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Valley Partnership Announced 2017-2018 Advocates Class Signature Leadership Program Launched with Exclusive Mayors' Lunch

Phoenix – Valley Partnership has announced the 25 young professionals chosen to participate in the 2017-2018 ADVOCATES program, as well as the focus of this year's curriculum – “The Modera Era of Mixed-Use Development.”

“The development world is moving fast today, and the Phoenix area has transformational development and redevelopment opportunities. Programs like the Advocates ensure that we will have a strong, connected and trained pipeline of leaders for the future,” said Valley Partnership Board Member, Brandon Dillingham, Director of Arizona Development for Hines. He will lead the Class on behalf of the Board.

The program launches in September with an exclusive lunch with the Board of Directors and Mayors from a number of key Valley cities to discuss development and the future of planning in their communities. “The Advocates takes these leaders' education to the next level by introducing them to the key players, the stories behind the developments here, and the decision-makers in the process. This takes them beyond theory and the office, and puts them into active developments to learn from the best in our industry,” said Cheryl Lombard, CEO of Valley Partnership.

The 2017-2018 Valley Partnership ADVOCATES will take part in a robust program focused on all aspects of the lifecycle for a large-scale, master-planned development. Topics will include what a developer considers in identifying viable land, assemblage and acquisition, working with government entities on zoning entitlements, financing, buyer research, land planning, architecture, interior space planning and design, home building, branding and project marketing, and how it all fits together in our new economy. Valley Partnership appreciates the support of this year's program sponsors, SRP and Hines.

2017-2018 ADVOCATES class:

Sarah Boyer, RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture
Tyler Brown, Bergin, Frakes, Smalley & Oberholtzer PLLC
Andrew "AJ" Burris, Markham Contracting Co., Inc.
Alisse Caton, LVA Urban Design Studio
Logan Crum, NAI Horizon
Dave Delendeck, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini
Amanda DeNardo, Roofing Southwest
Nicole Hanson, Squire Patton Boggs
Imad Hatoum, FirstBank
Chelsea Hickok, Kimley-Horn

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Jessica Hines, Norris Design
Tiffany Johnson, Bridgers & Paxton Consulting Engineers
Valerie Lehr, Westwood Professional Services
Justin Long, Macerich
Jacob Marshall, CCMC
Matthew Reeg, SouthWest Traffic Engineering
Brooke Ridley, HILGARTWILSON, LLC
Justin Sieczkowski, Colliers International
Matt Skelly, Burch & Cracchiolo, P.A.
Amy Smith, CBRE
Ronald Stein, Dibble Engineering
Erica Vester, Evergreen Devco, Inc.
Matthew Visnansky, The Opus Group
Zack Watson, Alexander Building Company, Inc.
Charles Wurl, Bowman Consulting

About Valley Partnership

Valley Partnership is the Valley of the Sun's premier advocacy group for responsible development. For 30 years, Valley Partnership has represented the commercial, industrial and master-planned community industries and presented a balanced, pro-development perspective. Valley Partnership provides the best education and networking opportunities for commercial real estate professionals.

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