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### **Valley Partnership Announces New Chair, Board Members for 2017**

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 6, 2017 – Valley Partnership named Brett Hopper, Development Consultant at The OPUS Group, as its 2017 Chair. The commercial real estate industry group also named new board members representing Pederson Group, Land Advisors, Hines, City of Phoenix, and Macerich .

“Valley Partnership’s mission is powered by the collaboration of some of the best minds in our industry,” Hopper said. “As Valley Partnership’s 2017 Chair, I look forward to drawing from the expertise and experience of my peers on the Board to help guide our mission of advocating for responsible development.”

“Valley Partnership’s mission of creating stronger, viable communities and economic growth through responsible development is only as good as our leadership team,” said Valley Partnership CEO and President Cheryl Lombard. “Under Brett’s leadership and the guidance provided by our Board members, 2017 will be an exciting year for Valley Partnership as we continue to create opportunities for our industry and the community at large.”

#### 2017 Valley Partnership Officers:

- Brett Hopper, The OPUS Group, Chair;
- Todd Chester, WDP Partners, Vice Chair;
- Jill Hegardt, DMB Associates, Treasurer;
- Tim Brislin, Harvard Investments, Secretary;
- Jay Kramer, Fennemore Craig, General Council;
- Molly Ryan Carson, Ryan Companies US, Past Chair.

## 2017 Valley Partnership Board of Directors:

Chris	Anaradian	Town of Queen Creek
Lisa	Atkins	Arizona State Land Department
Rob	Bassett	Pederson Group
R. Chapin	Bell	The P.B. Bell Companies
Ryan	Cochran	Kitchell
John	Creer	ASU University Real Estate Development
Brandon	Dillingham	Hines
John	DiVall	Liberty Property Trust
Mari	Flynn	Ashton Woods
Andrew	Gasparro	Evergreen Devco
Molly	Greene	SRP
Dean	Jones	Fidelity National Title
Jim	Kenny	El Dorado Holdings, Inc.
Heidi	Kimball	Sunbelt Holdings
Bryce	Lloyd	First/Bank
Mike	Martin	APS
Rusty	Mitchell	Luke Air Force Base
Garrett	Newland	Macerich
Carolyn	Oberholtzer	Bergin, Frakes, Smalley & Oberholtzer
Michele	Pino	Land Advisors
Paul	Rhodes	Vestar
Derek	Sorenson	Quarles & Brady
Alan	Stephenson	City of Phoenix

### **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.