

KEY POINTS FROM FUTURE LEADERS TOWN HALL ON “ARIZONA & MEXICO”

HOW ARIZONA AND MEXICO BENEFIT FROM THEIR PROXIMITY AND RELATIONSHIP

- Trade bolsters the economies of both Arizona and Mexico.
- Consumers traveling across the border increase growth opportunities.
- Transportation of goods and services is more cost effective.
- Tourism benefits Arizona and Mexico.
- The exchange of cultures influences trends on both sides of the border.

WORKING TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY

- NAFTA has improved trade across the border.
- Educational opportunities in Arizona should be provided for Mexican students.
- Crossing the border at legal entry stations should be easier.
- Social and political relationships that support economic growth should be fostered.
- Continue support for organizations like the Arizona-Mexico Commission.
- Focus on across-the-border cooperative endeavors such as Concerts Without Borders.

DEVELOPING ARIZONA AND MEXICO AS A REGIONAL HUB

- Use open spaces to develop alternative energy sites such as solar stations.
- Address immigration and border security to reduce voter concerns.
- Explore tax incentives and subcontracting for technical support.
- Share best practices for business development and expansion.
- Develop more effective transportation systems, such as rail, to improve the movement of goods and people.

MESSAGES FOR ARIZONA’S ELECTED LEADERS

- Stop the hostility and anti-Mexican rhetoric and focus on viable solutions.
- Do not support mass deportation of undocumented immigrants.
- Increase visas available for migrant workers and pass fair immigration reform nationally.
- Educate yourselves about the economic value of the relationship between Arizona and Mexico.
- Promote economic growth in the region.
- View the border less as a barrier and more as a chance to bring Arizona and Mexico together.

COMMITMENTS TO ACTION

- Be sure to vote.
- Engage people in our communities in conversations on these issues.
- Work to break down unnecessary barriers to collaboration between Mexico and Arizona.
- Talk to other people about the importance of free speech and respectful dialogue.
- Educate others about the importance of trade between Arizona and Mexico.

“It’s time to enact policies that favor a strong and positive relationship with Mexico to promote the well-being of both Arizonan and Mexican citizens.”

– Karis Felthouse, Arizona State University

"The issue of growing productive communications with Mexico will be a much larger factor in my consideration of whom I will vote for and will be a larger part of my political conversations."
– Cody Bosley, Cochise College, Sierra Vista Campus

FUTURE LEADERS TOWN HALL LOCATIONS:

Mesa Community College • Arizona State University
Arizona Western College - San Luis Learning Center & Yuma Campus
Central Arizona College - Aravaipa Campus, Superstition Mountain Campus & Maricopa Campus
Cochise College - Benson Center, Douglas Campus, Sierra Vista Campus & Willcox Center
The City of Peoria • Pima Community College
South Mountain Community College • Yavapai College - Verde Valley Campus



"This was my first Future Leaders Town Hall and it was definitely a memorable experience. Getting together as a group and discussing the issues of Mexico-Arizona relations opened my eyes to the issues at hand. It gave me ideas that I could discuss with my family and friends to raise awareness about the issues that need to be fixed."
– Keegan Koch, Sandra Day O'Connor High School