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AZ Green Chamber Endorses Francisca Montoya for Phoenix City Council

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The Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its endorsement of Francisca Montoya for Phoenix City Council in the 2020 General Election. This endorsement is based on Ms. Montoya'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 Ms. Montoya'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.

Ms. Montoya is a strong proponent of efficient and "green" buildings, home energy audits to save energy, electric buses for public transportation, and the increased usage of renewable energy. She also supports additional development of urban tree canopy, and the use of permeable pavements and green alleys, parking and streets.

Regarding the issue of the prolonged drought in Arizona, Ms. Montoya has demonstrated that she thoroughly understands the situation and some possible solutions: *"For the newer neighborhoods, I will encourage homeowner associations to participate in the water efficiency program to increase landscape water efficiency in green belts. I also support incentivizing home water audits and water saving products for irrigation and indoor use."*

Ms. Montoya's comments about renewable energy reflect that she is thinking ahead: *"The growth of renewable energy jobs in Arizona is encouraging, in particular the opportunity to invest in career and technical education for good jobs that stay in our community... I support incentivizing companies in renewable energy."*

Finally, Ms. Montoya commented on the sustainable food situation in Phoenix: *"I was involved in a community-wide meeting in South Phoenix in 2019 to discuss the potential formation of a farmer's market on Central Ave. Issues that surfaced as identified by community leaders and partners were: the need for a commercial community kitchen to support small food micro-enterprises, support the expansion of additional urban farms that produce culturally appropriate produce for local food consumption."*

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