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## **MAYOR ELAINE SCRUGGS APPOINTED TO REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – Mayor Elaine Scruggs has been appointed to serve on the Maricopa County Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee.

The purpose of the committee is to assist MAG in providing a greater focus on the region’s future economic growth.

The group, which is made up of 25 business and government leaders from throughout the Valley, will develop an action-oriented plan that advances infrastructure in the region, especially transportation infrastructure that will enhance economic development opportunities.

“Transportation has played and will continue to play a significant role in shaping the Valley’s economy,” said Scruggs. “One just has to look at the business and employment corridors in the metro area to see the impact transportation has had on the region’s economic prosperity.”

MAG was recently selected to participate in the Brookings Metropolitan Business Planning Initiative to develop an economic development strategy for the Valley.

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Partners in the Brookings Institute project, which is expected to formally launch in October, include Glendale's Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council.

The Brookings Institute is a non-profit public policy organization based in Washington, D.C., which conducts independent research and provides practical recommendations that foster economic opportunities.

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