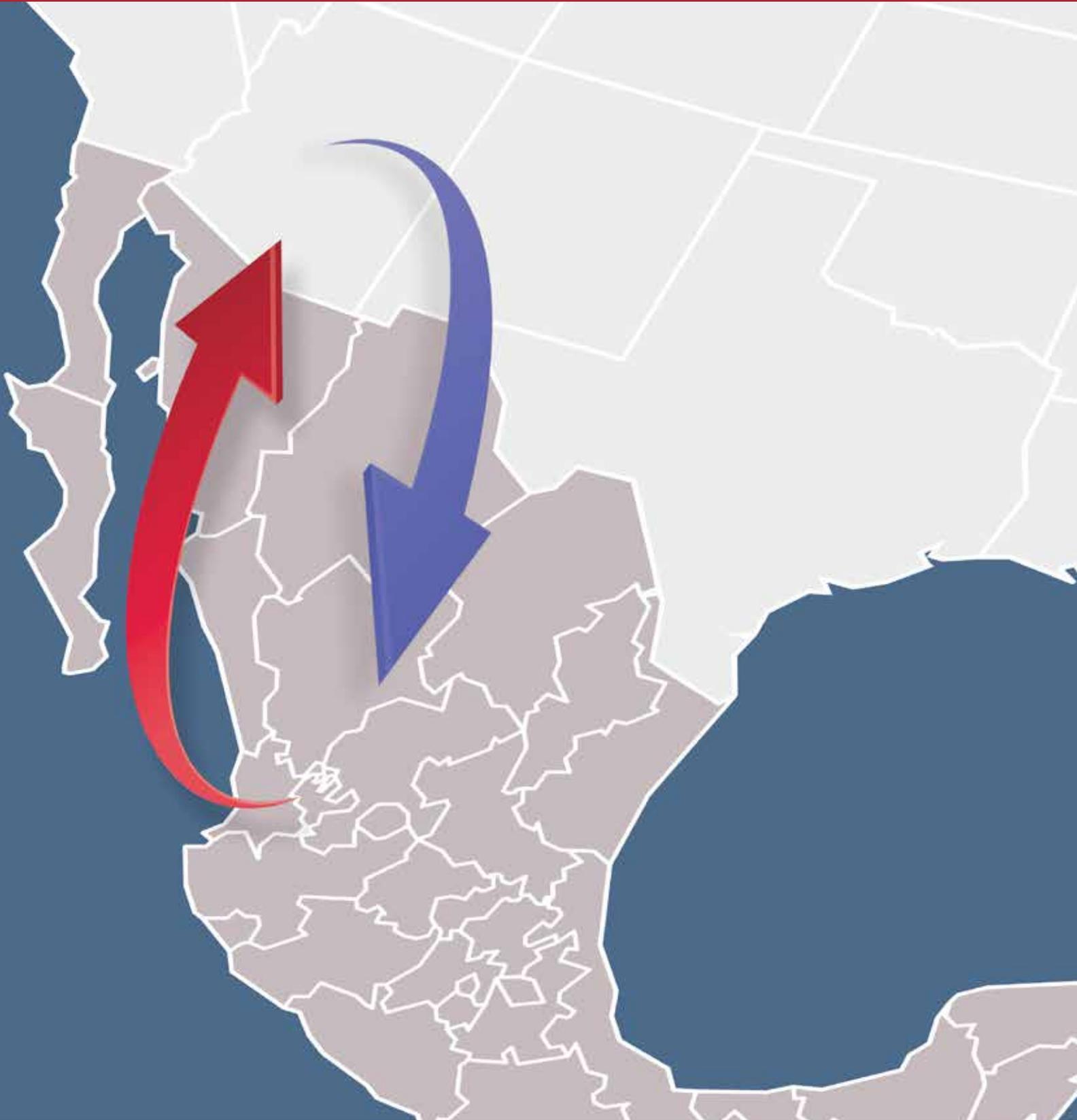


ARIZONA & MEXICO

Community Town Hall - May 25-26, 2017 - Hermosillo, Sonora



Highlights from Community Outreach Programs following the “Arizona & Mexico” Town Hall

In programs held around Arizona, audience members were asked to participate in a Town Hall-style discussion on priorities and action items. To read the complete statements, visit our website: www.aztownhall.org/Arizona_Mexico

“The border does not divide Arizona and Mexico, it connects us and should be viewed as a bi-national region.”

