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***Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers Announces Red Bull Facility
Coming to Glendale at 68th Annual State of the City Address***

“Everything’s Coming Up Roses” theme also highlighted new initiatives including a donated rose garden, a Glendale Works program to combat homelessness, new technology for city street signals, and an upcoming new city web site and mobile App

Glendale, Ariz., (March 7, 2019) – A crowd of 700 business and community leaders gathered at the Renaissance Glendale Hotel & Spa, 9495 W. Coyotes Blvd., Glendale, Ariz. to hear Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers present the 68th Annual State of the City Address. The event was hosted by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

During his remarks, Mayor Weiers announced that Red Bull, in partnership with Rauch Fruit Juices and Ball Corporation, would be constructing a multimillion dollar can filling facility in Glendale at Reems Road and Peoria Avenues at the Wolf Logistics Industrial Campus, bringing an estimated 140 new jobs.

Mayor Weiers “popped a can” to welcome the company to Glendale and also invited guests to join in the celebration by taking photographs with a set of wings, made popular by the energy drink’s slogan, “Red Bull Gives You Wings.”

The Mayor was escorted to the stage by two professional dancers from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Arrowhead, introducing the theme, “Everything’s Coming Up Roses in

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Glendale.” Guests were provided boutonnieres, long stem roses, and rose shaped chocolates from Glendale’s own Cerreta Candy Co.

Rosy economic development highlights were among many forward-thinking examples, as the Mayor presented an exciting vision for the future that is focused on new initiatives, announcements and growth including:

- A new Glendale Works program administered in partnership with the Phoenix Rescue Mission which provides day work to homeless individuals while helping restore dignity and providing them access to life-changing resources. The outreach van, donated by Sands Chevrolet, was also on display.
- Extension of Ball Park Boulevard to connect Camelback Road to the Sports & Entertainment District allowing easy access between Camelback Ranch Ballpark and Westgate.
- The renaming of a portion of Bethany Home Road from 91st to 99th Avenues to “Cardinals Way” featuring a cameo appearance by Arizona Cardinals’ mascot, Big Red.
- More than one million square feet of development under construction with another seven million square feet of development in the pipeline, plus 32 residential projects of more than 3,300 new homes.
- Emergency signal system on Glendale streets allowing emergency vehicles to provide faster and safer response times.
- Glendale’s general obligation bond rating increase to AA- by Standard and Poor.
- Pavement Management Plan that is halfway through touching every street with a repair, treatment or replacement.
- Continued upgrades to Heroes Regional Park, including a new Library that will open June 2019 and a proposed free flowing lake to provide additional recreation.
- Glendale’s Sports & Entertainment District will, yet again, host the Super Bowl in 2023 and the Final Four in 2024. Additional announcements for the district include the arena management corporate acquisition of SMG by AEG.
- Public Safety: The cooperative agreement to host Phoenix Fire’s Medical Response Unit MR154 at Glendale Fire Station 154 to reduce calls by Glendale firefighters into Phoenix. The deployment this year of Glendale Police Department School Resource Officers to every high school in Glendale.

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- The recent relocation of Arizona Christian University to the ASU Thunderbird Campus.
- Glendale's new website and mobile App, currently under development, will launch soon, complete with a new brand and customer-friendly, real-time features.

A 2018 Accomplishments brochure was distributed by the Mayor to guests featuring a wide array of city projects and municipal milestones. The Mayor thanked the Glendale City Council, as well as, City Manager Kevin Phelps, his management leadership team, and all city employees for their hard work in paving the way for Glendale's rosy future.

The Mayor and the Chamber punctuated the evening by promoting a myriad of upcoming concerts and world-class entertainers who will perform in Glendale in the coming months. In partnership with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Coyotes, Gila River Arena and State Farm Stadium, several attendees won tickets to Mecum Auto Auction, Cirque Du Soleil's "Amaluna," Shawn Mendes, the Rolling Stones, Hugh Jackman's "The Man The Music The Show" and an Arizona Coyotes hockey game.

The "Everything's Coming Up Roses in Glendale" theme, in particular, tied into the selections for the Mayor's Citizen of the Year Awards. Two individuals who have truly embraced the spirit of community in making a positive difference in the lives of Glendale residents received the awards.

This year's recipients were Candy Sheperd, a member of the Glendale Rose Society, and Tyler Francis of Francis Roses, for their partnership in reconstructing the rose garden at Sahuaro Ranch Park. A donation of 1,584 hybrid rosebushes and labor, valued at nearly \$50,000, has given the garden a blossoming facelift. Approximately \$2,000 was provided from the Mayor's Office budget to upgrade the rose garden irrigation system at the park. According to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society, the very first Rose Garden wedding at Sahuaro Ranch took place in 1899.

Additional speakers at the State of the City Address & Dinner included Glendale Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Robert Heidt, 2018 Chair of the Board of Directors Maria Brunner of OneAZ Credit Union, and incoming Chair of the Board Dr. Lily DeBlieux of Pendergast Elementary School District.

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The invocation was delivered by Lt. Col. Raymond Boyer, Chaplain at Luke Air Force Base. The award-winning, Luke Air Force Base Honor Guard performed the Presentation of Colors as the National Anthem was sung by Dr. Mai Ly Duong. Event attendees were also treated to a patriotic tribute and various medleys provided by the Sounds of the Southwest Singers Community Choir.

Each year, the Glendale Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission (MYAC) attends the event to volunteer and also to sell boxes of chocolates donated by the Cerreta Candy Co. MYAC students hail from Glendale high schools and they use the funds raised at the event to purchase gifts for children in need during the Christmas holiday season.

The Mayor's full speech can be found at GlendaleAZ.com and will be aired in the coming weeks on Glendale 11. The public is invited to also subscribe to various social media platforms and follow the City of Glendale and Mayor Weiers on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

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