability and economic stability.

Partnering Agencies: City of Goodyear, Salt River Project

Public Partnership

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Continuity of Senior Services

After losing its senior services partner in 2016, the City of Apache Junction needed to find a way to serve its senior community. The previous partner provided daily lunches, home delivered meals, transportation and fitness programs for Apache Junction's senior citizens. When the City was initially informed of the previous partner's withdrawal, the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens stepped in on an interim basis to provide services for several months as a stop-gap measure. Because of the Council's help, Apache Junction had more time to research new options that would help it transition into a new program to provide services to senior citizens. Additional grants have boosted the budget for senior services, allowing the City to meet the previous level of service. The generous partnership of the Pinal-Gila Council continues in this new era of Apache Junction senior services, which provides seniors with meaningful interactions such as dining, socializing, fitness, recreation, and volunteerism.

Partnering Agencies: City of Apache Junction, Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens

Peoria SUPPORT Collaborative Impact Workshops

The Collaborative Impact Workshops are the newest offering through the City of Peoria's SUPPORT (Services Uniting to Provide People with Opportunities and Training) program. This program supports the mission of bringing organizations together so that they can share information and resources with citizens. The Collaborative Impact Workshops have two purposes. The first purpose is to bring three to four nonprofit organizations together so that they can learn about each other's services and find ways to enhance each other's services, rather than compete or duplicate services. Secondly, these organizations host an event for the community. These workshops give citizens a thorough understanding of each organization, the services they provide, and how to access these services.

Partnering Agencies: City of Peoria, Billy's Place, Family Bridges, Family Involvement Center, Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health, Partners in Recovery, Peoria Unified School District Family Resource Center, Recovery Innovations International, Southwest Human Development

Tres Rios Nature Festival

The Tres Rios Nature Festival began in 2003. Its purpose is to bring awareness to the conservation and preservation needs of a once-neglected Southwest Valley area called the Base and Meridian Wildlife and Recreation Area. In the past, this area has been plagued with vandalism, illegal activity and illegal dumping. Now, it has been transformed into a beautiful destination for recreation and special events. Through a unique partnership among Arizona Game and Fish Department, the cities of Avondale and Goodyear, Friends of Avondale Libraries and Recreation, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, Sonoran Audubon Society, Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation, and many others, the Tres Rios Nature Festival has succeeded in drawing tens of thousands of visitors to this amazing outdoor festival. The annual festival showcases the beauty and serenity of this lush riparian habitat, giving visitors a glimpse into the various outdoor recreational opportunities that are now available to them because of the combined efforts to preserve the ecology of the Tres Rios area.

Partnering Agencies: Arizona Game and Fish Department, City of Avondale, City of Goodyear, Maricopa County, Sonoran Audubon Society, Wildlife for Tomorrow Foundation

Public-Private Partnership

This award is presented to the group or project that has demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through a public-private partnership. Nominations must include at least one MAG member agency.

Recipient

Dementia Friendly Tempe

The City of Tempe has been working with Banner Alzheimer's Institute to make Tempe the state's first Dementia Friendly City. With 5.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease/related dementia and 16 million American families providing care for them, an initiative called Dementia Friendly America began with a goal of supporting the growing number of people living with dementia and their care partners and families. In Arizona, approximately 120,000 people are living with Alzheimer's disease and this number will double in the next decade. At the 2015 White House Conference on Aging, the City of Tempe was designated as one of the five upcoming "dementia friendly communities" that would help lead the national collaboration.



Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell has a personal history with Alzheimer's, as his mother was first diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment in 2007. A few years later, the diagnosis was upgraded to Alzheimer's disease. Mayor Mitchell introduced the Dementia Friendly Tempe initiative because he felt that it could have a real impact on the community. Shortly thereafter, the City partnered with Banner Alzheimer's Institute to raise awareness of and foster respect for people with dementia and family caregivers; provide services and resources to ensure meaningful access to community and promote quality of life; support and educate people with dementia, their care partners and families; and promote meaningful engagement in community life.

