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### **Mayor Cathy Carlat's 2019 State of the City Welcome Remarks**

**PEORIA, Ariz. (April 25, 2019)** – *Following are Mayor Cathy Carlat's welcome remarks for the 2019 State of the City Address; to be followed by a State of the City Video.*

Guy, thank you for that warm welcome.

This year the Peoria Chamber of Commerce celebrates 100 years of service to our community.

I hope you know how grateful I am for your long-standing partnership and support. Happy birthday!

Good evening.

Before I begin, I want to pause for a moment.

Last week our Peoria family was rocked by a terrible incident that left four Peoria Fire Fighters hospitalized with severe injuries.

Our first responders are called upon to answer an ever-expanding array of emergency situations; and still, they continue to serve with unmatched courage, strength, and compassion.

In honor and respect for Peoria's brave heroes, and the families that pray for them every day, please join me for a moment of quiet reflection.

*(Moment of Reflection)*

Thank you for that.

And thank you all for joining me for the 2019 State of the City Address, A Celebration of the Peoria Experience.



I want to begin by introducing my incredible support system.

My husband, Dennis, and my children Adam & Natalie and Kalen, my mother, Alyce, my sisters and their husbands, Candee and Lewis and Terri and Fred.

Thank you all for being here today and for always being there for me, no matter what.

Would you all please stand?

Over the past four years, I have had the privilege of working with the best of the best.

Vice Mayor Binsbacher, Mayor Pro Tem Hunt, Councilmember Edwards, Councilmember Finn, and Councilmember Patena.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work for the residents of our great city.

Please stand and be recognized.

Although Council and I have the exciting responsibility of charting and propelling the goals our residents want, making these goals a reality wouldn't be possible without a great City Manager.

Fortunately, we have one.

Jeff Tyne is a skilled and effective leader. Every day he is refining our outstanding legacy of fiscal and organizational excellence. A legacy he helped build through his many years of service to the City of Peoria.

Jeff – please stand to be recognized.

I am the luckiest Mayor in the world!

It's an exciting time to be in Peoria! We are in the midst of a transformation. We are creating the future that serves our residents of today and those still to come.

We are approaching the vast possibilities of what I call a complete city, with a singular focus on quality of life for our residents.



A complete city has a heart and soul. It wraps its arms around you. It's safe, comforting and it's easy to call home.

A complete city is livable. It meets the needs we all have to enjoy the peaceful quiet of our neighborhoods, to grow together, celebrate together, to form the memories and bonds that last a lifetime.

A complete city honors the character of its residents through arts, culture and community. It provides spaces to gather and places to reflect.

It honors the history that paved the way and protects the strengths and attributes that bolster its foundation.

A complete city embraces the data-driven assets available to smart cities of today while anticipating and planning for the technologies of the future.

A complete city is resilient. It casts aside the old definition of a suburb and replaces it with balance – a place where livability and workability reside side by side.

That's why this City Council is laser focused on attracting the specific types of development, and quality employers, that will benefit our residents and enhance our built and natural environments, now and as we grow.

All of this would be in vain without an unwavering commitment to fiscal accountability and transparency.

We adhere fully to the conscientious policies set forth in our Principles of Sound Financial Management, and in doing so, we have created a solid foundation that allows us to enjoy a safe community, top-rated programs and services, and amazing and unique amenities.

Peoria residents have high expectations and we take care to ensure every decision we make is thoughtful and deliberate, designed to elevate our community to its greatest potential.

And why am I the luckiest Mayor in the world? I get to see those decisions in action, benefitting our community every day!

Now, instead of me simply telling you that the State of the City is strong, I want you to see it for yourself.



Please join me as we listen to the stories of the people who live, work, and play here - as they Celebrate the Peoria Experience.

Thank you.

*(State of the City Video)*