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PRESS RELEASE

Tempe Chamber CEO to Retire

Tempe, Arizona (July 15, 2021): The Tempe Chamber of Commerce today announced that Anne Gill, president and CEO of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, will step down this summer after five years of service to the organization.

Under Anne’s leadership, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce experienced significant growth with an increase to the organization’s net revenue by more than 350% during her tenure. Most notably, she helped implement the Career Ready Tempe youth workforce program, a collaborative partnership with the Tempe Chamber Foundation, and the City of Tempe’s Economic Development and Human Services Departments. The program seeks to strengthen Tempe’s future workforce, and the Chamber is better positioned because of the partnerships built with the broader business and education communities.

“I have been blessed to work with Anne over the last several years,” said Raveen Arora, Tempe Chamber Board Chair. “She has been the bedrock and face of the Chamber. A steward with vision, humility, patience and insight. A real leader who with her team helped the Chamber navigate the turbulence of COVID 19 and the minefields of the pandemic. Anne leaves behind a void that will be hard to fill. Her leadership and legacy are enshrined in her team. The Board of Directors consider her a superstar. Stars always shine in the darkness. She has been our brightest light.”

Anne’s vision helped refocus the Chamber’s mission to serve as the voice for business, a catalyst for economic growth and a champion for a strong community. From the launch of the Business Academy to the introduction of the annual Sustainability Summit, her work will leave a lasting impact on Tempe’s business community.

“Looking back on the past five years, I am proud of the work we have done with the Tempe business community,” said Anne Gill, “I have been fortunate to have worked with outstanding business and community leaders, as well as an exceptional Chamber team. I’ll miss the people I work with every

day, but I know that with our strong board and support from the community, the Tempe Chamber will continue to innovate and meet the changing needs of the businesses it serves.”

Anne plans to return to her home state of Michigan, where she will enjoy time with her family and plan for her upcoming nuptials to her childhood sweetheart.

The Tempe Chamber Board of Directors will immediately launch a search for Anne’s successor.

About the Tempe Chamber of Commerce:

For more than a century, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce has built an environment that enhances the economic vitality of its membership and the business community as a whole. Representing more than 650 businesses, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce strengthens the local economy through network development, advocacy, professional development and influence. It regularly advocates for a favorable business climate through interactive public policy engagement and provides ongoing representation in government at local, state and federal levels. For more information on the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, please visit www.tempechamber.org or call 480-967-7897.