Partnering Agencies: Banner Alzheimer's Institute, City of Tempe

Public-Private Partnership

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Nominees

City of Phoenix and Lyft Pilot Program

In 2017, the Phoenix Public Transit Department and Lyft partnered to pilot a new program that helped address the First Mile, Last Mile (FMLM) connectivity challenges. The FMLM program connects more riders to and/or from transit options by addressing one of the biggest barriers of utilizing public transportation—gaps in service. The Phoenix and Lyft agreement provided a discount for Lyft rides for users of Phoenix transit. New Lyft riders were granted use of the code PHXRIDES to obtain \$5 off their first four rides when connecting to transit. Existing Lyft riders were granted use of the code TRANSITPHX to garner a 20 percent discount off their ride, to and from select transit stops within geofenced areas. In exchange for these rider discounts, Phoenix Transit offered Lyft advertising space at 300 bus stops and on 200 bus cards. This cooperative approach allowed Phoenix to research and address the FMLM connectivity challenges without significantly affecting day-to-day operations of the transit department and Lyft.

Partnering Agencies: City of Phoenix, Lyft

Flat Iron Community Park

The development of Flat Iron Community Park opened in 2017 and is an example of a community supporting critical facilities. Park development began with development impact fees with some features originally planned for a later phase. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community generously granted \$100,000 to the park budget, helping the Superstition Mountain Community Facilities District fund the restroom and wastewater connection fees. Salt River Project (SRP) pitched in to add a splash pad at the park. SRP was instrumental in the removal of overhead powerlines and had them placed underground. The Apache Junction Water District and the Arizona Water Company helped move water lines for the park and created an educational “Think Water” conservation feature. The local chapter of the Rotary Club spearheaded additional donations to add features in the park that would not have been added until years later, due to the constraints of the original budget plan. The park has hosted a number of big events and has drawn new regional attention, including a blues and brews festival in March.

Partnering Agencies: Apache Junction Water District, City of Apache Junction, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Salt River Project, Superstition Mountain Rotary Club, Superstition Mountains Community Facilities District

Professional Service

The Professional Service Award is presented to the individual staff member from any organization who has significantly contributed to regionalism through sustained or outstanding professional efforts, such as involvement with a Maricopa Association of Governments committee or program.

Recipient

Elizabeth Finn, Presiding Judge, City of Glendale

Judge Elizabeth Finn has been a judge for 38 years and is the most senior judge in Arizona. She is recognized for identifying stakeholders at the state, county and city levels and bringing them together to work on systemic issues concerning domestic violence, driving under the influence (DUI), and mental health. Judge Finn was a founding member and Chair of the Supreme Court committee that focused on the impact of domestic violence on the courts. In this capacity, she created a multidisciplinary committee and became the first author of the Benchbook, resulting in the mandating of statewide policies for all judges on domestic violence protective orders. This multidisciplinary approach with the Supreme Court, MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, the Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council, and others has resulted in many changes in domestic violence laws and practices.



Judge Finn wrote, obtained and monitored four different Violence Against Women Grants for the City of Glendale that totaled \$1.5 million. These grants supported systemwide efforts benefitting nonprofit partner A New Leaf, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Glendale Police Department. Under Judge Finn's guidance, in 2006, Glendale became a founding member of the Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court. In 2013, Judge Finn brought together Mercy Maricopa, a peer support group called Hope Lives, and prosecutors and public defenders, to establish a Glendale Mental Health Court. This multidisciplinary court addresses issues faced by mental health defendants such as homelessness, medication supervision and substance abuse.

Regional Partnership

This award honors two or more MAG member agencies that have demonstrated a commitment to regionalism through cooperative efforts. Partnerships must be among MAG member agencies.

Recipient

Text to 9-1-1 Project

Residents in Maricopa County have a new measure of safety in place. Text to 9-1-1 is now a reality. Anyone with a phone that has the capability to text can now receive emergency help when they are unable to speak or when it is unsafe to do so. Working with the disability community, the Maricopa Association of Governments decided to move forward with the Text to 9-1-1 Internet Protocol (IP) based program in 2017. Maricopa Region 9-1-1 Administrator Liz Graeber helped spearhead the project, working with agencies to develop policy and training. Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers attended meetings, developed training materials, tested the system, created policy, and developed and implemented operational plans. PSAP managers and communications supervisors communicated, planned, and met deadlines to make Text to 9-1-1 a reality for residents in the Maricopa County region. The system went live on April 2, 2018, with the message, “Call if you can. Text if you can’t.” Text to 9-1-1 may save lives by connecting emergency responders to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired, or those who are in a situation where it may be too dangerous to call 9-1-1.

