



Gilbert 
Chamber
OF COMMERCE

FYE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHAMPION

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DEDICATED

RESOURCEFUL

TRUSTWORTHY

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Board of Directors *Chamber*

Chair of the Board

Jän Simon

Foundation Insurance Services

Chair - Elect

Emily Staples

FASTSIGNS of Gilbert

Treasurer

Mike Jamison

Wisdom Natural Brands

Vice Chair - Public Policy

Matthew Harrison

Deloitte

Vice Chair - Business Growth

Julie Graham

Dignity Health

Immediate Past Chair

Christie Boutain

Meadows Bank

DIRECTORS

Kevin Bishop

RCP Community Management

Karen Camblin

Guild Mortgage Company

Jasmine Holmes

910 West

Elaine Kessler

Elaine Kessler Photography

Kelley Kieffer

Banner Gateway Medical Center

Mike Meyers

Northrop Grumman

Nikki Schaal

Farm Bureau Financial Services

Susan Stephensen

Arizona State University

Matt Streeper

Salt River Project

Board of Directors *FOUNDATION*

DIRECTORS

Amy Navarro

Kevin De Rosa

Advance Champion Supply

JW Rayhons

Rayhons Financial Solutions

Message from the *Board Chair*



Jän Simon

Board Chair

Foundation Insurance Services

I am honored and humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the Gilbert Chamber Board of Directors. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the board members, both past and present, for their direction to the organization, their passion for the mission, and their commitment to serving the community.

I am especially grateful to have had the opportunity to support and shape the strategic direction of the Chamber, to witness its growth and continued recovery from COVID, and to have had the privilege of helping facilitate positive change made by the board and staff at the Chamber.

I am excited about where the Chamber is today and even more excited about where we will go in the future.

Message from the *Chair-Elect*

It is an honor and a blessing to fulfill the role as the Chairwoman of the Gilbert Chamber Board of Directors this year! I have some big shoes to fill that I cannot do without the dedication and support of the current Board of Directors and the members and staff of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, we reflect on past successes and failures and press forward toward higher excellence as we focus on the theme *GAME ON: Taking Gilbert Businesses to the Next Level!* Whatever your next level is, the Chamber and the Board of Directors are taking charge to help you reach the next plateau in your business. I am thrilled to be in this position and look forward to hearing the success stories that are to come.

Thank you, in advance, for allowing me to serve you this year. I truly appreciate your support and encourage you to share any feedback and ideas you may have as we work together in the upcoming year.



Emily J. Staples

Chair - Elect

FASTSIGNS of Gilbert

Committee Chairs

Kevin Bishop

Public Policy Committee

Debra Carr

Gilbert Leadership Committee

Rob Elder

Veterans Business Council (PILOT)

Mindy Jones

Women Empowered Committee

Richard Morris

Ambassador Committee

Craig Pearson

Business and Education Committee

What Members Are Saying

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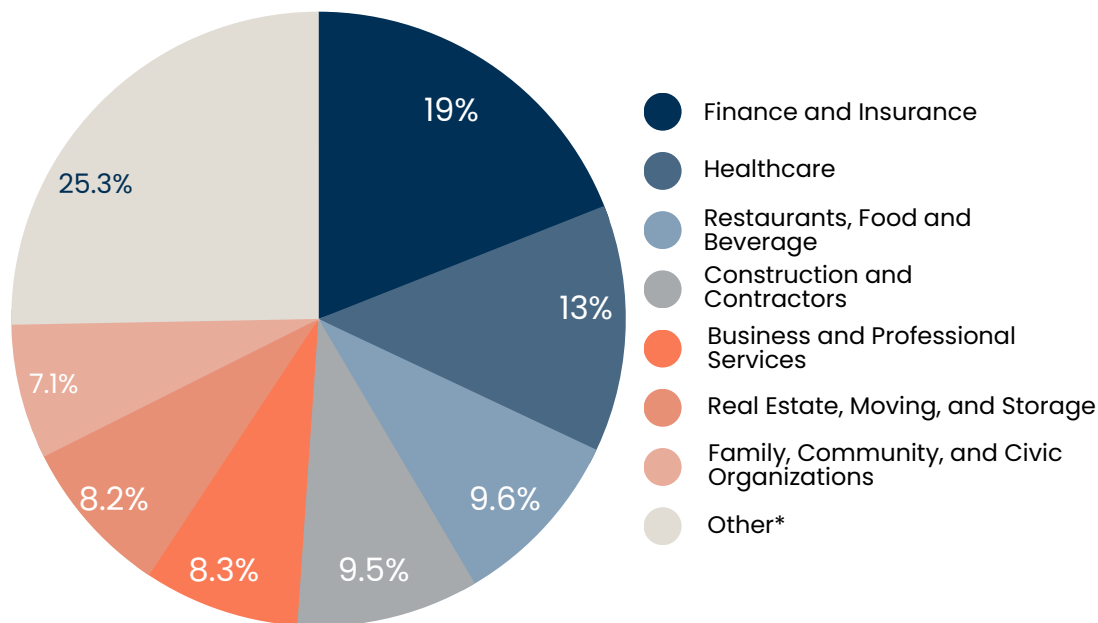
“My Chamber membership has been the best thing I have ever invested my time and money in, both for myself and my business. It has helped me grow as a leader, I've gained invaluable relationships both personally and professionally and my business (database) has increased over the years, and I feel I am seen as a true professional in my industry due to my commitment and involvement in my chamber membership.”

Karen Camblin, Guild Mortgage Company



Year in Review

Membership by Industry



*Other categories in order of percent representation include Community and Civic Organizations; Arts, Culture and Entertainment Venues; Government and Education; Retail, Shopping, and Wholesale; Advertising and Media; Automotive and Marine; Lodging and Travel; Manufacturing and Production; Public Utilities and Environment; Legal; Technology and Computers; Pets and Veterinary; Transportation; Home and Garden; Sports and Recreation; Religious Organizations; and Industrial Supplies and Service.



162 New Members



673 Active Members



72,500 Employees Represented

Chamber Advocacy



- ▶ Hosted five Good Government events connecting business leaders and elected officials.
- ▶ Actively represented business interests during legislative session through participation in the East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance (EVCCA).
- ▶ In partnership with EVCCA, presented the 21st Annual Governor's Breakfast and 2022 Legislative Breakfast.
- ▶ Issued business-friendly candidate evaluations for local, school board, and state races for the 2022 election cycle.
- ▶ Published and distributed local and regional business priorities to elected officials.
- ▶ Received regular Water Policy updates.



7.9% Membership Growth

Foundation by the Numbers



\$25,000 in scholarships awarded to 29 students
\$30,000 donated by Gilbert Leadership Alumni
579 Gilbert Leadership graduates
1,324 seniors impacted through Adopt-a-Senior

How We Connected



85 Programs and Networking Events

68 Ribbon Cuttings

7* Signature Events
 *Sold-Out Attendance

Celebrating 44 years of service to the business community!

President's Circle MEMBERS



Executive Level MEMBERS



Chamber STAFF

Sarah Watts
President/CEO

Karin Gadberry
Business Development
Executive

Lisa Potter
Programs & Marketing
Director

Amy Gerken
Events Director

Jessica Sanchez
Data & Operations
Manager

Antoinette Vasquez
Programs & Marketing
Manager

Tanya Lewellen
Programs & Marketing
Manager

Emma Breid
Administrative
Assistant