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AZ Green Chamber Endorses Kate Gallego for Phoenix Mayor

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The Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its endorsement of Mayor Kate Gallego in her re-election bid in the City of Phoenix for the 2020 General Election. This endorsement is based on Mayor Gallego's answers to an open-ended survey put together by the Board of Directors for the Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce. The quotes below are from Mayor Gallego's response to the survey. The survey included a broad swath of sustainability issues, from water and waste, to renewable energy and sustainable food systems.

Mayor Gallego is a strong proponent of broad sustainability practices and thinking that will benefit both the city and its citizens: *"I support the expansion and replication of several programs currently underway that demonstrate the cost-benefit of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and other sustainable practices to residents and business owners."* Among the programs she mentioned: the South Phoenix Village Single-Family Infill Redevelopment Project, the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization programs, and the Green Business Leader Program.

On the related issues of drought and water, Mayor Gallego has demonstrated that she thoroughly understands the situation and the possible solutions. She has promised to continue *Phoenix's "strong legacy of water conservation,"* including through water banking, strong water efficiency and conservation efforts, and the repurposing of wastewater.

Mayor Gallego's comments about renewable energy reflect that she is thinking ahead: *"Achieving a net-zero energy grid by 2050 will require an economy-wide transition and alignment. Renewable energy jobs are already rapidly expanding, but long-term policy implementation to provide certainty to the market as well as workforce development strategies are essential mechanisms to encourage this trend."*

Finally, the Mayor is on the smart side of the waste management issue, noting that she is *"...proud that our community recognizes the essential role of composting services in reducing waste and promoting regenerative food systems. Food waste diversion is another key area for further investment that not only reduces waste sent to the landfill but also reduces methane emissions."* She went on to say, *"I support Reimagine Phoenix and the continued efforts of the Resource Innovation Campus and Public Works Department to explore and develop market solutions for recyclables."*

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