Partnering Agencies: American Medical Response, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona State University, City of Apache Junction, City of Avondale, City of Buckeye, City of Chandler, City of Glendale, City of Goodyear, City of Mesa, City of Peoria, City of Phoenix, City of Scottsdale, City of Surprise, City of Tempe, City of Tolleson, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Luke Air Force Base, Maricopa County, Maricopa Region 9-1-1, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Town of Gilbert, Town of Paradise Valley, Town of Wickenburg



Regional Partnership

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Nominees

East Valley Arterial Travel Time Map Project

The East Valley Arterial Travel Time Map Project was developed to expand the measurement and communication of real-time travel time information on arterial streets in Mesa, Tempe, and Gilbert, Arizona. These agencies use travel time information to detect, monitor, and mitigate traffic congestion. The public can use the same information to make better informed choices about travel mode, route, and departure time based on real-time traffic conditions. The City of Mesa led the project and coordinated with the municipal and regional partners to expand its existing congestion monitoring and travel time system. These partnerships were critical, as each partner played a role in data transmission and distribution. Real-time data collected from each city are transmitted through the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Community Network, which is a high-speed, optical fiber based communication system. The data are sent to the Regional Archive Data System (RADS), a repository that allows data and information to be shared and archived by the Maricopa County Department of Transportation. The information is then transmitted to the public AZ 511 traveler information website, which is operated and maintained by the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Partnering Agencies: Arizona Department of Transportation, City of Mesa, City of Tempe, Maricopa Association of Governments, Maricopa County Department of Transportation, Town of Gilbert

Mesa Rio Salado Pathway Segments 3 and 4

This project filled a critical gap in the Valley's overall off-roadway network of shared-use pathways, providing a connection to the neighboring regions. This project included the design and construction of more than 1.3 miles of pathway along the south bank levee of the Salt River. The project begins at the Dobson Road/ Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway interchange and heads west, connecting into the City of Tempe's Rio Salado Pathway at the interchange of Loop 101 Pima Freeway and Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway. What began as vision from a Maricopa Association of Government's Design Assistance Grant led to more than \$3.8 million of constructed shared-use pathway and corridor amenities. The project was developed and coordinated by two separate design teams and built along a constrained and narrow corridor. Improvements include an accessible asphalt pathway, unique safety railing, wayfinding signage, pathway lighting, and recovery/rest areas for pathway users. With this project, Mesa now connects to pathways and destinations in Tempe, Scottsdale, and Phoenix. The pathway also connects to Mesa's Stadium Connector to the east as well as the unique destinations of Sloan Park and Mesa Riverview.

Partnering Agencies: Arizona Department of Transportation, City of Mesa, City of Tempe, Maricopa Association of Governments

Maximizing Regional Connectivity through Service Planning Coordination

With the help of extensive regional partnerships among member agencies, many improvements in local bus service in three regional corridors has been accomplished, improving connections and mobility for riders. Cooperation and creativity at the Valley Metro Service Planning Working Group that involved seven jurisdictions made these improvements possible. These improvements spanned from the West Valley to the East Valley. Prior to October 2017, Route 83 along 83rd Avenue was four miles long and only served residents within the City of Phoenix. Valley Metro and the cities of Glendale, Peoria, and Phoenix worked together to implement service on this corridor from Camelback Road to Arrowhead Towne Center north of Bell Road. Also in October 2017, Route 140 was created along Ray Road, filling in the grid where there had previously been a three-mile gap in service,

Regional Partnership

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providing new east to west transit opportunities in Chandler, Gilbert, Phoenix and Tempe. In January 2017, the City of Phoenix and the Valley Metro Board approved extending and combining Routes 51 and 251 to create one route on 51st Avenue between Komatke Health Center on Pecos Road and ASU West on Thunderbird Road. *Partnering Agencies: City of Chandler, City of Glendale, City of Peoria, City of Phoenix, City of Tempe, Gila River Indian Community, Town of Gilbert, Valley Metro*

