

Arizona Community Action Association Leadership Awards Recipients 2017



Pamela J. White | Beating the Odds Award

A single mother and certified foster parent for her daughter, Alyssa, Pamela has overcome challenges to find her own way financially and emotionally. Forced to take a medical leave of absence after less than a year in her job in 2016, she was ineligible for FMLA. As her 30-day medical leave neared its end, Pamela and her daughter faced homelessness. Through the Glendale Community Action Program, Pamela received eviction prevention and utility assistance as well as food stamps, cash assistance and AHCCCS to help get back on her feet. Resilient in her ongoing search for work, in March, Pamela began working with the City of Phoenix Section-8 Office and is now on her own, caring for her daughter and serves as a role model for other single parents.

Nominated by Glendale Community Action Program

Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans | Margie Frost Champion Against Poverty Award

Mayor Evans, a member of a third-generation Flagstaff family, was elected to the position in November 2016 after serving on the Flagstaff City Council since 2008. A single mother who has worked since she was 13 to help support herself and her twin brother, her work as a community activist began by saving the Murdoch Center, at the site of the former Dunbar Elementary School, an historic school that served the area's African-American students. A two-time cancer survivor who ran a full campaign while working fulltime, serving on the Council and raising a daughter while undergoing weekly chemotherapy treatments, Coral is the Executive Director of the nonprofit Sunnyside Neighborhood Association of Flagstaff. She believes in a balanced approach to the stewardship of community resources and is passionate about creating opportunities that allow for civic engagement, civil discourse, community revitalization and genuine sustainability and advancement for Flagstaff citizens.

Nominated by Coconino County Community Services Department

Tim Hogan | President's Award

Timothy M. Hogan serves as Executive Director of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest where he has worked tirelessly for 20 years as the Center's lead counsel. During this time, the Center has won major victories for Arizonans in consumer rights, education, the environment and health care. He also has been instrumental in creating Arizona's progressive energy standards, both for increased energy efficiency and the mandatory use of renewable energy resources.

Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Hogan was Chief Counsel for the Arizona Corporation Commission. He also served as an Assistant Arizona Attorney General in the Civil Rights and Financial Fraud Divisions and as Program Director of the Phoenix Program at Community Legal Services.

Nominated by Arizona Community Action Association

The **Arizona Community Action Association** is pleased to recognize the following individuals for their outstanding service to Arizona. These award recipients have dedicated themselves to addressing and solving Arizona's most pressing issues. We would like to take the opportunity to thank our award recipients for the positive impact they have made in their communities and in the lives of all Arizonans.

Senator David C. Farnsworth | Legislative Leadership Award

Arizona State Senator David Farnsworth (District 16) was born a United States citizen in Mexico City in 1951. His family returned to Arizona in 1952 where he has lived ever since.

Appointed to the Arizona State Senate on September 11, 2013, Senator Farnsworth has worked on behalf of Arizona families for many years, opposing legislation that would have allowed payday and other predatory lenders and products that would not have served our families or our communities well.

Senator Farnsworth has worked to understand the various products available in the marketplace, introduced legislation to improve loan products and successfully opposed legislation that would have allowed triple-digit loans to return to the state.

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Representative Reginald Bolding | Legislative Leadership Award

Arizona State Representative Reginald Bolding (District 27) was first elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2014 and re-elected in 2016. Rep. Bolding is the ranking member on the Arizona House Education Committee and also sits on the Ways & Means Committee.

An advocate for issues directly impacting Arizona communities, Representative Bolding is being recognized for his role in helping protect vulnerable Arizonans from the pay-day loan industry's expansion in the state. Year after year, his opposition in the House and his persuasive articulation of the issues related to predatory lending has prevented the return of predatory lenders to Arizona.

Representative Bolding has been named to the *Phoenix Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 list, and *The Arizona Republic* listed him as "one of 13 individuals poised to change Arizona."

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