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IN MEMORY OF RENE MARTINEZ

Rene Martinez, CalPortland Sales Manager for the Rio Rico/Nogales market, passed away on June 1, 2020. Rene, 49, fought a courageous battle with cancer for nearly four years. Rene started his career in the ready-mix industry in 2000 with Padilla Sand & Gravel. In 2005, CalPortland acquired the operation and Rene managed the Sales function. Rene was well known and respected throughout the Southern Arizona construction industry. Rene will be remembered for his strong work ethic, dedication to CalPortland and wonderful sense of humor. He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Diana Martinez, and four children; Son: Rene J Martinez, Jr.; Daughters: Kiana Lynae Martinez, Nicole Marie Martinez and Victoria Alicia Martinez. Rene will be greatly missed by his CalPortland Family and the Rio Rico community.

He was a light in this industry and will be truly missed by all that knew him.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways - Psalm 91:11
Keeping Our Families Safe.
Built and Maintained Our Hospitals, Schools and Homes.
Preserved Critical Infrastructure for Delivery of Essential Goods.
Kept Clean Water Running.
Helped keep the economy going.

In the coming weeks as Arizonans overcome this challenge and the economy starts to rise again, it is imperative that policymakers ensure robust and sustainable growth by making needed investments in maintaining, expanding and modernizing our infrastructure.

**INCOMING 2020-2021 COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP**

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“Being the ARPA Human Resources Chair helped me gain insight into a different aspect of our industry by exposing me to different ideas and points of view. There are great team members from several different companies that were supportive and helpful! Overall, I believe that ARPA members are invaluable to each other.

- Patsy Prater, Madison Granite Supplies
ARPA LEGISLATIVE ENDORSEMENTS LIST 2020

PHOENIX, June 30, 2020 — Arizona’s rock products industry announces its election endorsements today for the Arizona House of Representatives and Arizona Senate. As a reminder, the primary election will be on August 4 and early ballots will be mailed out on July 8. The endorsements were made by the Government Affairs and Executive leadership of the Association. These candidates have all scored 70% or higher on significant mining industry issues at the Arizona State Legislature. All currently serving members were also scored on their participation in association events, engagement, accessibility and decorum.

Please Note:
- The members of the legislature that are highlighted in Orange are considered “Friends of Mining”.
- Those highlighted in Blue are considered “Rock Stars”.
- Any member in Green are considered “Rock Stars” and have also Scored 100%.

In addition, ARPA has made legislative endorsements of candidates running for open seats and candidates challenging incumbents. Those endorsements are based on the candidate’s answers to a questionnaire, live interviews or based on performance during previous service at the legislature.

The candidates that were endorsed by ARPA are as follows:

District 1
Karen Fann – Senate
Judy Burgess – House
(Returning Rock Star)
(Many thanks to Noel Campbell – House and Steve Pierce – House )

District 2
Daniel Hernandez – House

District 3
Sally Ann Gonzales – Senate
Alma Hernandez – House
Andres Cano – House

District 4
Lisa Otondo – Senate
Joel John – House
(New Candidate)

District 5
Sonny Borrelli – Senate
Leo Biasiucci – House
Regina Cobb – House

District 6
Sylvia Allen – Senate
Walter “Walt” Blackman – House
Brenda Barton – House
(Returning Rock Star)
(Many thanks to Bob Thorpe – House)

District 7
Arlando Teller – House
Jim Parks – House
(New Candidate)

District 8
Thomas “T.J.” Shope – Senate
Frank Pratt – House

District 9
Victoria Steele – Senate
Brendan Lyons – House
(New Candidate)

District 10
David Bradley – Senate
Michael Hicks – House
(New Candidate)

District 11
Venden “Vince” Leach – Senate
Mark Finchem – House
Bret Roberts – House

District 12
Warren Petersen – House
Travis Grantham – House
Jake Hoffman – House
(New Candidate)
(Many thanks to Eddie Farnsworth – House)