U.S. Route 60 (Grand Avenue) and Bell Road Interchange

Imagine closing a busy intersection in a major metropolitan area for at least seven months and then promise to have the intersection open in time for the holiday shopping season. That is what happened with the Bell Grand project by the Arizona Department of Transportation and the City of Surprise. This intersection is located in the heart of the Surprise economic development region, which contains 300 businesses. Approximately 55,000 vehicles travel on Bell Road daily through the intersection and 35,000 vehicles travel on U.S. 60 (Grand Avenue). The project consisted of building a grade separated bridge over the railroad tracks. Construction started in early 2016. The intersection reopened to traffic on November 22, 2016, two days before the holiday shopping season. Ramps were completed in February 2017, just in time for spring baseball season. This project has reduced congestion, improved reliability and safety, and brought welcome relief to a major intersection in the West Valley. *Partnering Agencies: Arizona Department of Transportation, City of Surprise*

Outstanding Economic Development Champion

This award is presented to a business, economic development agency or individual within the Maricopa region that has demonstrated a commitment to creating an environment conducive to promoting regional economic development, in collaboration with the public sector.

Recipient

City of Avondale Economic Development Department

The City of Avondale's economic development team has more than 75 years of combined economic and business development experience and it thrives when it works with community partners to strengthen the region. Whether serving as board members, volunteering as committee co-chairs to launch new and innovative events, or persistently working to attract new employers to the area, Avondale is committed to enriching the region and driving economic development. Valuable regional work includes partnerships with WESTMARC, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council and the Southwest Valley Chamber. In addition, Avondale's team members illustrate leadership with educational opportunities such as the Arizona Association of Economic Development, Business Development Guild, and Leadership West. Avondale's innovative team breaks the mold by pioneering new solutions through collaborative approaches with the Southwest Valley Small Business Summit, including developing a regional Healthcare Summit and locating new amenities that benefit the region as a whole.



Regional Excellence

The Regional Excellence award is presented to the single individual who has demonstrated exemplary commitment to the spirit of regionalism. Individual nominations may be made of any elected or appointed public official or any private sector individual who has demonstrated significant leadership in regional issues.

Recipient

Greg Stanton, Former Phoenix Mayor

While it often takes years to realize the impact one individual has had on transit, Mayor Stanton's leadership has provided positive influence and direction in further developing a healthy regional transportation system with growth potential for decades to come. Mayor Stanton's vision led to the success of the Phoenix Transportation 2050 plan and his leadership also has garnered other contributions that will not only benefit the region, but the entire state. In the past year, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport announced expansion efforts and new flights that will promote the state nationally and internationally. Through Mayor Stanton's leadership, Phoenix is a more livable city and the region more mobile, focusing on economic drivers poised to highlight regional prosperity and growth.



Passing of the Gavel



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Past MAG Regional Council Officers

The Maricopa Association of Governments has been providing leadership in the region for 51 years. Below is a listing of former Regional Council officers.

