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When Sherry Kiyler was a rookie beat cop in the 1970s, she was issued a skirt and a purse — the latter to hold her two-inch revolver and hand-

cuffs (as if there were any other logical reason...).

While Kiyler hung up her badge earlier this summer as the highest-ranking officer (chief of police) in one of the southwest's most dynamic cit-

ies (Chandler), she still serves as the perfect microcosm of how things have changed — and of the opportunities trailblazers like herself have provided for woman today.

Be it in law enforcement or

local leadership, politics or the seemingly-still-male-dominated world of sports broadcasting, the days of women sitting as bystanders to leadership and innovation are, without a doubt, nearing their end.

We present this special section, complete with feature stories from our newsroom and sponsored content via our loyal advertisers, as a celebration of women in business of all types, serving all industries.



Sally Harrison rose from director of programs to vice president of business development to president and CEO of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce in just five years. [Ivan Martinez/IvanMartinezPhotography.com]



Mary Ann Milleris is in her 14th year as the president and CEO of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, joining Gilbert's Kathy Tilque (17 years) as two of the region's longest-tenured chamber leaders. [Photo by Jay Mark/provided by TCOC]



Terri Kimble has been president and CEO of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce since 2011. [Photo courtesy CCOC]

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*From Chandler to Gilbert, Mesa to Tempe [and nearby Ahwatukee Foothills, too], a quintet of bustling Chambers of Commerce have each been marked of late by a new kind of woman's touch; **p16***

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