District 13
Sine Kerr – Senate
Timothy “Tim” Dunn – House
Joanne Osborne – House

District 14
David Gowen – Senate
Gail Griffin – House
Becky Nutt – House

District 15
Heather Carter – Senate
Nancy Barto – Senate
Justin Wilmeth – House
(New Candidate)
Steve Kaiser – House
(New Candidate)
(Many thanks to John Allen – House)

District 16
Kelly Townsend – Senate
John Fillmore – House
(Many thanks to David Farnsworth – Senate)

District 17
J.D. Mesnard – Senate
Jennifer Pawlik – House
Jeff Weninger – House

District 18
Sean Bowie – Senate
Jennifer Jermaine – House
Bob Robson – House
(Returning Rock Star)

District 19
Lupe Contreras – Senate
Lorenzo Sierra – House
Diego Espinoza – House

District 20
Paul Boyer – Senate
Shawna Bolick – House
Anthony Kern – House

District 21
Rick Gray – Senate
Kevin Payne – House
(Many thanks to Tony Rivero – House)

District 22
David Livingston – Senate
Frank Carroll – House
Ben Toma – House

District 23
Michelle Ugenti-Rita – Senate
Jay Lawrence – House
John Kavanagh – House

We also want to thank those legislators who have served with distinction and will not be returning to the legislature. We are grateful for your service and all you have done for the State of Arizona.

The Arizona Rock Products Association is the oldest mining related trade organization in Arizona and for well over 60 years has been providing representation for 109 companies. There are 51 member companies involved with the production of aggregates, asphaltic concrete, ready mix concrete, asphalt, lime products, and portland cement used in nearly every private and public construction project in Arizona. Arizona’s aggregate mining industry employs approximately 7,745 people directly and 17,929 indirectly for a total of 25,674 and has an estimated direct and indirect impact on the Arizona economy of $4.9 billion. Our producer members are combined with over 58 associate members that provide related transportation, contracting, mining supplies and consulting services.
Build With Strength Downtown Phoenix Fire Press Release

A massive fire broke out on Sunday June 7, 2020 at a four-story apartment complex under construction in downtown Phoenix. The massive blaze took up nearly an entire city block and required 200 firefighters to control according to a local fire captain that was at the scene. No one was injured, but the fire caused power outages for nearly 1,000 residents in the area. The project was only 40% complete and the finished wood framing was exposed at the time of the fire.

Build with Strength, a coalition of the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association consisting of community organizations, fire safety professionals, engineers, architects and industry experts committed to strengthening the nation’s building codes and ensuring greater access to secure housing, highlights the need for legislation or local measures to address this devastating problem. The coalition is proud to stand with lawmakers and communities across the country who are currently seeking code changes to encourage the use of non-combustible construction practices.

Phoenix law currently allows for the use of light framed engineered wood framing in its building code, meaning apartment complexes made from dangerous wood building materials are popping up across the city, increasing the risk of more fires like this one. Mid-rise wood construction projects similar to this one are particularly prone to fire risk due to an increased exposure to outside elements.

“It really is the perfect recipe for a large fire. You’ve got wood that wants to burn, that is exposed,” said Captain Rob McDade with the Phoenix Fire Department who responded to the fire.

“The reoccurrence and similarities of these fires across the country is alarming to say the least. This particular project fits the mold – exposed wood in mid-rise construction can prove to be extremely dangerous for cities and local communities,” said Steve Trussell, Executive Director for the Arizona Rock Products Association.

“Now, all parties involved – from the developer to those that already planned to make this development their home – have experienced a tremendous loss. It is time for a proper response from the City of Phoenix or state officials to prevent future disasters in similar development projects.”

