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Phoenix Mayor Gallego Promotes Excellence in Industry and Job Growth at U.S. Conference of Mayors

Jobs innovation, semiconductors, and post-COVID economy top discussions.

(Phoenix, AZ, USA) – Mayor Kate Gallego concludes her visit in Washington, DC for the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) today, where she has delivered Phoenix' vibrant business environment and quality of life to national policy leaders. The week saw Phoenix win Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Mayor's Challenge, a leading semiconductor supplier break ground on its first U.S. manufacturing facility, and unemployment in the city dip to 2.4 percent. Phoenix is paving a path to economic recovery which is capturing the attention of cities across the nation and leadership in Washington, DC.

One of the first convenings of mayors this week focused on semiconductors, and Mayor Gallego highlighted how the region has been elevated by the world's largest chip manufacturer, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (TSMC), selecting Phoenix to build its first U.S.-based fab, an investment of \$12 billion.

"This week's groundbreaking for Sunlit Chemical highlights the series of foreign companies investing in Phoenix as a result of TSMC," said Mayor Gallego. "TSMC, Sunlit, and their supply chain position our region as a global center to advance high-tech devices, cloud computing and Internet of Things. With ASU and Maricopa Community Colleges, we are advancing curriculum which will deliver a steady stream of talent necessary for this promising industry's continued growth." Even President Biden mentioned Phoenix' success in the semiconductor arena during his remarks to mayors today.

Talent solutions also became a sharp focus of talks at USCM. Mayor Gallego led a panel with U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo on the role of education and workforce development in equitable recovery.

On Tuesday, Phoenix was awarded a \$1 million grant for its Mobile Career Unit concept, one of only 15 cities in the world to have its innovation recognized as part of Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Mayors Challenge. Mayor Gallego was able to share in her meetings how the Mobile Career Unit pilot proved to successfully match employers with skilled talent by reaching jobseekers in their neighborhoods. "This innovative approach holds great promise to



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getting Phoenicians into good jobs, and we hope that it can serve as a model for communities around the world to better support individuals and families,” said Mayor Gallego.

The future of cities, especially in the post-COVID economy, was the focus of an interview with Mayor Gallego by Steve Clemons on The Hill. “It’s clear that cities are becoming global leaders on climate change and infrastructure,” said Mayor Gallego. “Together we can build more sustainable cityscapes, enhance economic stability, and improve the lives of all our residents.” The [full interview is available here](#).

Phoenix, Arizona is the fifth largest city in the United States. With a population of 1.7 million, it is also the fastest growing city in the nation. For more information about Phoenix and services available through the city, please visit phoenix.gov.

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