- Verde Valley, AZ, September 28, 2016

“Infrastructure investment is a critical need throughout Arizona and Sonora.”

- Tucson, AZ, September 28, 2016



Flagstaff, AZ



Tucson, AZ

“It is important to have the perspective of residents from both countries on this relationship and to address the needs of both countries, such as rail access, infrastructure, wait time in border crossings, and other constraints that affect us both.”

- Southwest Agricultural Summit, Yuma, AZ, February 23, 2017

“It is our responsibility to support our community through the stories we tell, the mindset we have, the questions we ask of elected and other government officials and the investments we make in local business.”

- Douglas, AZ, October 20, 2016

“The story we tell about the relationship between Arizona and Mexico is vitally important to expanding our economic ties.”

- Prescott, AZ, October 12, 2016



Sierra Vista, AZ

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 25

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration – Conference Room Rubi

7:00 p.m.

Social Hour – Parque La Ruina

Dinner on your own

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast on your own

Morning Program – Conference Room Rubi

Bronze Sponsors Highlighted: **BDO Mexico; BeachFleischman PC; Buqui Bichi Brewing; Lambda Alpha International (LAI); Tapia, Robles, Cabrera Y Moreno S.C.;** and **Visit Tucson**

Speaker Introductions: **Ivan Moreno**, Member, Tapia, Robles, Cabrera Y Moreno S.C.; **Marisol Vindiola**, Mexico Project Manager, Visit Tucson

Speakers: **Rafael Fernández de Castro**, Department Head, International Studies, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México; and **Karen Ogle**, Consul General of the United States of America, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Overview of Town Hall Process and Participant Discussions (with 15-minute break) – Conference Room Rubi

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch Program – Conference Room Rubi

Premier Sponsor Highlighted: **Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, P.L.C.**

Speaker Introduction: **Patrick Welch**, Attorney, Jennings Strouss & Salmon, P.L.C.

Speakers: **Flor Ayala**, Local Deputy, Congress of the State of Sonora; and **Ruben Gallego***, Representative, Arizona District 7, U.S. House of Representatives (**via Skype*)

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Afternoon break

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Continuation of Participant Discussions – Conference Room Rubi

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Social Hour

6:45 p.m.

Out of town participants meet in Lobby

Shuttle or Uber on your own to Musas Art Museum

7:00 p.m.

Dinner – Musas Art Museum

Special Musical Entertainment

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MORNING PROGRAM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Rafael Fernández de Castro, Department Head, International Studies, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Rafael Fernández is Presidential Advisor for International Affairs and Competitiveness and founder and head of the Department of International Studies at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), as well as editor of Foreign Affairs en Español. Dr. Fernández de Castro often contributes Reforma and Proceso. In addition, he has published numerous academic articles and written several books, including *The United States and Mexico: Between Partnership and Conflict* with Jorge Domínguez and *The U.S. Congress: The Controversial Pivot of North America* with Robert Pastor. Previously, Dr. Fernández de Castro participated in the Binational Panel on Migration, which published the U.S.-Mexico Binational Study on Migration. He received his BA in Political Science at ITAM, a Master's in Public Policy at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of the University of Texas at Austin, and a PhD in Political Science from Georgetown University.



Karen Ogle, Consul General of the United States of America, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

Consul General Karen Ogle arrived in Hermosillo, Sonora on August 8, 2014. Her consular district covers the southern part of the State of Sonora, and the entire State of Sinaloa. Beginning her Foreign Service career in 1983 as a Specialist, Karen worked for the Department's most senior officers at State and the National Security Council. She became a Foreign Service Officer in 1994 serving in the Management section in Bangladesh on her first assignment.

She has just completed an assignment in Ciudad Juarez where, as Visa Chief and Deputy Consular Section Chief, she supervised the world's largest visa unit. Prior to Juarez Karen held the Iranian visa portfolio in Ankara, Turkey. In the course of her career, Karen has lived and served in twelve different countries on six continents. Karen studied at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. She speaks Spanish, Farsi, and French. She is accompanied in Hermosillo by her husband, Hugh Marcy, an Engineer and retired Captain in the United States Navy.



