



**SOUTHWEST GAS**



## TO SECURE AN AFFORDABLE ENERGY FUTURE.

For more than 35 years, Southwest Gas has proudly served Gilbert's residents and businesses with safe, affordable and clean natural gas. In 1997, citizens of Gilbert voted to approve a franchise agreement with Southwest Gas to guide the utility's work within the town. With that agreement set to expire, Mayor Brigette Peterson and the Gilbert Town Council have unanimously approved and referred a new agreement, known as Prop 462, to voters for their consideration. Passage of Proposition 462 will continue the mutually beneficial relationship between the Town of Gilbert and Southwest Gas and ensure residents continue to realize important benefits including:

### **Access to Affordable Energy**

Ensures Gilbert has consistent access to balanced energy options, including affordable and clean natural gas.

### **Community Investment for Gilbert**

Provides the Town of Gilbert with a revenue stream to support public safety, streets, parks, facilities and economic development.

### **Accountability for All**

Establishes the rules of the road and holds Southwest Gas accountable to working within the rules established by the Town of Gilbert.

### **Does Not Increase Your Natural Gas Rates**

Approving the franchise agreement does not increase your natural gas rates or Southwest Gas revenues.

Southwest Gas humbly asks for your YES vote on Prop 462 on the **November 2, 2021** ballot to continue our productive relationship with the Town of Gilbert.

# EXTENDS THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GILBERT AND SOUTHWEST GAS

If Prop 462 is ratified by the voters, Southwest Gas will retain non-exclusive rights to use streets, alleys and other public places to serve current and new customers in Gilbert. In exchange, Southwest Gas will provide Gilbert an annual payment equal to 2% of the gross revenues that the company generates within the town. These funds will help support critical town services like public safety, road repair and parks and recreation programs.

## NATURAL GAS MAKES SENSE FOR GILBERT



### Affordable

Natural gas bills are typically amongst the lowest the average consumer pays each month.



### Reliable

The ideal companion for renewables like wind and solar, natural gas is available when the sun is not shining and wind isn't blowing.



### Clean

Natural gas maintains 91%\* of its efficiency when it arrives at the home from the source for cooking, space heating, water heating and clothes drying needs.



### Preferred

Hot showers, warm homes and amazing meals cooked over a natural gas flame are just a few of the reasons 92%\*\* of Arizonans want the choice of natural gas in their homes.

## SOUTHWEST GAS IS COMMITTED TO ARIZONA

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OVER \$1.2 MILLION

Over \$933,000 contributed by Southwest Gas employees to 62 Arizona non-profits in 2020.

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT \$970 MILLION

Projected between 2021–2023 in Arizona.

### MAJOR EMPLOYER OVER 1,000

Arizona employees who live and work in the communities we serve.

For more information, please contact the Southwest Gas Public Affairs Department at [GovernmentAffairs@swgas.com](mailto:GovernmentAffairs@swgas.com) or visit [www.swgas.com/en/arizona-franchise-agreements](http://www.swgas.com/en/arizona-franchise-agreements).



\*American Gas Association

\*\*Survey conducted by OH Predictive Insights and published in January of 2020. Survey conducted of Arizonans with natural gas in their homes.