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Hon. Sharon Bronson  
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Dear Sharon:

For 50 years, we've been engaging, educating and empowering Arizonans.

The Town Hall has inspired young and not so young leaders; shaped our laws, institutions, courts, highways, schools, communities and so much more.

For 50 years, the Town Hall has demonstrated how diverse people can engage respectfully, mindfully and productively.

For 50 years, we've been transforming mere residents into engaged citizens and inspired civic leaders--leaders who are not defined by a political party, profession or county of residence but instead are visionaries who, in the words of the participants of the 101<sup>st</sup> Arizona Town Hall, "work across various sectors and constituencies in our society to build consensus and achieve results for the community at large."

As a member of the Arizona Town Hall, **you** are one of those visionary leaders. Your participation and support of our mission is a shining example of civic leadership. You are the reason that we have accomplished so much during our first 50 years and you will be the reason that we will continue to impact every facet of our state for years to come.

**Please renew your membership today** and help us continue our mission of creating solutions for all of Arizona.

Sincerely,

Ron Walker  
Chairman of the Board

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P.S. If your 2013 individual membership will be covered as part of a professional or corporate membership package, please make a note next to the "Individual Membership" box on the enclosed return envelope or contact the Town Hall office. Any additional contributions will be credited to you individually unless otherwise indicated.

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# Arizona Town Hall 2012

Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## Engage

In 2012, the statewide Town Halls and related Youth Town Halls engaged Arizonans on the topics of *Civic Engagement* and *Civic Leadership for Arizona's Future*. Town Hall participants made new connections across political, geographical and professional boundaries, were inspired to take immediate action to improve their communities, and created consensus reports with action steps for Arizona's future.

## Educate

Town Hall educated Arizonans with its written reports and over 40 community outreach programs around the state. From January through March and again from August through October, numerous interactive programs were held on the recommendations from the fall 2011 Town Hall, *Arizona's Energy Future*, and the spring 2012 Town Hall, *Civic Engagement*. In addition, Town Hall reports were used as textbooks for college classes and as resources for government, business and civic leaders.

## Empower

Participants of the statewide Town Halls, Youth Town Halls and Community Outreach Programs took immediate action on recommendations and many continue to be engaged in long-term actions designed to improve their communities and the state.



Students attending the Yuma Youth Town Hall on "Civic Leadership for Arizona's Future" discuss questions in their small group session.



Talonya Adams, Nancy Welch and Suzanne McFarlin at the 101<sup>st</sup> Town Hall "Civic Leadership for Arizona's Future."



## New Website

In August, we unveiled our brand new website with many interactive features, inspired by the 100<sup>th</sup> Arizona Town Hall. The website includes a portal called “Engaging Arizona” that allows Arizonans to exchange resources, ideas and information.

## Public Service Announcements

Inspired by recommendations from the 100<sup>th</sup> Arizona Town Hall, two public service announcements were produced: “Words Matter” and “Be the Change.” These 30 second PSAs were developed to be timeless and easily used by others who want to share these messages. They are running on numerous TV outlets, are available on YouTube and can be accessed for your use from our website at [www.aztownhall.org](http://www.aztownhall.org).



## Shirley Agnos Legacy Award

In November in conjunction with the 101<sup>st</sup> Arizona Town Hall on *Civic Leadership for Arizona’s Future*, retired Congresswoman Gabrielle “Gabby” Giffords and her husband Captain Mark Kelly were honored with the annual Shirley Agnos Arizona Town Hall Legacy Award. The inspiring program, which also featured a special performance by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, received national attention.

## Arizona Town Hall’s Impact Recognized

On April 12, 2012, the Arizona Humanities Council presented the Arizona Town Hall with the *Juliana Yoder Friend of the Humanities Award* for the Town Hall’s work with civil discourse and arts and culture.

In September, the *Arizona Capitol Times* honored the Town Hall with its *Leaders of the Year in Public Policy Award* in the category of Lifetime Achievement.