Build with Strength works with communities, lawmakers, and industry employees to advocate for safer, sustainable building materials. Strengthening local and national building codes is among the organization’s top priorities.
Arizona Geological Survey is excited to announce that the AZGS award for the USGS STATEMAP Program in Fiscal Year 20-21 is $324k—a 2-fold increase from their current level of funding. See the AZGS Arizona Geology blog, ‘More Money, More Mapping! AZGS Embarks on an Ambitious Geologic Mapping Campaign’, for details, geologic map strategy, and quadrangles selected for mapping in 2020-21.

Link to AZGS blog post: https://blog.azgs.arizona.edu/blog/2020-06/more-money-more-mapping-azgs-embarks-ambitious-geologic-mapping-campaign

READY MIXED CONCRETE PRODUCTION STATISTICS

The estimated ready mixed concrete produced in February 2020 is 23.6 million cubic yards, 13% higher than that in February 2019. The estimated production in the U.S. for 2020 through February is 49 million cubic yards, 10% higher than that during the same period in 2019.

ASPHALT BY THE NUMBERS

Roughly 3,500 asphalt mix production sites operate across the United States, producing more than 350 million tons of asphalt pavement material per year. For each $1 billion of federal spending invested in highway construction nationwide, nearly 28,000 jobs are supported, including approximately 9,500 in the construction sector, approximately 4,300 jobs in industries supporting the construction sector, and approximately 14,000 additional jobs in non-construction-related sectors of the economy.”

– National Asphalt Pavement Association

A MESSAGE TO ARPA FROM GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY

Arizona is returning smarter and stronger. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken a calm and steady approach to protect public health and safety. Providing clarity for businesses and employers is—and will continue to be—an important measure to ensure we manage the spread of COVID-19 and protect our business community. Arizona is headed in the right direction and I’m grateful to the members of the Arizona Rock Products Association for all of their work and partnership during the pandemic, and for what is to come, as we work to re-energize the economy and contain the spread of this virus.
Moving Forward Framework

The INVEST in America Act also accounts for the economic downturn caused by the global pandemic and ensures States, cities, tribes, territories, and transit agencies can administer programs, advance projects, and preserve jobs in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis. The INVEST in America Act authorizes a sharp increase in funding to continue current programs in the first year of enactment of the bill (FY 2021) with wider policy implementation occurring in FY 2022.

“The bulk of our nation’s infrastructure—our roads, bridges, public transit and rail systems, the things that hundreds of millions of American families and businesses rely on every single day—is not only badly outdated, in many places it’s downright dangerous and holding our economy back. Yet for decades, Congress has repeatedly ignored the calls for an overhaul and instead simply poured money into short-term patches. The result? We’re still running our economy on an inefficient, 1950s-era system that costs Americans increasingly more time and money while making the transportation sector the nation’s biggest source of carbon pollution,” Chair DeFazio said. “That all changes with the INVEST in America Act. After holding nearly 20 Committee hearings, receiving testimony from dozens and dozens of witnesses and Members of Congress, and engaging with hundreds of advocates and transportation agencies, I am proud to bring together the ideas and the needs into one transformational bill that will catapult our country into a new era of how we plan, build, and improve U.S. infrastructure. The INVEST in America Act is our opportunity to replace the outdated systems of the past with smarter, safer, more resilient infrastructure that fits the economy of the future, creates millions of jobs, supports American manufacturing, and restores U.S. competitiveness.”

“I am proud to have joined with Chair DeFazio and Chair Norton to craft this innovative bill that not only makes robust investments in roads, bridges, passenger rail, transit, bike/ped, and other infrastructure, but will also profoundly transform mobility, protect the environment, and improve the quality of life for all Americans,” Chair Lipinski said. “As Chairman of the Rail Subcommittee, I am especially proud of the significant increase in funding and other support for commuter rail as well as Amtrak, and provisions to help eliminate problems for communities heavily impacted by railroads.”

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- Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair, Peter DeFazio

July 2, 2020, Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR), released text of the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR), released text of the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Infrastructure (INVEST in America) Act, a key component of the Moving Forward Framework that House Democrats, led by Chair DeFazio, released earlier this year. The bill’s original cosponsors are Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Chair Eleanor Holmes Norton and Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Chair Dan Lipinski. The Committee will consider the INVEST in America Act at a Committee markup scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th. The current surface transportation authorization expires September 30th.

