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Taking Political Action

Vote YES on Proposition 123 to Support K-12 Education Funding

Prop 123 is a ballot measure that, if it passes, will settle a years-long lawsuit and put \$3.5 billion into Arizona's K-12 public schools over the next 10 years without raising taxes. Voting takes place on May 17. The majority of the \$3.5 billion funding comes

from Arizona's state land trust fund, an invested account that earns income annually and has nearly doubled in value over the past five years. [More >>](#)

EVCCA Legislative Update

The Tempe Chamber of Commerce works with neighboring East Valley Chambers to advocate on behalf of businesses at the Legislature. Here is what was accomplished earlier this month. [More >>](#)

5th Annual Supplier Reverse Trade Show

The Arizona Capital Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) is conducting its 5th Annual Reverse Trade Show scheduled for April 4, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Tempe Center for the Arts. This event is targeted to companies who are seeking to do business with the public sector. It will have purchasing representatives from cities, counties, state agencies and school districts who will be available to discuss contract opportunities. This event is for any business such as contractors, professional service providers, product and equipment suppliers, etc. who would like to sell to the government. [More >>](#)

Helping You Succeed

How to Leverage Mobile Platforms and Engage More Customers

Tools for Business Business Resource of the Week

Is your website optimized for mobile devices? Are you receiving reviews on Yelp and Google? Have you registered your business for Google Places and other GPS systems? Whether you answered yes or no to these questions, check out these tips to ensure your brand has the right exposure.

[More >>](#)

2016 Business Excellence Awards Finalists Announced

Six finalists for the prestigious Business Excellence Awards have been named. Small Business of the Year finalists are ARCpoint Labs, Bullock Training & Development and The Dhaba. Large Business of the Year finalists are Caliente Construction, Edward Jones and the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel. The awards honor companies for success in business growth, employee development, community involvement and customer service. The recipients will be announced at the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Annual Luncheon on June 16. [More >>](#)

ADOT's Tentative Five-Year Construction Program

Public Comment Underway

Arizonans are encouraged to provide input on the Arizona Department of Transportation's annual update of projects proposed to move forward in the next five years and how much local, state and federal funding should go toward those projects. After the public comment period, which includes public hearings in Oro Valley (March 18), Phoenix (April 15) and Flagstaff (May 20), the State Transportation Board will make its final decision in June about what will be in the updated Five-Year Program. [More >>](#)

The graphic features the Tempe Chamber logo on the left, which includes the text 'Your Success is Our Business' and 'PRESENTS'. To the right, a white box contains the text 'Mayor Mark Mitchell City of Tempe Update'. Below this, the event title 'HOT TOPICS AND LUNCH' is written in large, bold, red and black letters, with 'Sponsored by: SWP' underneath. On the right side, there is a portrait of Mayor Mark Mitchell. Below the portrait, three red arrow-shaped boxes contain the following information: 'DATE & TIME' (Thursday, April 21, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), 'LOCATION' (DoubleTree by Hilton, Phoenix - Tempe, 2100 S. Priest Dr.), and 'REGISTER' (S25 for Members, S35 for Guests, with a red arrow pointing to 'click to RSVP').

Get Involved

Applications Being Accepted for Tempe Leadership Class XXXII

Tempe Leadership is now accepting applications for Class XXXII. Interested parties have until May 13 to complete and return their application. Participation is open to individuals who live or work in Tempe. [More >>](#)

Adults 50+ Needed to Tutor Elementary School Students

Reading is a crucial skill for young students from kindergarten through third grade; and in Arizona, it is a necessary one to move onto the fourth grade. At the start of each school year, more than 500 Tempe children wait to be paired with an adult volunteer from the city of Tempe's Experience Corps to help them become more skilled and confident readers. Adults age 50 and older who would like to tutor a young student, and can commit to a full school year, can learn more by attending an Experience Corps information session. [More >>](#)

Are You the Next Hostess with the Mostess?

Do you want to showcase your business, restaurant, hotel or other property? If you think you'd be a good fit to host one of [our morning or evening mixers](#), drop us an email and let's talk!

Tempe to Continue Collecting Data on Changes to McClintock Drive

In 2015, McClintock Drive was reconfigured to include bike lanes on each side of the street, which required the removal of at least one vehicle lane on the roadway. Response from the community has been mixed. In response to a March 17 project update and extensive feedback from residents, the City Council directed staff to continue collecting data and report back in approximately six months with a detailed analysis of the impact. [More >>](#)

Got Marketing Brochures?



Members of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce are invited to display their marketing materials in our front lobby. Standard tri-folds and flyers are organized on our main walls, while business cards, unique materials and special events are featured on our side table. Contact our office or stop by our [April Open House](#) to make sure we have your materials.

Member News



Hi There!

Click to view our New Members,
Renewals, Premier Membership,
and 110% Club

Ximena Sanchez of the [Hampton Inn & Suites Tempe ASU](#) was awarded the 2016 Spirit of Hampton award. She's a graduate from Tempe High School and just received an internship to Disneyland in Orlando Florida.

[Arizona State University](#) President Michael Crow was presented with Valley Leadership's 67th Man of the Year award last Thursday.

[Tempe Community Action Agency](#) recently passed the 50-year milestone of supporting people who have fallen on hard times.

Got News?

Is there something exciting going on in your business? Did you land a really big deal? Did a team member join a board? Are you offering new services? Did you sponsor an event? **If it's news to you, it's news to us!** 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

Check out these amazing deals and specials our members offer **exclusively** to their fellow chamber members. From massages to hotel stays, banking to education, shopping to marketing, there is something for everyone. [Click here](#) to check out the current deals.

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



Community News

Arizona Diamondbacks Want Upgrades To Ballpark Or Threaten To Sue County

The Arizona Diamondbacks are threatening to sue Maricopa County and leave downtown Phoenix unless their ballpark is upgraded. In a letter to county officials last Thursday, the Diamondbacks say the county has failed to make \$187 million in repairs to the ballpark that opened in 1998 when Arizona joined the National League as an expansion franchise. [More >>](#)

Four to Compete for Kyrene's Top Job

Four candidates have been selected to interview for the job of superintendent of the

Kyrene School District, succeeding Dr. David Schauer, who departed the post three months ahead of his planned June 30 retirement. [More >>](#)

Tempe History: Questions on Treasured Old Map Get Answers From Newspaper Clippings

One of the Tempe History Museum's greatest treasures is a magnificent chromolithographic birds-eye view map of Tempe. Jared Smith is the Tempe History Museum's Curator of History, who gets to spend his days researching this city's past. And he gets paid for it! [More >>](#)

Get Social with the Tempe Chamber



Use **#TempeChamber** when you are posting on social media to show your pride in your membership. You may even get a like, retweet or repost!



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