



“Embracing our Heritage, Advancing our Future”

*****PRESS RELEASE*****

Douglas, Arizona – Business and Government leaders from the Cochise County gathered in Douglas, Arizona on October 10, 2018, for the Arizona-Mexico Commission (AMC) Gateway to Arizona with the focus on Douglas. Among those in attendance were Mayor Robert Uribe, Councilmembers Margaret Morales, Mitch Lindeman, Don Huish, Cesar Soto, and Jose Grijalva, City Manager Jim Russell, Mrs. Ann English, Cochise County Supervisor, Fiona De Young from Congresswoman McSally’s office, as well as representatives of the Mayor’s office from Agua Prieta, Graciela de la Torre, AP Economic Development Director and Marcus Ornelas, AP Police Chief.

This event came together after the 2018 AMC Annual Summit that occurred in June 2018, in which the potential of displaying and celebrating the importance and uniqueness of all Arizona-Mexico Border Communities was discussed. The culmination and highpoint of the event was a video of the City of Douglas and its impact to the international trade process. “The video meticulously depicted why Douglas Arizona is an important city as we account for \$1.7 billion worth of goods crossing through our Port of Entry”, said Mayor Uribe of the event.

During the AMC Gateway to Douglas, a panel discussion took place with state and local officials including Mr. Kirk Adams, Chief of Staff to Governor Ducey, Ms. Jessica Pacheco, AMC Board President, and Mr. George Hammond, University of Arizona Research Center Director took place. This panel focused on topics such as growth of new trade and economic policies on both sides of the border, the need of infrastructure improvement at the current Ports of Entries, and the importance of the communities’ communication with Governor Doug Ducey.

“We in Douglas already know this to be true, but with this project, everyone will realize why Douglas Arizona is the greatest border community in the state of Arizona” says Mayor Uribe.