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The *Vote TechSmart* guide is a biennial resource produced by the Arizona Technology Council (AZTC) to give our members a comprehensive review of the Arizona legislative candidates' positions on key issues affecting the technology industry. The guide focuses on candidates who are running for the state House of Representatives and Senate in Arizona's 2018 elections. We are not making endorsements on statewide races or races for U.S. Congress.

The guide includes our endorsements based on the incumbents' past voting records on technology industry issues along with information from both a written survey and candidate interviews.

To determine who to endorse, AZTC's Public Policy Committee drew from some of its recent legislative successes and losses, and the incumbent's role or position on these bills. Ensuring Arizona continues to grow its business-friendly environment remains one of AZTC's top priorities. While AZTC opposes any bill that would have a negative economic impact, it supports legislation that furthers Arizona's mission to become the fastest growing tech hub in the nation.

The committee also interviewed nearly 60 incumbent and non-incumbent candidates over a five-day period, asking important questions on behalf of the technology industry.

After weighing the records and responses, as well as the candidate survey that was sent to all legislative office seekers, we submit our recommendations to you.

In addition, the Public Policy Committee reviewed how each legislator voted on a list of specific bills important to the technology industry, then assigned a letter grade of A through F for each lawmaker. The committee selected 15 bills from the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions to determine which legislators showed a commitment to our member industries and issues. Those bills dealt with the R&D Tax Credit program, Angel Investment Tax Credit recapitalization, crowdfunding, the FinTech "sandbox," blockchain, Arizona Commerce Authority continuation and many other topics.

Casting your vote in the upcoming election is critical to protect and advance Arizona as a leading ecosystem for the technology sector's growth. As a member of the Council, you understand the role technology plays in Arizona's economy. It is crucial that we come together as one voice to elect candidates who have strong and supportive views of the industry.

To help you make your choices among candidates who are seeking office in the Arizona Legislature, the Council publishes this *Vote TechSmart* resource every two years. The candidates are listed by legislative district. While you can vote for one Senate candidate and two House candidates in each district, the Council only recommends those candidates who support our technology agenda. Therefore, some districts may have fewer or more than three recommendations. If you do not know the elected officials serving your district, you can find them by going to capwiz.com/techvoice/az/home.

If you are not registered to vote, you can do so by going to the Arizona Secretary of State's website at azsos.gov. To stay current on politics and policies affecting the state's technology industry, visit the Advocacy and Technology Public Policy page on the Arizona Technology Council's website at aztechcouncil.org/promoting-public-policy.



ARIZONA TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

2018 ENDORSEMENTS



Legislative District 1

State Senate: Karen Fann (R), the Council's 2017 Senator of the Year, has been a champion for the technology community during her entire tenure at the Legislature. She not only supports creating an environment where the technology industry can come to flourish, but she was also one of the key legislators in getting the Angel Investment Tax Credit program recapitalized.

House of Representatives: Noel Campbell (R) is finishing his second term in the House. A Republican from Prescott, he provided strong support for the technology agenda over the past two years and has pushed to address the revenue issue for education funding. He is a thoughtful legislator.

Legislative District 2

State Senate: Andrea Dalessandro (D) represents Southeastern Arizona and has been an outspoken leader on renewable energy there. She supported a number of the Council's key priorities.

State Senate: Shelley Kais (R) is a strong supporter of 4th-year JTED funding and a fan of economic incentives with a return on investment. She supports our military bases and defense contractors.

House of Representatives: Daniel Hernandez (D) has proven during his first term in the House that he understands the importance of having a business-friendly environment to not only attract and retain, but also to grow technology companies here in the state. He was co-sponsor of a bill to help enable people to work from home.

House of Representatives: J. Chris Ackerley (R) plans to operate as a pragmatic legislator focused on getting things done and is willing to even collaborate across the aisle, which he did during his previous service in the Legislature. An advocate for 4th-year JTED funding, he will help champion the cause.

Legislative District 3

State Senate: No endorsements.

House of Representatives: Andrés Cano (D) is a pro-business Democrat willing to work across the aisle. He is a solid supporter of improving public education and workforce development. He would bring a millennial perspective to the Legislature.

House of Representatives: Alma Hernandez (D) supports STEM education, especially to get more students — particularly girls — into engineering. She also believes we need to fund 4th-year CTE programs and will work with both parties to accomplish this.

