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Glenn Williamson Reappointed Honorary Consul of Canada for Arizona

The Consulate General of Canada in Los Angeles today announced that Phoenix-based executive Glenn Williamson has been reappointed Honorary Consul of Canada for Arizona. The three-year reappointment continues Williamson's tenure as Canada's special representative in the state, a formal role approved by Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

"The incredibly close and valuable relationship Canada has with Arizona demands a representative with the highest-caliber business savvy and network on the ground. Glenn has proven himself time, and again, to be that person and to be a vital link in keeping this relationship strong at both ends," said Consul General James Villeneuve.

Canada is Arizona's second-largest trading partner. Canada-Arizona trade and investment supports 146,800 jobs in the state, including the jobs of nearly 15,000 Arizonans who work for the over 300 Canadian-owned companies.

Williamson has more than 30 years of entrepreneurial and executive level experience, with a speciality in accessing the Canadian capital markets for global investments. He is Chairman of EPCOR Water USA, the largest private water utility in Arizona, a subsidiary of EPCOR Utilities, headquartered in Edmonton, Alberta. Williamson is also CEO of Nest Ventures L.L.C. with offices in Montreal and Phoenix.

He founded and continues to serve as CEO of the Canada Arizona Business Council, a private sector group sanctioned by the Government of Canada and the State of Arizona to work on increasing trade and foreign direct investment between Canada and Arizona. The CABC represents the 350 Canadian companies operating in Arizona and the 150 Arizonan companies operating in Canada.

Quick Facts

- Arizona-Canada trade totals \$3.4 billion per year, supporting 146,800 jobs in the state
- Canadians own more than 22,000 homes across greater Phoenix, representing 97% of all internationally owned residences
- More than 900,000 tourists visit Arizona from Canada each year, generating \$1 billion in economic activity
- An additional \$1.4 billion in the Arizona economy is generated by long-term residential tourists ('snowbirds'), who live in Arizona for an average of 4 months per year

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