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### **COMMERCE NAMES NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY DIRECTORS**

Arizona Department of Commerce Director Gilbert Jimenez today announced the addition of two new economic development team members in the areas of Community Development and Energy.

Paul Hegarty has been named Assistant Deputy Director for Community Development. Mr. Hegarty brings extensive experience with the U.S. Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closing Commission, as well as with the Office of former Vice President Al Gore. Most recently, Mr. Hegarty served as Executive Director of the Arizona Democratic Party. An Arizona native and a graduate of Brophy College Preparatory, he earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree from George Washington University.

State Representative Ken Clark has been appointed Director of the Commerce Energy Office and will begin his duties upon the expiration of his legislative term on January 10. As Representative for District 15, Mr. Clark served on the Environment, Rules, and Ways and Means Committees and has been a supporter of sustainable energy policy. He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from Northern Arizona University and received his Master's from American University.

“Community infrastructure and reliable energy resources are critical to Arizona’s ability to attract and grow quality jobs,” says Commerce Director Gilbert Jimenez. “Both Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Clark bring relevant expertise to the economic development table – further enabling us to move our goals forward for a prosperous Arizona.

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