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U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake met with the Tempe Chamber on Thursday. Read what he had to say to Arizona businesses in this issue.

Call for Nominations for 2017 Business Woman of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the Chamber's annual Business Woman of the Year. This award was established to recognize an outstanding business woman who has positively affected the Tempe community and the Tempe Chamber of Commerce. There have been just 21 recipients over the past two decades. Last year's recipient was Denise Hart of Vestar at Tempe Marketplace (pictured at right).



Nominations will be open until March 1, and can be made by following the link or by emailing your nominee's contact information to [Chris Samuels](#).

[Learn more](#)

Senator Jeff Flake Visits Tempe Chamber

The Chamber was privileged to receive a visit from Arizona's junior U.S. senator, Jeff Flake on Thursday.

Senator Flake and the Chamber's staff and board of directors held a round-table discussion about the new initiatives and challenges Congress will face in the next year. Senator Flake also issued a call to action for Arizona businesses regarding proposed trade policies with Mexico. [Learn more](#)

Prop 206 Survey Offers Insight on Impacts

The Tempe Chamber issued a survey to members about the effects that Prop 206 have had on local businesses. Read the results and get advice from a corporate lawyer about the law's fine print and how it may affect your business. [Learn more](#)



East Valley Chambers Release Legislative Agenda

The East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance (EVCCA) has released its legislative priorities for 2017. Four key areas influence the Alliance's specific positions and are considered crucial to build Arizona's economy: lowering the cost of doing business, increasing private sector jobs, building a trained workforce and efficient and effective government. This agenda represents the collective voice of the East Valley business community. [Learn more](#)

Governor Ducey Releases Regulation Rollback Survey

As part of the State of the State address, Gov. Doug Ducey promised sweeping reforms on the way Arizona business owners establish or expand a business. Now, Gov. Ducey has introduced a website called redtape.az.gov to help eliminate obstacles for business. It enables the public to report regulations or laws that are deemed too out-of-date or obstructive to forming business, as long as they don't harm public health or safety. Ducey's goal is to eliminate 500 regulations by the end of the year. Are you struggling with a regulation that may be obsolete? Fill out the form [Learn more](#)



5 Crucial Steps to Successful, Profitable, Proactive Chronic Illness Prevention in the Workplace

By Greg Justice, MA and Drew Saenz, B.S., EXW

Chamber members Team Up Health and Fitness offer advice on keeping the workplace healthy and productive, from the CEO to the newest hire. Learn how to keep your employees at their best while maintaining a great work-life balance. [Learn more](#)

Get Involved

Free Chance to Market Your Business to International Visitors

Here's a chance to get your restaurant, store, business or service in front of international students. ASU's office of Global Outreach and Extended Education will be hosting 44 students from South East Asia through the Young South East Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI). ASU is putting together 'home' baskets with products and information brochures that they can use while they are living in Tempe. They will be living in a hotel for 5 weeks, eating out and finding activities to do in the area. Any coupons or samples of items you can provide in quantities of 44 will be added to the

baskets. The deadline to drop off your samples, brochures, coupon, etc. is Feb. 15. Items must be mailed to or dropped off at the Tempe Chamber office. For more information [email Lety Rodarte](#).

Business Development Council Offers Chance to Grow Network and Skills

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce offers the chance to collaborate with other business leaders through one of our many committees. Varied in purpose and scope, each offers unique and valuable opportunities to become involved and grow your network and skill set. [Learn which one is right for you](#).

This month's featured committee is the Business Development Council. Its purpose is to develop and update business knowledge resources offered by the Tempe Chamber and to empower businesses to grow and thrive. [For more information click here](#).

To attend a meeting as a guest - no strings attached - email sean@tempechamber.org with "Business Development Council" in the subject line.

Member News

Four Peaks in Running to be Named Best Airport Bar

The Tempe brewery was named a nominee in USA Today's 10Best Reader's Choice for the best airport bar. Fans can vote for Four Peaks or 14 other nominees by visiting the link and selecting the bar, located in Terminal 4 at Phoenix Sky Harbor. [Learn more](#)

Halal Guys Opens Gyro Restaurant Near ASU

The Chamber's newest member brings American Halal food to Tempe! The original Halal Guys started as a street food sensation in New York City, and are bringing their gyros, chicken and falafel next to the ASU campus on Rural Rd. and just south of Apache. [Learn more](#)

Margo Brown Receives Advanced Certification

Margo Brown of Wave Productivity received her Specialist Workplace Productivity

Certificate through the National Association of Professional Organizers. A Specialist Certificate gives organizing and productivity professionals the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in a particular area of study, and demonstrates their commitment to professional development. [Learn more](#)

Do You Have News?

Is there something exciting going on in your business? Maybe you had a big achievement? Did a team member join a board? Are you offering new services? If there is something you want the Tempe Chamber community to know, just add a Status Update in our [Member Information Center](#). Don't have a login? Just reply to this email and we will help you.

Member to Member Deals

Our members are offering special deals exclusively to their fellow chamber members. From massages to hotel stays, banking to education, shopping to marketing, there is something for everyone. [Check out the current deals.](#)

Do you want to offer something to members? [Log in to our Member Information Center](#) and get started. If you need assistance logging in, please reply to this email.



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Community News

ASU Announces Multi-Billion Dollar Funding Initiative

Arizona State University announced a massive donation campaign for the future of the university's strategic and research goals on Thursday. ASU set the goal of receiving \$1.5 billion by 2020, a campaign called Campaign ASU 2020. The donations will fund scholarships, faculty research, labs, projects to ensure that students succeed to graduation, arts initiatives and ventures in the community. [Learn more](#)

East Valley Schools Hold Part-Time job Fair

The Kyrene Elementary School District #28 is holding a job fair for part-time employment opportunities, many of those have an urgent need to fill. Job opportunities are aiming to be filled for the rest of this school year as well as the next one. Jobs include community education club leaders and bus drivers and monitors. The job fair will take place Monday, January 30, 2017 at the School District Office, 8700 S. Kyrene Road, Tempe, Arizona 85284 from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tempe Streetcar Plans on Track for 2020 Completion

A Valley Metro Rail extension into Tempe that has been in the works for some time now has reached a milestone for completion, according to an article in the Wrangler News. Project leaders finalized a contract with Stantec Consulting Services to work on the final designs for the line, which will travel along Rio Salado Parkway, loop around Ash Avenue and Mill Avenue, and continue along Apache Boulevard until Dorsey Lane. Construction is slated to begin later this year and continue until the projected opening of 2020. [Learn more](#)

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