Legislative District 4

State Senate: Lisa Otondo (D) is pursuing her second term in the Senate after two terms in the House. She has been a durable advocate of the Council throughout her tenure and is a strong supporter of public education.

House of Representatives: Charlene Fernandez (D) is a persuasive advocate for K-12 public schools, especially teachers. She supports STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and the need for 4th-year funding for CTE program.

Legislative District 5

State Senate: Sonny Borrelli (R) was one of the Council's Tech Champions in 2017 because of his willingness to work with the dark sky community to develop a solution allowing billboards that not only met the business needs in his own community but also protected Arizona's dark skies.

House of Representatives: Regina Cobb (R) was the Council's 2017 Representative of the Year due to her leadership in getting the Angel Investment Tax Credit program recapitalized. She has worked tirelessly to help ensure Arizona supports our growing technology industry and understands its importance to the state's economy.

Legislative District 6

State Senate: Sylvia Allen (R) has been leading the charge to get 9th-grade CTE funding reinstated. As the Senate Education chair, she knows the importance of meeting the workforce needs through CTE, especially in engineering, manufacturing, agriscience, automotive technologies and construction.

House of Representative: Bob Thorpe (R) is a Northern Arizona Representative and a consistent supporter of technology issues. He backs economic incentives when they produce a good return on investment for the Arizona taxpayer and has proven himself a friend of the Council.

Legislative District 7

State Senate: Jamescita Peshlakai (D) is a reasonable democratic voice in the Senate and a strong advocate for economic development of tribal nations. Generally supportive of the Council's agenda, she can be counted on to give reasoned and thoughtful consideration to our issues.

House of Representatives: No endorsements.

Legislative District 8

State Senate: Frank Pratt (R) is a longtime supporter of the Arizona technology agenda. He also has been instrumental in helping stop legislation that would have been bad for Arizona's education system.

House of Representatives: T.J. Shope (R) is a strong supporter of technology issues, particularly in rural Arizona. In addition, he played a key role over the last two years as the House Rules chair. He is likely to continue to be an influential, reasonable and supportive voice for our platform.

House of Representatives: David Cook (R) is focused on bringing economic development to rural Arizona. He has been a supporter of several Council priorities and is considered a leader among his fellow rural legislators.

Legislative District 9

State Senate: Jim Love (D) has been advocating for the past several years to advance legislation for special education funding. In addition to education, he wants to improve infrastructure, especially in Southern Arizona, to help attract more businesses to the region.

House of Representatives: Randall Friese (D) has been a thoughtful leader of his caucus over the last two years and brings a Southern Arizona perspective. Friese's caucus looks to him to lead the way on health care issues. He understands the importance of improving the environment for companies to do business in Arizona, which in turn increases the revenue available to help fund education.

House of Representatives: JP Martin (D) will bring global trade experiences to the Legislature and work across the aisle to help increase international research and development and venture capital in Arizona. He also will work across the aisle to support the P-20 education system and build a stronger economy.

Legislative District 10

State Senate: David Bradley (D) is a pragmatic legislator who has a strong record of supporting the Council and the Tucson technology sector. Ensuring a good education system and opportunities for Arizona's children are of utmost importance to him.

House of Representatives: Todd Clodfelter (R) faces a difficult re-election this year as he runs in a district where Democrats have a registration advantage. Clodfelter is the ultimate measured legislator who does not allow ideology to trump the best interests of the state. He has been a strong supporter of the Council's priorities.

House of Representatives: Kirsten Engel (D) has proven during her first term to be a thoughtful legislator with an expertise in environmental issues. Additionally, she is a strong supporter of education and sponsored legislation to extend Proposition 301 funding and fund 9th-grade CTE.

Legislative District 11

State Senate: Vince Leach (R) has been serving in the House and is running for an open seat in the Senate. He has been a thoughtful voice on the Appropriations Committee and has worked to pass legislation that provides an environment to foster economic growth.

House of Representatives: Mark Finchem (R) has a proven record during his past four legislative sessions of trying to reduce regulatory burdens on businesses in order to provide a favorable business environment. During the recent session, he sponsored legislation that extended Rio Nuevo — considered one of the biggest comebacks in Southern Arizona — helping to attract and retain businesses in the area.

Legislative District 12

State Senate: Jimmy Lindblom (R) understands the importance of preparing our youth for the careers and jobs available today and that will be created in the future. He is a strong supporter of the CTE programs, nurturing innovation, and economic development incentive programs that yield a measurable return to taxpayers.

House of Representatives: Warren Petersen (R) is serving in the Senate but running for the House. One of his main priorities is to provide an environment for starting and growing businesses, especially small ones. He wants to continue serving to help encourage economic development by reducing costs and regulations that businesses encounter in Arizona.

House of Representatives: Blake Sacha (R) would bring a technological background and understanding to the Legislature. He supports incentive programs shown to help further the advancement of the technological sector and economic development. He wants to work with both sides of the aisle to establish a framework for education funding that is stable and sustainable, enables high-quality learning, and provides critical transportation and infrastructure improvements.

Legislative District 13

State Senate: No endorsements.

House of Representatives: Darin Mitchell (R) is a conservative leader and has worked towards reducing regulations and creating an environment where businesses can flourish. He has been a strong supporter of business initiatives and was one of the key legislators who worked to help garner support for Gov. Doug Ducey's 20x2020 plan.

House of Representatives: Tim Dunn (R) was appointed to the House halfway through the 2018 legislative session and has shown in his short time there that he is a friend of the business community and interested in growing jobs. As a small business owner, he understands the challenges of starting and operating a company in the state and the importance of finding ways to help support the needs of the business community.

Legislative District 14

State Senate: Drew John (R) has brought a balanced and thoughtful approach to the House during his first term as a legislator. He has a diverse business background that helps him understand the challenges businesses face in Arizona. He was a strong supporter of the Angel Investment Tax Credit and other programs that have resulted in incredible returns for our state, and has helped create a growing tech sector.

House of Representatives: Becky Nutt (R) brought creative ideas and approaches to the Legislature during her first term in the House. She has been a strong supporter of STEM education and has worked to engage businesses as a part of the solution for ensuring our education system is providing a workforce to meet the needs of the business community.

House of Representatives: Gail Griffin (R) has served in the Senate for the past eight years and is now running for the House. She brings a rural voice to leadership and works to provide economic development opportunities for rural Arizona.



Legislative District 15

State Senate: Heather Carter (R), a champion for education, is a solid supporter of the Council. She can be counted on to lead other members and help stop legislation that might be seen as detrimental to Arizona. She is a strong and vocal leader who takes a balanced approach.

House of Representatives: John Allen (R) served as the House majority leader during the recent session and has kept an open-door policy. He has worked to advance legislation that makes Arizona a more business-friendly state and reduce regulations that may inhibit business growth, which he believes better supports economic development instead of tax incentive programs. He has supported multiple bills backed by the Council.

House of Representatives: Nancy Barto (R) is one of the more conservative members in the Senate but is termed out and running for the House seat being vacated by Heather Carter. During her tenure, she has worked to find ways to make health care more transparent and affordable in Arizona.

Legislative District 16

State Senate: David Farnsworth (R) is the current chair of the Senate Finance Committee. He was instrumental in ensuring the Angel Investment Tax Credit program was recapitalized. He works tirelessly to remove regulatory roadblocks for businesses, including sponsoring legislation to remove municipal overreach of home-based businesses.

House of Representatives: No endorsements.

Legislative District 17

State Senate: J.D. Mesnard (R) served as speaker of the House during the recent session and is running for an open seat in the Senate. He helped bring decorum and procedure back to the House. He wants to continue his work on broad-based tax reform in the Senate, which he favors instead of tax incentives.

House of Representatives: Jeff Weninger (R) has a proven record of being a champion for the technology industry during his tenure in the Legislature. He has sponsored legislation to recapitalize the Angel Investment Tax Credit program, create a FinTech sandbox, allow for home-based businesses, streamline crowdfunding, and authorized blockchain transactions. He is known as a legislator that helps keep Arizona innovative.

Legislative District 18

State Senate: Sean Bowie (D) has proven himself to be a friend to the business community during his first two years in the Senate. He also has tried to find ways to incorporate community colleges in finding solutions for industry workforce needs.

House of Representatives: Jill Norgaard (R) has worked during her time in the House to find ways to reduce regulations and streamline processes for Arizona businesses. She understands the importance of making sure a company can start operating instead of being stuck dealing with red tape.

Legislative District 19

State Senate: Lupe Contreras (D) has been a pragmatic leader for his caucus and has worked to find ways to advance education priorities and provide a business environment that helps create jobs. He has been a strong supporter of the Council's priorities.

House of Representatives: Diego Espinoza (D) has shown to bring a balanced approach to legislation during his time in the Legislature. He has worked with both parties to help advance some of the Council's priorities. As a small business owner, he understands the economic and regulatory challenges businesses face.

Legislative District 20

State Senate: Paul Boyer (R) has been a strong advocate for education during his time at the Legislature. As the House Education chair, he has been instrumental in preventing the advancement of proposals that would be harmful to Arizona's education system.

House of Representatives: Anthony Kern (R) has served two terms in the House and has worked to reduce the size of government, paving the way for businesses to thrive. He prefers simplifying the tax code and broad-based tax reform over incentives directed towards certain industries.

House of Representatives: Christopher Gilfillan (D) is running for the House with a passion for education, due to coming from a family of teachers. Having done work in the business development space, he understands the importance of incentive programs that help Arizona grow as a tech hub.

Legislative District 21

State Senate: Rick Gray (R) was appointed to the Senate midterm to fill the vacancy that Debbie Lesko left when she ran for Congress. As a former legislator, he has proven himself to be a friend to the technology industry and supports programs that have helped make Arizona an attractive destination for technology companies.

House of Representatives: Tony Rivero (R) has a passion for international trade and has been a leader in the Legislature when it comes to trade opportunities with Mexico and other potential partners. He sponsored legislation that would have created an International Transportation and Trade Corridor. As chair of the House Local and International Affairs Committee, he helped establish the Rocky Point-Arizona Trade and Tourism Office.

House of Representatives: Kevin Payne (R) just completed his first term in the House and has shown how being a small business owner gives him insight into what businesses need from government to thrive. He has worked to streamline processes for businesses to reduce duplicative city processes in order to operate and has supported several priorities of the Council.

Legislative District 22

State Senate: David Livingston (R) has served in the House since 2013, and has worked to reduce regulations, especially those regarding insurance, and reform pension systems to reduce the costs on taxpayers. He has supported several Council initiatives and understands the importance of programs that not only incentivize business growth, attraction and retention, but increase state funds to pay for other key priorities.

House of Representatives: Ben Toma (R) was appointed near the end of the 2017 legislative session to fill the vacancy from Phil Lovas' resignation. In just over a year of service, he has shown that supporting our economy is a top priority, and has backed proactive business- and tech-friendly initiatives.

Legislative District 23

State Senate: No endorsements.

House of Representatives: Jay Lawrence (R) has worked to make Arizona an easier place to start a new business and operate, and has shown himself to be a friend of the Council. He has supported responsible tax reform, which will be an issue in the upcoming legislative session, and understands the importance of education to companies looking at Arizona as a place to locate.

House of Representatives: John Kavanagh (R) is considered a more conservative legislator, but labels don't tell the entire story. Kavanagh is an intelligent leader who can see the big picture and act accordingly. He can always be counted on to keep an open mind on issues and has been a supporter of numerous Council priorities.

Legislative District 24

State Senate: Lela Alston (D) has spent many years at the Legislature, and her experience and approach to legislation have garnered her respect from members of both parties. Education has been her passion during her time serving but she also has been a strong supporter of the Council's priorities.

House of Representatives: Ken Clark (D) has been a supporter of proven economic development programs, such as the Angel Investment Tax Credit. He is recognized by his caucus as a leader in energy-related issues and believes Arizona's prosperity will come through high-tech education of students and technology innovations that allow for more sustainable living.

House of Representatives: John Glenn (D) wants to work to create a modern 21st century Arizona with long-term planning that involves focusing on investing in our education system, especially CTE, to have a sustainable workforce. Additionally, he wants economic development to diversify Arizona's economy to replace the reliance on the housing industry.

Legislative District 25

State Senate: No endorsements.

House of Representatives: Rusty Bowers (R) was a proven leader in water issues during the recent legislative session and understands the importance it serves in Arizona's future. He has been instrumental in getting JTEDs back to full funding to help create the much needed workforce across multiple industries.

House of Representatives: Michelle Udall (R) was a champion for education during her first term in the House. She understands the importance of having a good education system for not only creating the future workforce, but also bringing business to Arizona. She also supported several key initiatives of the Council.

Legislative District 26

State Senate: No endorsements.

House of Representatives: No endorsements.

Legislative District 27

State Senate: No endorsements.

