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GLENDAL CELEBRATES IKEA'S PLANS FOR NEW STORE

Development Boom Near Glendale Sports and Entertainment District Continues

GLENDAL, Ariz.– The city of Glendale is thrilled that the world's leading home furnishings retailer, [IKEA](#) has announced plans for a store to be built on the southeast corner of Bethany Home Rd. and the Loop 101. This is across from the Glendale Sports and Entertainment District which includes the University of Phoenix Stadium, Gila River Arena, Cabela's, Tanger Outlets and Westgate.

“IKEA choosing our city is further proof that major corporations agree Glendale is the place to grow and build their brand,” said Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps. “The freeway access and visibility, the available workforce and the energy of Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District make it the perfect location for IKEA. The presence of IKEA is a “game changer” that will accelerate additional growth and further elevate one of the most dynamic areas in Arizona.”

With 300 new jobs, IKEA will bring positive employment to Glendale in addition to creating 500 construction jobs. Recognized as one of the top 100 places to work, IKEA offers potential employees competitive pay and benefits for both full- and part-time employees.

“This city has been amassing an impressive list of corporations that now call Glendale home,” said Economic Development Director Brian Friedman. “These new businesses account for more than two-million-square-feet of new construction in this dynamic district alone. We are excited for the opportunity to welcome even more new development, jobs and capital investment to the area because of IKEA's presence.”

Friedman says the additional 30 acres immediately adjacent to IKEA will attract further corporate development from businesses seeking to benefit from IKEA's proximity.

"From my first meeting with the IKEA officials, it was my role as Mayor to impress upon them that Glendale absolutely, positively wanted IKEA to locate in our city when they were searching for a possible new location in Arizona," said Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers. "We demonstrated that by being responsive to their needs and working on their timeline. It was exciting and very gratifying to see Glendale ultimately selected. The announcement today continues the positive momentum that Glendale has been experiencing."

"Visitors to the area already top 10 million per year," said Councilmember Joyce Clark of the Yucca District, location of choice for IKEA. "The presence of a fun and family-friendly IKEA in Glendale will further enhance Glendale's reputation as a retail, entertainment and sports destination, not only providing residents and visitors even more reasons to shop and play here but complimenting Tanger Outlet, a premier retail destination in the Valley."

Pending approvals, construction of IKEA Glendale could begin in Fall 2018 with an opening in Spring 2020. The city looks forward to working with IKEA as the project advances through the approval and construction process.

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