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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2017



Received Five Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce placing the Tucson Metro Chamber in the **TOP 1% OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE NATIONWIDE**



Made **804,424 INVESTOR REFERRALS** through the Chamber's website and online business directory



Led advocacy efforts to raise **\$19.5 MILLION IN ROAD REPAIR FUNDS** through county-wide property tax to improve road conditions



**HONORED 52 LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES** and charitable non-profit businesses, before an audience of 900, at the Copper Cactus Awards for their excellence and achievements



**DEFEATED** Prop 204, a **PERMANENT 1/2 CENT SALES TAX** increase in the City of Tucson



Coalition Against Retail Theft (CART) **HELD 50 WORKSHOPS** to create solutions to the growing problems of retail theft



**MET MORE THAN 100 TIMES** with City Council, County Board, mayors of Tucson, Marana, Oro Valley and Sahuarita, state legislators and Gov. Ducey's office to promote job creation and economic expansion



**TRACKED 174 DIFFERENT** bills at the state legislature



Published summary of state and local elected officials' voting records. **STATE OFFICIALS VOTED WITH THE CHAMBER 74.7% OF THE TIME**



**HELPED to STREAMLINE CITY OF TUCSON SYSTEMS** and procedures to be more business-friendly and worked to create more urban development opportunities through Project Prosperity program



**LED DELEGATION OF BUSINESS LEADERS TO WASHINGTON, DC** and met with the entire Arizona delegation officials to advocate for matters important to the growth and prosperity of Southern Arizona's economy



Fought to keep A-10 flying at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and preserve estimated **\$2.98 BILLION ECONOMIC IMPACT** of Davis-Monthan and the 162nd Air National Guard



**HOSTED 196 INVESTORS AT EIGHT INTERFACE** meetings to create dialog between local business executives, County Administrator Huckelberry and Mayor Rothschild



**INITIATED THE TALENT RECRUITMENT TASK FORCE**, a group of major employers the Chamber will serve by creating a talent and recruitment toolkit to help them be more successful



**CONNECTED 15 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH SUMMER INTERNSHIPS** and on-the-job training at local businesses through the Intern to Career program



**CONVENED MORE THAN 3,750 LOCAL BUSINESS EXECUTIVES** at 23 events in 2017 to make connections and gain business opportunities



Hosted more than **58 RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES** celebrating investors' milestones, anniversaries and grand openings