

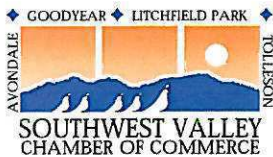
IMMIGRATION POLICY STATEMENT

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Long before legislative leaders in Arizona put the state at the forefront of dealing with problems created by illegal immigration, chambers of commerce in Arizona have been lobbying for federal reform. The level of interest throughout the country in legislation similar to Arizona's employer sanctions law and SB 1070 points to the frustration with the current, flawed system. We believe these challenges cannot be sufficiently overcome state by state; federal policy must be developed to properly seal our porous borders, respond to the labor needs of the economy, and address the issues of illegal immigrants already living in the U.S.

We support comprehensive immigration policy reform that:

- First and foremost, strengthens border security. From guarding the physical border to better tracking of expired visas, we must stem the tide of illegal immigration.
- Creates a secure, reliable system for employers to verify the legal work eligibility of employees. Employers need a federally based, user-friendly, low-cost, non-discriminatory method to ensure they are complying in good faith with the law.
- Establishes a market-based immigration process to support a wide range of workforce needs and to respond quickly to the employment demands of US businesses. Legal international workers play an integral part in the US economy.
- Develops criteria and establishes a guest worker/visa program for illegal immigrants already in the US with no other criminal record, which is based on strictly enforced criteria, including payment of penalties. Productive, integrated members of our society should be given an opportunity to continue to add to our economy.
- Reimburses states for the costs of incarcerating, educating and providing health care for individuals in the country illegally. The Federal Government should take responsibility for the breakdowns in federal immigration policy.



Endorsed by the following chambers of commerce in Arizona, representing more than 70,000 businesses employing more than 1,000,000 people:

Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Chandler Chamber of Commerce
Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce
Graham County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce
Marana Chamber of Commerce
Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Prescott Chamber of Commerce
Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce
Sedona Chamber of Commerce
Southwest Valley Chamber of Commerce
Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce