

## Mayor Attends Arizona-Mexico Commission's 60th Anniversary Summit

During the last week of June, I attended the Arizona Mexico Commission's 60th Anniversary Summit. Arizona and Sonora have made history over the past 60 years as neighbors, partners and friends. The Arizona-Mexico Commission (AMC), founded in 1959, celebrated its 60th anniversary at its 2019 Summit in Phoenix. Throughout the past sixty years, the Commission has focused on strengthening the relationship between Arizona and Mexico. Together, we continue to define our future. While attending, various conversations were held regarding: Agribusiness and Wildlife, Arts and Culture, Community and Social Organizations, Education, Emergency Management, Real Estate, Tourism, Economic Development, Energy, Environment and Water, Financial and Legal Services, Health Services, Mining, Security, Transportation, Infrastructure, and Ports. The forums I attended were informative and on-point. On Wednesday, I attended the Transportation Electrification Forum focusing upon the electric grid and the economic impact of transportation innovation and electric vehicle adoption. On Thursday, attendees heard from keynote speakers regarding North American and global leadership and 21<sup>st</sup> century healthcare (specifically, as it relates to genomic medicine). There was also an important panel discussion on border infrastructure. Friday started with a fireside chat with three members of the United States House of Representatives (Rep. Debbie Lesko, Rep. David Schweikert, and Rep. Greg Stanton). This was followed by a panel discussion focusing upon markets of opportunity. Next, I participated in a small group meeting with Governors Doug Ducey (Arizona) and Claudia Pavlovich (Sonora, Mexico). Arizona's trade with Mexico and Canada exceed \$20 billion last year. [#USMCA](#) will ensure our region's economic prosperity. It will result in more trade, more goods flowing through our ports and more opportunities for all our citizens. I am very appreciative of Governors Ducey and Pavlovich for inviting mayors, county supervisors, and business leaders to discuss the importance of ratifying the USMCA. The final panel of the event focused upon the future of North American Trade. During this panel, the group heard insights from Governors Ducey and Pavlovich, U.S. Senator Martha McSally, Harry M. "Red" Conger (Chief Operating Officer and President of Americas, Freeport McMoRan), Jessica Pacheco, (President, Board of Directors, Arizona - Mexico Commission), and Ángel Bours (Vice President, Comisión Sonora-Arizona).

