

TITLE: Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

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HISTORICAL NOTE:

Leading Phoenix business owners officially organized the local Chamber of Commerce on November 13, 1888. The Chamber was a key factor in Phoenix urban development, attracting settlers and businesses to the Valley. It led early public campaigns to construct a railroad from Central Arizona to Northern Arizona in order to tap into the rich forests country of the north; to build better roads for motor transportation; and for the development of many Valley dams and irrigation projects.

From 1950-1970 the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce worked to resolve many of the problems facing a rapidly growing metropolis such as economic development, office space shortage, and water rights. The Chamber's mission is to keep its members informed, connected and prosperous by offering a wide range of professional development programs and networking events and by engaging with elected officials. Phoenix Chamber of Commerce has produced many of Arizona's civic and political leaders such as Barry Goldwater, Newton Rosenzweig, Orme Lewis Sr., Paul Roca, Richard Snell and Stephen Shadegg.

Source:

"History of Business in Phoenix, Arizona and the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce."
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. N.p., n.d. Web. 04 Dec. 2012.
<<http://www.phoenixchamber.com/about/history>>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

Organized into two series and alphabetically within.

Series I. General. Includes correspondence, membership reports, and events; legislative agenda items such as gasoline taxes, tax exemptions, and labor laws; and a flyers and pamphlets folder on various conferences, Phoenix Inter-city Relations, and Latin America.

Series II. Committees. Includes correspondence, minutes, studies, and proposals generated by the Committee on Air Pollution and the Committee on Economic Development. The Interstate Conference Committee, which created a sub committee between Los Angeles and Phoenix to discuss water rights and the water shortage in both Los Angeles and Phoenix. In 1967 the Industrial Committee became the Committee on Economic Development. The Joint Aviation Committee worked to bring airports to new cities including Frontier Airlines to Paige and Flagstaff Arizona. The National Advertising Committee and the Parking and Transportation Committee worked to create more parking in downtown Phoenix

CONTAINER LIST:

| Box | Folder | Description | Dates |
|------------|---------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | 1 | General: Board of Directors | 1960-1963 |
| | 2 | General: Correspondence | 1949-1962 |
| | 3 | General: Correspondence | 1962-1969 |
| | 4 | General: Correspondence | 1970-1979 |
| | 5 | General: Junior Chamber of Commerce | 1957-1968 |
| | 6 | General: Legislative Action | 1949-1978 |
| | 7 | General: Membership Expansion Program | 1966-1969 |
| | 8 | General: Pamphlets and Flyers | 1960-1983 |
| | 9 | Committees: Committee on Air Pollution | 1966-1970 |
| | 10 | Committees: Committee on Economic Development | 1967-1968 |
| | 11 | Committees: Committee on Economic Development | 1969-1971 |
| | 12 | Committees: Committee on Economic Development- Office Space Shortage | 1967-1970 |
| | 13 | Committees: Interstate Conference Committee- Los Angeles- Phoenix Committee (Water Rights and CAP) | 1964 |
| | 14 | Committees: Interstate Conference Committee- Los Angeles- Phoenix Committee (Water Rights and CAP) | 1964-1965 |
| 2 | 1 | Committees: Industrial Committee | 1959-1961 |
| | 2 | Committees: Industrial Committee | 1962-1963 |
| | 3 | Committees: Industrial Committee | 1964-1966 |
| | 4 | Committees: Joint Aviation Committee | 1959-1960 |
| | 5 | Committees: National Advertising Committee | 1960-1962 |
| | 6 | Committees: Parking and Transportation Committee | 1971 |