House of Representatives: Reginald Bolding (D) has shown himself to be a reasonable and responsible legislator during his tenure in the House. He works to protect Arizona's vulnerable populations while still supporting proven economic development programs and other key initiatives of importance to the technology industry.

Legislative District 28

State Senate: Kate Brophy McGee (R) has been a champion for education and helped lead the charge on the extension of Proposition 301 funding for Arizona's K-12 system. She is also very supportive of technology-focused proposals that have helped make Arizona one of the fastest-growing tech hubs in the nation.

House of Representatives: Maria Syms (R) has shown herself to be pro-business. During her first term as a legislator, she worked to reduce regulations on businesses and support investment in our education system. She believes the state needs to make investments in technological advancements to increase government agencies' efficiencies and reduce costs to free up money for the state's priorities.

House of Representatives: Kelli Butler (D) has shown she understands the importance of a good business environment in the state during her first term and has worked for responsible, moderate solutions to address issues. She supported the recapitalization of the Angel Investment Tax Credit program and tried to find creative ways to provide health care options for Arizona residents.

Legislative District 29

State Senate: No endorsements.

House of Representatives: César Chávez (D) has been a champion amongst his caucus on business-friendly initiatives that are good for Arizona and its citizens. He has shown during his first term to be very pragmatic and someone who works across party lines to find bipartisan solutions to issues. Originally from Mexico, he has worked to bring awareness to the benefits of immigrants to our economy and future.

Legislative District 30

State Senate: Tony Navarrete (D) has been in the House of Representatives and is running to fill the vacancy left by Senator Meza being termed out. He has supported several of the Council's legislative priorities. Bringing good paying jobs to Arizona and his district is one of his top priorities, in addition to improving our education system.

House of Representatives: Robert Meza (D) has been a strong supporter of the Council during his many years of service at the Legislature. He is a legislator who sees the benefits businesses bring to the state through job development and funding for key priorities. He supported the reauthorization of the Angel Investment Tax Credit program, and others that have proven results, and has helped Arizona become one of the country's fastest growing technology hubs.

House of Representatives: Bill Brotherton (D) will bring a different perspective back to the Legislature. As a former judge, he understands the importance of listening to both sides of an issue, regardless of party, and weighing the facts to determine what is in the best interests of the state. He recognizes that there is a lack of venture capital in Arizona and is supportive of programs that have proven benefits for the state.

With the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions behind us, the Arizona Technology Council reflected on how state legislators voted on initiatives critical to our mission and its members. With support from lawmakers representing both the Republican and Democratic parties, the Council was able to make strides that moved our legislative agenda forward.

A few key successes in the 2017 and 2018 sessions were HB2191, which recapitalized the Angel Investment Tax Credit program; SB1416, which extended the Research and Development tax credit levels; HB2434 the Financial Products; Regulatory Exemptions (commonly referred to as the FinTech Sandbox bill); and HB2663, which included the 20 percent teacher pay raise and education funding package. The passage of these bills provided strong examples of Arizona legislators recognizing the importance of the technology industry and education. The Public Policy Committee and Council staff work with legislators, elected officials and policy makers at all levels of government, along with other stakeholders, to educate them on the value and promise of technology. This effort has led to the following:

1. Arizona has had an Angel Investment Tax Credit program in place since 2006 to incentivize investment in early-stage technology companies. Initially, there was \$20 million in credits authorized for the program. That cap was met in just under 10 years. Without credits available for the program, the angel investor groups in Arizona saw a significant reduction in angel investors and investments. The Council led the efforts to reauthorize additional credits for the program and was successful in the 2017 legislative session in getting an additional \$2.5 million of credits annually for the program until it is scheduled to sunset in 2021.
2. Education funding was a priority in both legislative sessions. However, the 2018 session was historic in regard to the amount of funds that were appropriated for not only teacher pay but also to restore the District and Charter Additional Assistance (DAA/CAA) formulas. Arizona was one of multiple states that experienced a teacher walkout. However, prior to the walkout, Gov. Doug Ducey and key legislators introduced a plan to give the teachers a 20 percent raise on average, while giving the school districts the authority to implement this directive. This plan included a 10 percent raise in 2018 and five percent raises in both 2019 and 2020. The plan also included a five-year phase-in of the DAA and CAA formulas. There was also additional money included to fully fund the large JTEDs, \$1 million for a computer science program, \$1 million for gifted education, and more. The budget included over \$1.3 billion to be used for education funding.
3. Arizona has been striving to lead the way in innovation over the last several years in numerous aspects, including crowdfunding, autonomous vehicles and much more. In the 2018 legislative session, Rep. Jeff Weninger sponsored a bill to create a regulatory “sandbox” for companies working on financial technology innovation. This will allow two years of testing in which applicants can serve up to 10,000 Arizona customers without excessive regulatory burden. Arizona became the first state to launch a FinTech sandbox.

