



# TEMPE CHAMBER — of COMMERCE —

Tempe Chamber of Commerce Week of March 10, 2019

## Tempe and Beyond: What's Happening in Politics?

### NATIONAL

#### [Trump 2020 budget projects big deficits despite spending cuts](#)

President Donald Trump delivered a 2020 budget to the House on Monday that cuts spending nearly across the board yet still isn't projected to balance for 15 years, even with ambitious economic growth forecasts.

#### [British lawmakers reject no-deal Brexit in any circumstance](#)

British lawmakers on Wednesday overwhelmingly rejected leaving the European Union without a deal, paving the way for a vote to delay Brexit to seek a way out of Britain's worst political crisis in generations. Lawmakers voted by 312 to 308 in favor of a cross-party motion that ruled out a potentially disorderly 'no-deal' Brexit under any circumstances.

### STATE

#### [Arizona closing gap as second water shortage deadline approaches](#)

Arizona is inching closer to meeting a second federal deadline to complete its part of a seven-state drought contingency plan that includes cuts to Colorado River water supplies when a shortage occurs, which may be sooner than we think.

#### [Gov. Ducey urges USMCA ratification](#)

Last week, Governor Doug Ducey sent a letter to Arizona's Congressional delegation urging them to immediately ratify the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Ducey said the agreement supports free markets, more equal trade practices and greater economic growth.

#### [Bipartisan U.S. Congressional group from Arizona urges upholding Tomato Agreement](#)

A few weeks ago, Sen. Rubio (R-FL) led a coalition to block or curb produce imports from Mexico with the sole goal of boosting local tomato producers. This could have negative fallout here in Arizona since the produce greatly helps our local economy. The tomato industry is a large job creator and strengthens our ties with Mexico.

### LOCAL

#### [Gallego continues to emphasize priorities after Phoenix election](#)

Kate Gallego was elected mayor of Phoenix less than 24 hours ago, but she has continued to emphasize her priorities she hopes to tackle during this legislative session and beyond: public safety and tackling the high debt of the city. What does this mean for business?



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## [SXSXW 2019: Local Gov data scientists vital for 2020 census](#)

Mayor John Giles of Mesa was recently a panelist on ‘Out for the Count 2019: How to Repair the Broken 2020 Census’ panel where experts discussed ways that local government can help ensure the process will yield accurate numbers. “If you’re putting in garbage, you’ll be getting garbage out” said Giles.

## [Tempe one of the best places to live in America, according to Livability](#)

Tempe has been voted the best place to live in Arizona and among the top 20 best places to live in America, according to Livability.com. The study examined more than 1,000 American cities based on thousands of data points measuring economics, housing, amenities, infrastructure, demographics, social and civil capital, education and health care.