COMMUNITY TOWN HALL LUNCH PROGRAM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Flor Ayala, Local Deputy, Congress of the State of Sonora

Flor Ayala Robles Linares is a Mexican politician born in Mexico City. She has served twice as a Local Deputy for XII District: one for the LIX Legislature (2009 – 2012) and a second for LXI Legislature, to the current date at Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Ayala also was a Federal Deputy for the LXII Legislature (2012 – 2015) in the Congress of the Union, at Mexico City.

She graduated from Tecnológico de Monterrey as a Industrial and Systems Engineer (1991 - 1995), has a Master's degree in Economics and Government from Universidad Anáhuac (1997 - 2000) and a postgraduate study in the first edition of the Women's Leadership Program in Harvard University (2010), where she was the only Latin American participant out of 200 women selected.

During her career, Deputy Ayala has always worked on Children's Rights, Migration Policies, Anti-corruption Programs and Financial issues.



Ruben Gallego, Representative, Arizona District 7, U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Ruben Gallego is the son of Hispanic immigrants, a veteran, and a community leader. He was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from Harvard University with a degree in International Relations. He later joined the Marine Corps, serving in Iraq with the well-known combat unit Lima 3/25.

Congressman Gallego has fought tirelessly on issues including education, job creation, access to higher education, veterans' issues, and immigration reform. Making Arizona a better place to live, work and raise a family is his top priority.

Congressman Gallego serves as a Senior Whip for the Democratic Caucus, the Second Vice Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Vice Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and Vice-Chair of the Equality Caucus.

Congressman Gallego currently serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the Natural Resources Committee.



GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSIONS

Table Discussions

This process involves round-table discussions during which each table discusses the same questions and then reports out to the larger group. The guidelines for conducting these discussions are:

- It is important to stick to the discussion topic and the question at hand.
- Viewpoints of all participants are considered of equal value regardless to the participant's title or position.
- No participant should dominate the discussion. Body language can be used to show assent or dissent and to ensure that all participant perspectives are being included.
- The table participants should strive for consensus and report on areas of agreement (votes should be taken only if absolutely necessary).
- Consensus is defined as being when no one feels strongly about adding something and no one objects strongly to the proposed wording.
- It is helpful to have someone volunteer to take notes of consensus items in case the person assigned to report-out forgets something essential.
- Discussions should be lively while maintaining a respect for different viewpoints. Participants can criticize concepts and ideas, but not people.
- Someone should be selected to verbally report the table's consensus for each question.
- This is a bilingual event. Participants have varying degrees of oral English and Spanish skills. Arizona Town Hall will attempt to assign bilingual speakers at each table to assist with any potential language

Arizona Town Hall staff will be circulating to assist with any questions.

Creation of a Recommendation Report Based on the Discussion Table Reports

Once the table groups have completed their discussion of the question, a representative from the table will report their consensus on the topic to the entire body. Town Hall staff will create a draft consensus report from the table report-outs. The report may be refined and edited for grammar and accuracy and will cross-reference any table notes from each discussion table.

Individual Action Items

When the discussions are complete, participants will complete cards at the table indicating what actions they plan to take as a result of the discussions.

Development of the Report

Following the program, a report will be created that includes the consensus report and the individual action items. The Final Report will be published in English and Spanish.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. In what ways do Sonora and Arizona benefit from a stronger economic region? What emerging commercial trends could influence the impact of this economic region in a global economy?
2. To what extent have government policies, immigration, and border security influenced economic and business opportunities for Sonora and Arizona?
3. To what extent and in what ways do Sonora and Arizona work together effectively as regional and international trading partners? What could be done, and by whom, to strengthen and improve the existing relationship between Arizona and Sonora?
4. What are the prospects for development of the Arizona-Sonora region as an important regional hub for international commerce? What are the best ways to encourage such development?
5. How can Sonora and Arizona serve as a template for a productive relationship between Mexico and the United States?
6. What action or actions will you take as a result of your participation in this Town Hall?

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