



## Helping You Succeed!

### Tempe Chamber releases candidate endorsements: City Council, District 18

The Tempe Chamber announced its endorsements of the most business-friendly candidates in the Aug. 26 primary election.

In the race for Tempe City Council, the Tempe Chamber is endorsing incumbents Robin Arredondo-Savage and Shana Ellis and newcomer Dick Foreman. Council candidates can be elected outright in the primary by receiving a majority of votes cast.

In the contested Republican primary race in Legislative District 18, the Chamber is endorsing Jeff Dial for Senate and Bob Robson and John King for House. The winner of the Republican primary will move on to the Nov. 4 General Election.

[Read the full article on our blog.](#)

### Gubernatorial Candidate Forum

The Tempe Chamber strives to make a bottom-line impact for the community by advocating for a favorable business climate through interactive public policy engagement and providing ongoing representation in government at local, state and federal levels.

As a member of the East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance (EVCCA), the Tempe Chamber would like to invite you to attend a gubernatorial forum this month to hear from the candidates and learn more about where they stand on the issues that matter the most to you and your business.

The event will take place July 28, 5:45 to 8 p.m., at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. There is no cost to attend. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Learn more about the Tempe City Council candidates

Check out our new [advertising opportunities](#), and learn how your ad can appear here!

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### Military Affairs Committee: Year in review

Over the past year, the Tempe Chamber's Military Affairs Committee (MAC) continued its longstanding role as liaison between the business community and the various military units in the Valley. Monthly award lunches were held to recognize the outstanding men and women serving in our Arizona National Guard and Reserve units.

Honorees received a commemorative plaque, a two-night hotel stay and gift certificates for meals donated by generous Chamber members, as well as a stipend to cover additional expenses for their getaway.

In the fall, three outstanding cadets and midshipmen from the Army, Air Force and Navy ROTC programs at ASU were presented with a scholarship and an engraved plaque. To raise the funds to provide the three scholarships the MAC held a raffle at every luncheon. MAC members and guests along with

Last week, the Tempe Chamber, in partnership with the Tempe/Ahwatukee Republic, hosted a forum that gave Tempe residents the opportunity to get to know the Tempe City Council candidates. The event gave each candidate the chance to share their positions on issues of importance to the community. For those who were unable to attend, a link to the video of the forum is [provided here](#).

## Chamber Updates



### Be a part of the 'Chamber Neighborhood'

*By Kristine Kassel, Chairman, Tempe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors*

Thank you for the opportunity to chair the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors this year. I look forward to using my business and leadership knowledge to help all our

members move forward through the excitement and challenges that lie ahead.

I would like to share with you a little bit about myself. My parents moved to Tempe from Michigan in the late '60s, so I was born a Tempe resident. After staying in my own backyard for college (I attended Arizona State University), I decided to also raise my family in Tempe. I started my own health insurance agency 17 years ago, Benefits by Design, and our office is in Tempe. I never could have become an entrepreneur without a partner like the Tempe Chamber. As you can see, I truly love everything about Tempe and especially all the opportunities that have been offered in the past and those available today.

There have been so many changes in the economy over the past few years that have affected the way we do business today. This is why you need a partner like the Tempe Chamber.

[Read the full article](#).

### Renewals and new members

Check out our newest members and see what members have renewed their membership with the Tempe Chamber.

[Read more](#)

## Community News

### Help plan Tempe's transportation future

Be a guiding hand in the update of the 2014 Tempe Transportation Master Plan. Join the City of Tempe at a series of public meetings that will shape and craft the community's shared mobility vision for the future. Upcoming meetings will take place Aug. 4 and 9. For locations and times, [click here](#).

## News You Can Use

### SCORE provides help, advice for small business

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth and

attending military service personnel generously supported the effort.

The MAC was also in attendance at the Annual Military Award Ceremony at Marcos de Niza High School, where they presented a commemorative plaque to a Marcos student in the JROTC program. Lastly, members attended two additional commissioning ceremonies at ASU for the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

The committee wishes to extend a special thanks to the generous members of the Tempe Chamber who donated gift certificates. Those certificates were a part of the package each of our honorees received, and the committee has been very humbled to host the donors at the events. A big thank you to the following donors:

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Finally, a huge thanks to the wonderful staff at [Heidi's Events and Catering](#) for preparing delicious food and creating a great atmosphere for MAC events. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!



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## Ribbon cuttings

success of small business nationwide. It is a group of both working and retired executives and business owners who donate their time and expertise as business counselors. To find out how SCORE can help you, call 480-833-9020. For more information, [click here](#).

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

The designation of Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) has been conferred upon Holly Pritulsky, Agent for American Family Insurance in Tempe, following her successful completion of a rigorous insurance education program sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. She has been with American Family Insurance for over nine years and services clients throughout Arizona and Colorado.

Margo Brown of Wave Productivity recently attended the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO) Conference in Scottsdale. Margo was able to learn and connect with industry leaders at this four-day conference for organizing and productivity professionals. She was able to view and rate the newest organizational products on the market. Margo has been a member of NAPO since 2004. Learn more at [www.waveproductivity.com](http://www.waveproductivity.com).



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### Share your news with us!

Did your company appear in the news? Do you have new employees you would like to introduce? Have you won an award? To be featured in our member spotlights section, send your 50-word submission to [courtneymcintyre@tempechamber.org](mailto:courtneymcintyre@tempechamber.org). All submissions are subject to editing to meet guidelines and formatting requirements.

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