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STATE LEGISLATORS HONORED BY THE LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PHOENIX— The League of Arizona Cities and Towns honored 42 members of the Arizona Legislature for their work during the 2013 legislative session at the organization’s annual conference on Thursday, Aug. 29 in Oro Valley, Ariz. The legislators were recognized for their support of cities and towns in their districts and statewide, their commitment to local government decision making and their opposition to unfunded mandates.

“This bipartisan group of legislators is committed to serving the people of the state of Arizona,” said Clarkdale Mayor and League President Doug Von Gausig. “They recognize that the level of government closest to the people is most efficient and accessible, and they are committed to keeping cities and towns attractive places for people to live and work.”

The League’s legislative agenda includes two basic, core principles: Commitment to local decision making by the elected leaders of cities and towns, and a commitment to the revenue sharing system established by the voters through a series of initiative measures.

The League’s highest honor goes to “Legislative Champions.” This year, they are:

- **Senator Olivia Cajero Bedford (D-3)**
- **Senator Anna Tovar (D-19)**
- **Senator Kelli Ward (R-5)**
- **Senator Bob Worsley (R-25)**
- **Representative Chad Campbell (D-24)**
- **Representative Doug Coleman (R-16)**
- **Representative Juan Carlos Escamilla (D-4)**
- **Representative Karen Fann (R-1)**
- **Representative John Kavanagh (R-23)**
- **Representative Eric Meyer (D-28)**
- **Representative Bob Robson (R-18)**
- **Representative Andrew Sherwood (D-26)**

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Additionally, these legislators are being recognized as “Friends of Cities and Towns.”

- **Senate President Andy Biggs (R-12)**
- **Senator Rich Crandall (R-16)**
- **Senator Steve Farley (D-9)**
- **Senator Steve Gallardo (D-29)**
- **Senator Gail Griffin (R-14)**
- **Senator Katie Hobbs (D-24)**
- **Senator Barbara McGuire (D-8)**
- **Senator John McComish (R-18)**
- **Senator Lynne Pancrazi (D-4)**
- **Senator Don Shooter (R-13)**
- **Representative Lela Alston (D-24)**
- **Representative Sonny Borrelli (R-5)**
- **Representative Kate Brophy McGee (R-28)**
- **Representative Mark Cardenas (D-19)**
- **Representative Andrea Dalessandro (D-2)**
- **Representative Jeff Dial (R-18)**
- **Representative Ruben Gallego (D-27)**
- **Representative Doris Goodale (R-5)**
- **Representative David Gowan (R-14)**
- **Representative Rick Gray (R-21)**
- **Representative Phil Lovas (R-22)**
- **Representative Debbie McCune Davis (D-30)**
- **Representative Juan Mendez (D-26)**
- **Representative J.D. Mesnard (R-17)**
- **Representative Justin Olson (R-25)**
- **Representative Ethan Orr (R-9)**
- **Representative Martin Quezada (D-29)**
- **Representative T.J. Shope (R-8)**
- **Representative Victoria Steele (D-9)**
- **Speaker of the House Andy Tobin (R-1)**

“The state of Arizona is prosperous only to the extent its cities and towns are strong,” said League Executive Director Ken Strobeck. “Cities and towns are where the economic activity of the state occurs and where nearly 80 percent of the people live,” he said. “Cities and towns are most effective when we work in partnership with state government since we serve the same constituents.”

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About the League:

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all the 91 incorporated cities and towns in the State of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination. The conference is the League's largest annual event, attracting over 900 elected officials and staff from cities and towns throughout the state to attend educational sessions, participate in panel discussions and share best practices.

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