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“We don’t accomplish anything in this world alone...
and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry
of one’s life and all the weavings of individual threads
from one to another that creates something.”

—The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor
Mayor Kate Gallego is the second elected female Mayor in Phoenix history and the youngest big city Mayor in the United States. Before being elected to Phoenix City Council, Mayor Gallego worked on Economic Development for local utility company, Salt River Project. Mayor Gallego has focused on three key policy areas during her time in office: diversifying the economy, strengthening infrastructure investment, and working to make Phoenix a leader in sustainability. Her record of proven results includes leading the campaign to pass Phoenix’s citywide transportation plan through 2050, which was the largest local government commitment to transportation infrastructure in the country when it passed in 2015. She has led efforts on criminal justice reform and ensuring equal pay for equal work. Mayor Gallego is passionate about building a Phoenix that works for everyone and increasing the quality of life for all Phoenicians. She graduated from Harvard University and earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Justice Ann Timmer joined the Arizona Supreme Court in 2012. Before that, Justice Timmer practiced primarily commercial law in Phoenix and then served as a judge on the Arizona Court of Appeals from 2000 to 2012, acting three years as chief judge. She has participated in numerous efforts throughout the years to advance the legal profession and our justice system and has been recognized by many associations for those efforts. Most recently she was recognized as one of Arizona’s 48 Most Intriguing Women, named by the ABA Journal and ABA Center for Innovation as a “legal rebel” helping make positive changes in the judicial system, and honored as one of the Most Influential Women in Arizona Business for 2020. She currently chairs the Court’s Attorney Regulation Advisory Committee and the Commission on Technology, and she is a member of the National Conference of Bar Examiners Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees of the Appellate Judges Education Institute, the American Law Institute, and the ABA’s Center for Innovation Governing Council. An ASU Law alumnus, she has remained active with the college, teaching one semester-long class and speaking to multiple classes and student organizations. Notably, the law journal bestowed its John Lancy Award on her in 2013, and the school honored her distinguished alumnus in 2015.
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