The INVEST in America Act, which enables the completion of critical projects through long-term, sustainable funding and is fueled by American workers and ingenuity thanks to strong Buy America provisions and labor protections, authorizes nearly $500 billion over five years to address some of the country’s most urgent infrastructure needs, including:

- Tackling the massive backlog of roads, bridges, and transit systems in need of repair and replacement
- Building resilient infrastructure that will withstand the impacts of climate change and extreme weather
- Designing streets that are safer for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists
- Putting the U.S. on a path toward zero emissions from the transportation sector by prioritizing carbon pollution reduction, investing in public transit and the national rail network, building out fueling infrastructure for low- and zero-emission vehicles, and deploying technology and innovative materials
- Sharply increasing funding for public transit options in urban, suburban and rural areas in order to integrate technology and increase routes and reliability with tools such as bus-only lanes and priority signaling
- Making transformational investments in Amtrak in order to create a robust, reliable rail system and to address long-neglected maintenance needs in the Northeast Corridor and throughout the country while also enhancing rail worker and passenger safety and helping communities address grade crossing issues
- Improving access to Federal funding to help communities around the country undertake transformative projects that are smarter, safer, and made to last

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A letter was sent to President Trump from transportation stakeholders including the Arizona Rock Products Association asking him to support $49.95 billion in emergency state DOT relief in the next COVID-19 package.

Mr. President:

We, the undersigned organizations, respectfully urge your support of an immediate $49.95 billion infusion of federal funding for state departments of transportation (DOTs) as your administration and Congress work on the next COVID-19 response legislation. Preserving the continuity of state transportation programs now will help forestall further job losses in public and private sectors and allow planned transportation projects to move forward.

With millions of Americans following “stay-at-home” orders, many state governments are facing severe losses in revenues across the board including dedicated user fee revenues on which State DOTs heavily rely. Projections continue to show decreases in state motor fuel tax and toll receipts as nationwide vehicle traffic reduction bottomed out at about 50 percent in early April. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials estimates a 30 percent average decline in state transportation revenue over the next 18 months. Some states could experience losses as high as 45 percent. As a result, the ability of state DOTs to carry out their core functions, including capital construction programs, is threatened. Already, some state DOTs are delaying critical transportation projects, putting transportation construction jobs at risk.

Providing state DOTs with an immediate infusion of funding is not unlike action taken in prior COVID-19 response legislation, which compensated aviation, transit, and passenger rail sectors for reductions in ridership and revenue. This urgently needed funding will prevent disruptions to planned transportation projects and allow state DOT employees and transportation construction workers essential to planning and delivering these projects to remain on the job. This action to preserve core state DOT capabilities is absolutely critical in order for states to carry out a robust, bipartisan, and long-term surface transportation legislation later this year that can serve as our national platform for economic recovery and growth.

We appreciate your leadership during this unprecedented time and urge you to support this funding in order to make critical transportation improvements and keep Americans working as our country reopens stronger than ever.

ARPA would like to thank the 137 members of the US House of Representatives who signed onto the letter including Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, Rep. Greg Stanton, Rep. Paul Gosar, and Rep. David Schweikert. We would also like to thank Sen. Martha McSally for being one of the 26 Senators that signed a similar letter of support.
Regional Haze is visibility impairment caused by sources and activities which emit fine particulate matter precursor emissions (including sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, etc.). The Regional Haze Rule was enacted in 1999 with the goal of returning Class I Areas (such as national parks, forests etc.) to natural visibility conditions by 2064. Progress towards this goal is evaluated during various “implementation periods” and we are currently in the second implementation period.

