Our Mission
Educate, Engage, Connect and Empower

Arizona Town Hall educates, engages, connects, and empowers people to resolve important issues through consensus, not division, using a process based on respectful dialogue that values diverse perspectives, builds relationships and fosters leadership development.

Impact

In 2015, thousands of Arizonans actively engaged in discussions about topics relevant to their communities at Town Hall programs:

- Two statewide Town Halls hosted over 300 people from around the state. While these people were directly involved, many others were impacted by our publications and the extensive media coverage we received.
- Two Future Leaders Town Halls with over 25 satellite locations throughout the state engaged nearly 500 students in 17 cities and 9 counties.
- Over 20 Community Outreach Programs were held in 7 counties and attended by nearly 2,000 people.

Town Hall gatherings are designed to empower participants to be constructive members of their communities and to engage with others to address community issues. The impact of those gatherings is magnified by extensive media coverage. In 2015, Town Hall convenings were featured in over 30 print articles, 6 televised stories and numerous radio features.

Town Hall Topics

Each year Arizona Town Hall addresses important issues that affect Arizona. In the spring, Arizona Town Hall met in Tucson to address Transportation and Arizona. In the fall, Arizona Town Hall met in Mesa to address Keeping Arizona’s Water Glass Full.

“The knowledge gained, contacts made, and life-altering interactions with members of the Arizona Town Hall have impacted my career and personal interactions.”

T. Van Hook, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Tucson

On the Cover: Top Row - Panel Agave at the 106th Town Hall, Transportation and Arizona, Tucson; Second Row – Casey Rooney, Juliana Brutsche and Eric Marcus at the 105th Community Outreach Program, Verde Valley; Carol West at the 106th Community Outreach Program, Tucson; Third Row – Rebecca Timmer, Sol Esteban and Evelyn Casuga at the 2015 Annual Meeting, Phoenix; Bottom Row – Patrick Graham, Russel McCloud and Kathryn Sorensen at 108th Town Hall, Keeping Arizona’s Water Glass Full, Mesa; Barbara Rodriguez and Alma Andrade at the 106th Community Outreach Program, Douglas.
**Engaging Future Leaders**

Hundreds of high school and college students from around Arizona experienced civic participation first hand using Arizona Town Hall’s model of civil discourse at Future Leaders Town Halls on the topics of *Transportation and Arizona* and *Keeping Arizona’s Glass Full*. These events consistently receive rave reviews and have engaged the next generation of leaders in the Town Hall process.

> “Programs that encourage and open conversation such as the one we had here today amongst young leaders in our communities are crucial to the future well-being of the state of Arizona.”
> 
> Caleb Webb, Cochise College SGA Senator

**Community Outreach**

After each Town Hall, the recommendations are communicated to a broader audience through news media reports, a highlights piece, and Community Outreach Programs held around the state. Hundreds of Arizonans participate in the 60-90 minute presentations and discussions.

Individuals who participated in the Town Hall discussions serve as presenters for the programs and share their thoughts on the recommendations. Audience members receive the printed highlights piece and are invited to engage in a Town Hall style discussion that sets priorities and action steps for their communities.

**Publications**

Arizona Town Hall reports, recommendations, and highlights pieces were printed and widely distributed throughout Arizona. These reports are often used by teachers, legislators and others as resource materials.

Arizona State University created the *Transportation and Arizona* background report under the guidance of Michael Kuby and Aaron Golub.

Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona combined their resources to create the background report for *Keeping Arizona’s Water Glass Full*. Special thanks to Sharon Megdal, Sarah Porter, Abraham Springer, Susanna Eden and Kathy Ferris for their work in creating the report. Background Reports provide fact-based research to inform the discussions and serve as a valuable resource for others interested in the topic.

Visit our website’s “Past Town Halls” page to download the reports from the *Transportation and Arizona* and the *Keeping Arizona’s Water Glass Full* Town Halls.

[www.aztownhall.org](http://www.aztownhall.org)
Consulting Engagements: Increasing Revenue While Fulfilling Our Mission

During 2015, Arizona Town Hall conducted several training events for organizations interested in learning the Town Hall process. In addition, Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services to various organizations interested in solutions-based discussion. Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services for the White House Conference on Aging, the Arizona Bar Foundation: Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Project, the Lake Havasu City Convention and Visitors Bureau and The Mesa School District.

“The Arizona Town Hall process was an illuminating community event which gave Lake Havasu City residents a chance to contribute to a grand strategy to overhaul and change our economy for the most robust future growth potential. Everyone left our meetings with a greater understanding and appreciation for the challenges we face and what we can do to address them. Beyond the educational and strategic value, we galvanized a consensus for action where none has existed previously. We hope to continue the Town Hall process on a continuing annual basis from now on.”

- Doug Traub, Vice President, Havasu Future Foundation; President & CEO, Lake Havasu City Convention & Visitors Bureau

Impacting the State through Statewide Membership

Arizona Town Hall’s work over five decades has guided our state’s civic, political, business and community leaders in identifying and implementing policies to shape, grow and improve Arizona. We owe this success to our members.

People are the key ingredient of the Arizona Town Hall: people who support productive discussion that leads to stronger communities and informed leaders.

Find a listing of all Town Hall members in the Member Directory under our website’s “About Us” tab.

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2015 Corporate and Professional Partners

Premier Partner ($50,000 and up)
- APS

Executive Partner ($35,000)
- SRP

Consensus Partners ($15,000)
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Collaborator Partners ($10,000)
- Arizona Lottery
- Carstens Family Funds
- Cox Charities
- Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation
- Union Pacific Railroad

Civic Leader Partners ($5,000)
- AECOM
- Agnese Nelms Haury Trust
- AZ Water Association
- Bank of America
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Central Arizona Project
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- Epcor Water
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- Cochise College
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- Farmers Investment Company
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