FY	Chair	Vice Chair	Treasurer
2017-2018	Mayor Jackie Meck <i>Buckeye</i>	Mayor Gail Barney <i>Queen Creek</i>	Mayor Lana Mook <i>El Mirage</i>
2016-2017	Mayor Greg Stanton <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor Jackie Meck <i>Buckeye</i>	Mayor Gail Barney <i>Queen Creek</i>
2015-2016	Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane <i>Scottsdale</i>	Mayor Greg Stanton <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor Jackie Meck <i>Buckeye</i>
2014-2015	Mayor Michael LeVault <i>Youngtown</i>	Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane <i>Scottsdale</i>	Mayor Greg Stanton <i>Phoenix</i>
2013-2014	Mayor Scott Smith <i>Mesa</i>	Mayor Michael LeVault <i>Youngtown</i>	Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane <i>Scottsdale</i>
2012-2013	Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers <i>Avondale</i>	Mayor Scott Smith <i>Mesa</i>	Mayor Michael LeVault <i>Youngtown</i>
2011-2012	Mayor Hugh Hallman <i>Tempe</i>	Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers <i>Avondale</i>	Mayor Scott Smith <i>Mesa</i>
2010-2011	Mayor Thomas Schoaf <i>Litchfield Park</i>	Mayor Hugh Hallman <i>Tempe</i>	Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers <i>Avondale</i>
2009-2010	Councilmember Peggy Neely <i>Phoenix (FY 09-10)</i> Mayor Mary Manross <i>Scottsdale (FY 09)</i>	Mayor Thomas Schoaf <i>Litchfield Park (FY 09-10)</i> Councilmember Peggy Neely <i>Phoenix (FY 09)</i>	Mayor Hugh Hallman <i>Tempe (FY 09-10)</i> Mayor Thomas Schoaf <i>Litchfield Park (FY 09)</i>
2007-2008	Mayor James Cavanaugh <i>Goodyear</i>	Mayor Mary Manross <i>Scottsdale</i>	Vice Mayor Peggy Neely <i>Phoenix (FY 08)</i> Mayor Joan Shafer <i>Surprise (FY 07)</i>
2005-2006	Mayor Keno Hawker <i>Mesa</i>	Mayor Woody Thomas <i>Litchfield Park</i>	Mayor Mary Manross <i>Scottsdale</i>
2003-2004	Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr <i>Queen Creek</i>	Mayor Keno Hawker <i>Mesa (FY 04)</i> Mayor Joan Shafer <i>Surprise (FY 03)</i>	Mayor John Keegan <i>Peoria (FY 04)</i> Mayor Keno Hawker <i>Mesa (FY 03)</i>
2001-2002	Mayor Skip Rimsza <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor John Keegan <i>Peoria</i>	Mayor Jay Tibshraeny <i>Chandler</i>
1999-2000	Mayor Neil Giuliano <i>Tempe</i>	Mayor Skip Rimsza <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor John Keegan <i>Peoria</i>
1997-1998	Mayor Elaine Scruggs <i>Glendale</i>	Mayor Neil Giuliano <i>Tempe</i>	Mayor Skip Rimsza <i>Phoenix</i>
1995-1996	Mayor Wilburn Brown <i>Gilbert</i>	Mayor Elaine Scruggs <i>Glendale</i>	Mayor John Cutillo <i>Fountain Hills</i>