Certain non-major ARPA sources were screened into this implementation period, including those in the mining and quarrying industries located in the buffer zones in the figure below. Aggregates and rock product facilities in these zones have been asked to develop a control technology evaluation known as a “four-factor analysis” (4FA) for the following activities to help the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to determine if any particulate matter controls would need to be mandated in these areas:

- Earthmoving activities
- Material handling
- Drilling
- Blasting

The four factors which are evaluated as a part of a 4FA are:

1. Cost to implement control
2. Time necessary to comply
3. Potential energy and non-air quality environmental impacts of installing control
4. Remaining useful life of source

A determination that a control option is feasible may impact the majority of operations across the state. In order to aid in the development of accurate and defensible 4FAs that streamline conservative assumptions, certain ARPA facilities have been asked to provide facility-specific information. ARPA has teamed with Trinity Consultants for support in developing 4FAs.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to them with any questions:

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The Arizona Rock Products Association’s (ARPA) members take great effort and pride in their collective record of environmental stewardship. In fact, the industry has an exceptional compliance record in Pima, Pinal and Maricopa Counties. That said, we support EPA’s proposal to retain the primary and secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM10 and PM2.5.

ARPA SUPPORTS THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY’S RETENTION OF THE PM10 AND PM2.5 STANDARD

We echo the comments of the National Stone Sand & Gravel Association’s regarding this proposal. In particular matter controls would need to be mandated in these areas:

- We agree with EPA that the science does not support lower PM10 standards and they should be retained.
- In view of the scientific uncertainties with the PM2.5 data, the current standards should be retained.
- There is not scientific support for the updated PM Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) PM10 causality determinations for cancer and other health effects, so EPA should amend the ISA to delete the upgraded determinations.

ARPA is grateful for EPA’s efforts to retain the current PM10 and PM2.5 standard.
Vulcan Materials Company Supports Families & Schools

ARPA producing member, Vulcan Materials Company, donated $5,000 to St. Mary’s Food Bank in Phoenix. This generous contribution will provide 35,000 meals for families in need throughout the state. Food banks have been faced with a significant increase in clients during the COVID-19 pandemic and because of donors like Vulcan, they are able to meet this high demand. During these trying times, Vulcan Materials Company also donated educational workbooks on geology to one of their partner schools in Tucson. Science teachers were able to distribute these books to all students as part of their take-home-packets. This was a fantastic resource for students as they finished the remaining month of school at home.

Thank you, Vulcan Materials Company, for your generosity and commitment to our students and families throughout Arizona!

Speedie & Associates’ Dan Dragonetti Feeds the Governor’s Staff

In appreciation for all the hard work and dedication provided by Governor Ducey’s executive staff during the Covid 19 pandemic, what better way to say “Grazie Molto” (thank you very much in Italian) than to supply a surprise lunch-eon of 4 homemade Italian lasagnas!

Speedie and Associates’ Project Manager Dan Dragonetti was delighted and proud to deliver these mouthwatering flavorful platters, compliments of ARPA, and created by none other than Dan’s talented cousin Chef Louise Incorvaia. Upon delivery of the four piping hot homemade lasagnas, the 8th floor Executive Conference Room’s air was soon saturated with the aroma of fresh ingredients in Chef Louise’s quality lasagnas: ricotta cheese, sweet Italian sausage, ground beef, San Marzano tomato sauce, basil, mozzarella cheese and grated Parmesan cheese!

Nothing pleased Chef Louise more than to hear that her lasagnas were enjoyed by those staff members who savored and cleaned their plates!

Buon Appetito e Arrivederci!!

Cemex Foundation Impactful Charitable Contributions

The Cemex Foundation has donated $45,000 to organizations who are committed to supporting our local communities throughout Arizona. Cemex graciously hand-delivered donation checks to the Phoenix Children’s Project, The Community Food Bank of Yuma and Southern Arizona, the Hope Women’s Center, and St. Mary’s Food Bank. With the recommendation from the Arizona Rock Products Association, Cemex also donated to House of Refuge and Phoenix Rescue Mission. These two organizations are not only leaders in our community, but they are dedicated to bringing hope, healing and new beginnings to our neighbors in greatest need. Executive Director Nancy Marion of House of Refuge said, “Just like what is stated in the CEMEX mission statement. We also strive to make the future better. On behalf of the individuals your gift will touch, thank YOU for the investment in making their future better.”

