



To whom it may concern:

It is with great pride that I write this letter in recognition of the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA). SAHBA, is a non-profit organization that advocates for increasing the housing opportunities in Tucson and Southern Arizona. It strives to be the political voice of the residential construction industry, stimulate business, and provide networking, information, training and support for its members.

SAHBA was originally founded in 1952 as the Tucson Home Builders Association by Charlie Wilson, Robert Lusk and Irv Buchman. This was in response to a strong demand for housing after World War II, when Tucson was noted for its warm desert climate and beautiful mountains, and quickly became a highly desirable place to live. In 1961, the organization officially became the SAHBA and now serves more than 300 members.

SAHBA also advocates for public policies and works to develop activities and services to advance the home construction industry. Its members share industry information and regularly discuss current issues that have an impact on the industry in Southern Arizona. It provides a strong, unified voice at the city, county and state level.

Not only does SAHBA offer amazing support and service to its members, it also supports local organizations in the community. It hosts an annual golf tournament with proceeds going to important organizations, including more than \$20,000 in the last few years alone. It has been a long-time supporter of Habitat for Humanity, helping to build several new homes for deserving families and donating more than \$10,000 over the years. It is a major sponsor on the annual construction job fair and twice a year it offers free exhibition space at its home shows to a variety of community organizations.

I highly recommend the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association to anyone looking for representation and support in the home builders' industry. It is an active organization that serves members and the community to help Tucson grow and thrive. SAHBA doesn't just build houses, it builds homes and communities.

Warm regards,

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