



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Gary Pierce Named Chairman of Corporation Commission

PHOENIX, AZ—Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission voted to name Gary Pierce as Chairman. Pierce has served on the Commission since 2007.

Gary Pierce was born in Illinois and raised in Mesa, Arizona. He graduated from Mesa High School. A track scholarship took him to Mesa Community College then transferring to Arizona State University, he graduated in 1974 with a Bachelors Degree in Education.

Pierce taught at Mesa's Taft Elementary School with a career in the automobile business following his teaching experience. After managing dealerships for four years in Sierra Vista, he moved to Yuma and became a Honda and Nissan dealer. Pierce also owned a Shell Gas Station and Budget Rent-A-Car franchise. Upon selling his businesses, he was twice elected to the Yuma County Board of Supervisors. The Pierce family moved back to Mesa 1998.

Pierce served in the Arizona House of Representatives for District 19 (North/East Mesa) from 2001 thru 2006. In 2005 and 2006 he served as Majority Whip. He served on a number of legislative committees including Environment; Natural Resources and Agriculture; and as Chairman of Transportation. He previously served on the Arizona Housing Commission, the Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation Advisory Board.

In January of 2004, Representative Pierce sponsored HB2456, which authorized Maricopa County to call an election for a twenty year extension of the half-cent sales tax to fund transportation. The Regional Transportation Plan was placed on the November ballot, as Proposition 400. That measure passed, ensuring the resources to continue construction of our freeways with the goal to build a complete transportation system in Maricopa County.

Pierce served as an Assistant Scoutmaster with his son's Boy Scouts of America troop and all four of his sons are Eagle Scouts. He has been married to Sherry, a Mesa native, for 37 years and they have four sons, four daughters-in-law and nine grandchildren.

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