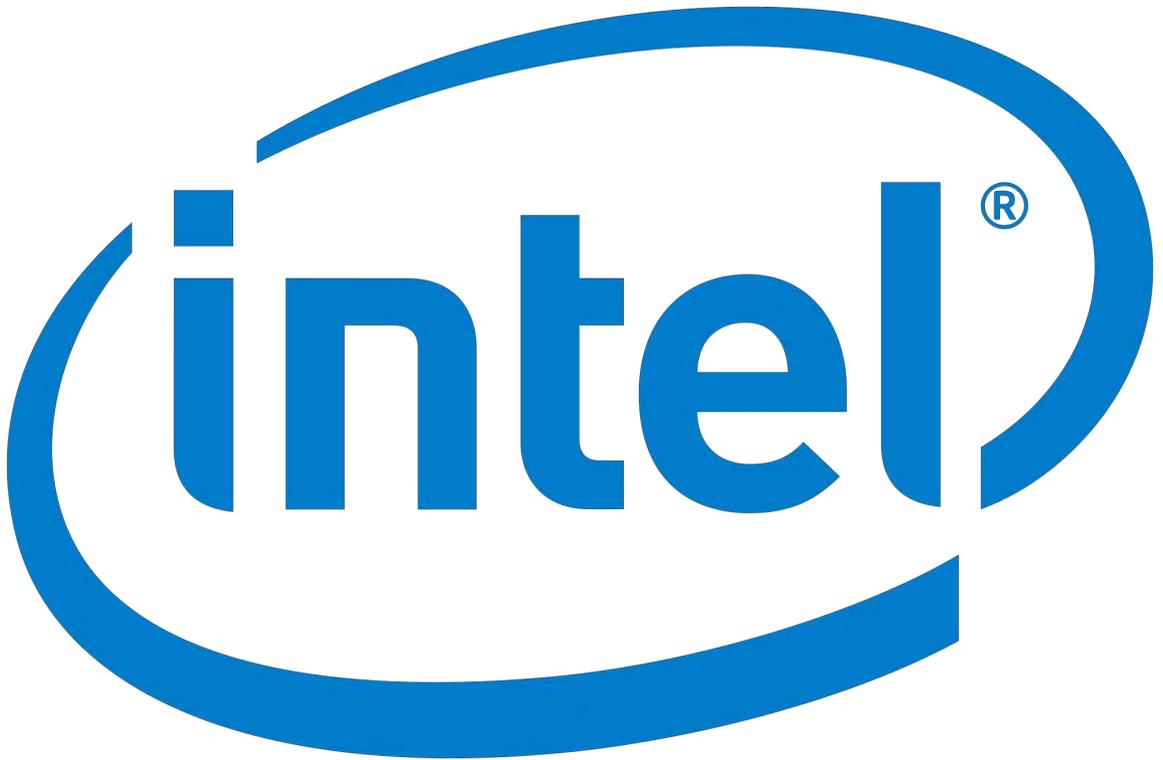
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FY	Chair	Vice Chair	Treasurer
1993-1994	Mayor Charles Hayes <i>Tolleson</i>	Mayor Harry Mitchell <i>Tempe</i>	Mayor Paul Johnson <i>Phoenix</i>
1991-1992	Mayor Peggy Rubach <i>Mesa</i>	Mayor Charles Hayes <i>Tolleson</i>	Mayor Harry Mitchell <i>Tempe</i>
1989-1990	Mayor Ron Travers <i>Peoria</i>	Mayor Peggy Rubach <i>Mesa</i>	Mayor Charles Hayes <i>Tolleson</i>
1987-1988	Mayor Terry Goddard <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor Jerry Brooks <i>Chandler</i>	Mayor Ron Travers <i>Peoria (FY 88)</i> Mayor Chauncey Coor <i>Goodyear (FY 87)</i>
1985-1986	Supervisor Fred Koory <i>Maricopa County</i>	Mayor Terry Goddard <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor L.J. Reed <i>Gilbert</i>
1983-1984	Mayor George Renner <i>Glendale</i>	Mayor Jim Patterson <i>Chandler</i>	Mayor Don Strauch <i>Mesa</i>
1981-1982	Councilmember Ken O'Dell <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor George Renner <i>Glendale</i>	Councilmember Joanne Smith <i>Peoria</i>
1979-1980	Mayor Charles Salem <i>Goodyear</i>	Mayor William Jenkins <i>Scottsdale</i>	Councilmember Ken O'Dell <i>Phoenix (FY 80)</i> Mayor Ken Thomas <i>Chandler (FY 79)</i>
1977-1978	Mayor Charles Salem <i>Goodyear</i>	Mayor William Jenkins <i>Scottsdale</i>	Mayor Ken Thomas <i>Chandler (FY 78)</i> Councilmember Ronald Travers <i>Peoria (FY 77)</i>
1976	Mayor Charles Salem <i>Goodyear</i>	Mayor Max Klass <i>Glendale</i>	Mayor Dale Hallock <i>Gilbert</i>
1974-1975	Mayor B. L. Tims <i>Scottsdale</i>	Mayor Charles Salem <i>Goodyear (FY 75)</i> Councilmember Dorothy Nelson, <i>Tempe (FY 74)</i>	Mayor Dale Hallock <i>Gilbert (FY 75)</i> Mayor Charles Salem <i>Goodyear (FY 74)</i>
1972-1973	Mayor B. L. Tims <i>Scottsdale</i>	Mayor John Driggs <i>Phoenix</i>	Mayor William Allen <i>Avondale (FY 73)</i> Mayor Wayne Pigg <i>Goodyear (FY 72)</i>
1970-1971	Mayor B. L. Tims <i>Scottsdale</i>	Mayor Jack Taylor <i>Mesa</i>	Mayor Jack Huntress <i>Paradise Valley</i>
1968-1969	Mayor B. L. Tims <i>Scottsdale</i>	Mayor Jack Taylor <i>Mesa</i>	Mayor Jack Huntress <i>Paradise Valley (FY 69)</i> Pat Riggs, <i>Maricopa County</i> <i>(End of FY 68)</i> William Andrews <i>Maricopa County (FY 68)</i>

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