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## **Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord to receive Greater Phoenix Economic Council's Distinguished Service Award**

Goodyear Mayor Georgia Lord has garnered one of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council's (GPEC) top honors.

Mayor Lord has been selected as the recipient for GPEC's Distinguished Service Award. Mayor Lord has been active with Greater Phoenix Economic Council since she was first elected to Goodyear City Council in 2005.

Mayor Lord will be receiving the award at GPEC's Annual Awards Dinner which begins tonight at 5:30 p.m. (Thursday, October 17) at the Montelucia Resort and Spa at 4949 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley.

"It's quite an honor to receive the award and be recognized among my peers," Mayor Lord said. "More importantly, it's critical that communities throughout the Valley work together to strengthen the region through economic development while supporting legislation that allows cities and industries to remain strong so we can continue to provide strong services and quality of life for our citizens. GPEC has been a great asset to our communities."

A strong supporter of the military community, in 2010 Mayor Lord was part of a group of GPEC members who was instrumental in securing the F-35A Lightning II Fighter Jet Training Program at Luke Air Force Base, which will be implemented next year.

Mayor Lord has been an integral part of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council over the years. In 2009, she became Chair of the GPEC Ambassadors and helped launch the Certified Ambassador Program, which allows members to raise an awareness of GPEC's efforts to improve business climate and the state's competitiveness. During that first year, seven Ambassadors earned their certification, and in the five years of Mayor Lord's leadership, the program grew in popularity and this year, with nearly 1500 Ambassadors, 63 of whom earned their certification.

In addition to being an advocate for local policy issues that affect the economic development of the region, Mayor Lord has worked with GPEC representatives to advocate for the renewable energy industry by working on state legislation and by traveling to D.C. to testify in opposition to proposed federal tariffs on solar cells.

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