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**Greater Phoenix Leadership Values Diversity and Professionalism and Stands Against Offensive Actions Against Women**

PHOENIX, AZ, Jan. 7, 2018 – For nearly 50 years, the men and women of Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL) have been leaders in advancing Arizona’s economy and quality of life.  GPL represents over 100 CEO’s and nearly 300,000 employees.

GPL members are committed to being responsible community stewards and a force for good.  GPL was among the first groups to condemn controversial legislation that was anti-immigrant and anti-LGBTQ.  GPL members also work closely with political leaders to ensure that harmful legislation does not become law.

We stand at a crucial moment where mistreatment of women in the workplace has become a national dialogue. Arizona is one of many states where elected officials and other leaders across sectors are being held accountable for unacceptable behavior.

As the nation engages in this moment of reckoning, it is important for business leaders to stand firmly against behavior that demeans any member of our community. GPL strongly values inclusion, diversity and decency, not only in the workplace, but as cornerstone values of society.

As the premier CEO business organization, GPL recognizes our influence and actions serve as a mirror to society. We are steadfast in our commitment to reflect and uphold the ideals on which we were founded: to improve the greater Phoenix area and the State of Arizona by bringing together talent, resources and leadership to create action on priority issues.

Greater Phoenix Leadership will continue to champion visionary causes and sound public policy. We support critical organizations and thank leaders in both government and business throughout the community who reflect these values and move our state forward. We also take a firm stand against behavior that negatively impacts any individual’s right to a safe and non-hostile work environment.

Let us be clear: The unprofessional, indefensible, offensive, demeaning actions against women that are coming to light will not be tolerated or condoned by our organizations. They don’t reflect our values. They don’t reflect Arizona. Those who engage in this behavior will not be supported by GPL or its members.

We stand united to shine a light and take a stand against such behavior.

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**About Greater Phoenix Leadership**

Greater Phoenix Leadership is an organization of leading CEO’s aligning leadership and resources at the intersection of the business, education, philanthropy and public policy sectors to improve economic vitality and quality of life. The mission of GPL is to improve the greater Phoenix area and the State of Arizona by bringing together talent, resources, and leadership to create action on priority issues. More information is available at [www.gplinc.org](http://www.gplinc.org)