The Public Policy Committee reviewed the voting records of incumbents to determine whether they have provided ongoing support to the technology agenda, including expanding access to investment capital, supporting tax policy to incent research and development investments, technology-based economic development, advocating for enhanced technology infrastructure, and a strong commitment to improving our public education system from kindergarten through postsecondary with technology-based and blended learning.

Grade A

Sen. Sonny Borrelli	Sen. Frank Pratt	Rep. Todd Clodfelter	Rep. David Livingston
Sen. Sean Bowie	Sen. Bob Worsley	Rep. Regina Cobb	Rep. Becky Nutt
Sen. Kate Brophy McGee	Sen. Steve Yarbrough	Rep. Doug Coleman	Rep. T.J. Shope
Sen. Karen Fann	Sen. Kimberly Yee	Rep. David Cook	Rep. Bob Thorpe
Sen. Rick Gray	Rep. Noel Campbell	Rep. Drew John	Rep. Michelle Udall
Sen. Gail Griffin	Rep. Heather Carter	Rep. Jay Lawrence	Rep. Jeff Weninger

Grade B

Sen. Sylvia Allen	Sen. Catherine Miranda	Rep. Kelli Butler	Rep. Vince Leach
Sen. Nancy Barto	Sen. Lisa Otondo	Rep. César Chávez	Rep. J.D. Mesnard
Sen. David Bradley	Sen. Jamescita Peshlakai	Rep. Ken Clark	Rep. Darin Mitchell
Sen. Judy Burges	Sen. Warren Petersen	Rep. Tim Dunn	Rep. Tony Navarette
Sen. Lupe Contreras	Sen. Steve Smith	Rep. Kirsten Engel	Rep. Jill Norgaard
Sen. Andrea Dalessandro	Rep. John Allen	Rep. Diego Espinoza	Rep. Kevin Payne
Sen. Steve Farley	Rep. Lela Alston	Rep. Charlene Fernandez	Rep. Tony Rivero
Sen. David Farnsworth	Rep. Brenda Barton	Rep. Mark Finchem	Rep. Maria Syms
Sen. John Kavanagh	Rep. Reginald Bolding	Rep. Randall Friese	Rep. Ben Toma
Sen. Sine Kerr	Rep. Rusty Bowers	Rep. Daniel Hernandez	
Sen. Robert Meza	Rep. Paul Boyer	Rep. Anthony Kern	

Grade C

Sen. Olivia Cajero Bedford	Rep. Eddie Farnsworth	Rep. Ray Martinez	Rep. David Stringer
Rep. Richard Andrade	Rep. Rosanna Gabaldon	Rep. Paul Mosley	Rep. Kelly Townsend
Rep. Mark Cardenas	Rep. Travis Grantham	Rep. Macario Saldade	

Grade D

Sen. Katie Hobbs	Sen. Martin Quezada	Rep. Eric Descheenie	Rep. Rebecca Rios
Sen. Juan Mendez	Rep. Wenona Benally	Rep. Mitzi Epstein	Rep. Michelle Ugenti-Rita

Grade F

Rep. Isela Blanc	Rep. Geraldine Peten	Rep. Athena Salman
Rep. Sally Ann Gonzales	Rep. Pamela Powers Hannley	



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As an advocate for technology companies in Arizona, the Council continuously monitors federal, state and local policies that impact the growth of Arizona's technology industry. With the strength of over 850 member companies, the Council informs and educates policy makers on issues that are important to Arizona's technology community.

The Public Policy Committee focuses on issues and initiatives that accelerate technology-related public policy and legislation in Arizona affecting the growth and development of the technology industry. The targeted initiatives focused on five areas encompass the work of this committee: tax policy; technology commercialization and development; workforce development; supply-chain development; and capital formation. This Committee, along with Council staff, work with legislators, elected officials and policy makers at all levels of government, to educate them on the value and promise of the technology industry. For more information on getting involved with this Committee, email staff liaison Ron Schott at rschott@aztechcouncil.org.