The Arizona Rock Products Association is honored to have members like Cemex who are devoted to serving their communities.
EARTH DAY
POLLINATOR GARDEN
AT THE AZ CAPITOL

The Arizona Rock Products Association has partnered with the Arizona Mining Association, the Arizona Department of Administration, the Arizona Nursery Association, the Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and Wildlife Habitat Council to plant native pollinator gardens at the State's Capitol Mall. One garden is located near the Joint Legislative Budget Council building and the other is located in Wesley Bolin Plaza. Pollinator gardens are vital to a healthy ecosystem, providing homes and food for bees, bats, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds, all of which are in decline across the globe due to habitat loss. Fortunately, pollinator gardens are one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to enhance conservation on corporate lands.

The project was an effort to enhance the spaces for both visitors and native species. The pollinator planting event marks the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, showcasing our industry's commitment to biodiversity and the community in Arizona. Thank you to ARPA members: Rebecca Martarella with Hanson Aggregates, Mike Magee with Rock Solid, Destiny Fain and Chris Nau with Arizona Materials for all your hard work in making this community project possible!

Visitors are encouraged to come down and enjoy the spaces as they enjoy the Arizona State Capitol. The landscape design created by Mary Estes of Norris Design requires little irrigation and features native desert species. Even within our urban centers, it is so nice to be reminded of how incredible nature is.

- Steve Trussell, ARPA Executive Director
**ARPA PARTNERS WITH THE PHOENIX RESCUE MISSION**

The Arizona Rock Products Association has teamed up with the Mission Possible Café part of the Phoenix Rescue Mission to deliver lunches and cookies to the men and women protecting our community during the pandemic. These treats serve as a thank you for the tireless and appreciated service of our first responders during the COVID-19 outbreak and beyond. Over 2,500 cookie packages and also boxed lunches were delivered to the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Governor’s Office, the Phoenix Police Department, the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Department and Station 8 of the Phoenix Fire Department.

Phoenix Rescue Mission is a leading provider of Christ-centered, life-transforming solutions to persons facing hunger, homelessness, addiction, and trauma in the Valley of the Sun. They are driven by a calling to provide solutions to the men, women and children who come to their doorstep each day. Their long-term, recovery programs for men, women, and mothers with children focus on the healing of the total person. The Phoenix Rescue Mission has two residential centers that offer a blend of discipleship, counseling, relapse prevention, group therapy, and vocational and educational services to over 340 clients at a time.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak they were forced to close the Café; the proceeds of which go right back into the Mission work. During that time **Café Director, Michael Simmon** reached out to the Arizona Rock Products Association with an opportunity to make a difference by letting people working on the front lines of the outbreak know how much their work is appreciated.
“It’s our great pleasure to bless those that are bravely serving in this time of crisis. We know that these days have been hard, and we want them to know that we see them and are grateful for their commitment to keeping our city, state and its people safe.”

– Michael Simmon, Director of Social Enterprise of Mission Possible Café
With the direction and support from the ARPA Board of Directors, the Arizona Rock Products Association has resumed in-person meetings. Your health is our top priority and our goal is to create an environment that is safe and comfortable for everyone. With that said, our office has implemented safety measures to protect the wellbeing of our members and staff. The following protocols include:

- The continued ability to connect remotely via GoToMeeting (conference system)
- Increased disinfecting procedures in high contact areas
- Hand sanitizer available for members and staff throughout the office
- Available face masks if requested
- Signature required to acknowledge potential risks and sanitizing protocols once entering the building

On behalf of the entire ARPA staff, we would like to thank everyone for their loyalty and support during these last few months. We’re better together and look forward to welcoming you back!