

Mayor Bob Walkup

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Party: Republican
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Robert E. Walkup was elected Mayor of Tucson on November 2, 1999 and re-elected for a second term on November 4, 2003. He was born on November 14, 1936 and was raised in Ames, Iowa, where his father was a Professor of Engineering at Iowa State University.

After earning his Industrial Engineering degree at ISU and serving in the U.S. Army, Mayor Walkup embarked upon his well-known business career in the high-technology aerospace industry. For over thirty-five years, he worked as an engineer and executive for Rockwell International, Fairchild Republic and Hughes Aircraft Company, where he built avionics equipment, military and commercial aircraft, and other national defense systems.

Mayor Walkup has spent many years volunteering his personal time in the community with organizations such as the Tucson Community Food Bank, the Pima-Santa Cruz County School-to-Work Program (founder), El Centro Cultural de las Americas (co-founder), GTEC and the Arizona Space Commission (founder and first chair).

The mayor's hobbies include playing guitar, sketching, studying astronomy, and restoring antique cars and motorcycles.

Mayor Walkup brings his community-building spirit to City Hall. His real-world management skills and experience help strengthen our government and our community.

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Bruce A. Wright is a co-founder of Arizona Microsystems. Wright is the Associate Vice President for Economic Development at the University of Arizona and also serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the University of Arizona Science and Technology Park.

He began his career as a management analyst for the City of Tucson and was the Deputy Director of the Commission on Improved Governmental Management. He has also served as Chief-of-Staff to U.S. Congressman Morris K. Udall, and as Staff Consultant to the US House of Representatives Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. In 2001, the Arizona Association of Economic Development honored Wright as Economic Developer of the Year. In 2000, he was presented the Chairman's Award by the Arizona High Technology Cluster, and received the Paul Fannin Award for his work in cross-border economic development from Governor Jane Dee Hull and the Arizona-Mexico Commission.

Wright received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Willamette University (Salem, Oregon).

Wright currently serves as President of the Association of University Research Parks and is on the Board of Directors of the Arizona High Tech Industry Cluster, the Greater Tucson Economic Council, and Southern Arizona Industry and Aerospace Alliance.

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Dr. Robert P. Breault is Chairman and founder of the Breault Research Organization, Inc. (BRO), an optical engineering software developer and consulting company. He is cochairman of the Arizona Optics Industry Association (AOIA), a statewide organization dedicated to the development of the optics industry as an important economic resource to the State of Arizona. He has been a participant at regional, national, and global economic development meetings. He is one of AOIA's representatives to the Coalition for Photonics and Optics (CPO) and one of three SPIE international representatives on the United States Advisory Committee/International Commission for Optics (USAC/ICO).

Breault Research Organisation, Inc. Breault Research Organization, Inc. offers optical software, consulting services, prototyping, and custom software development. With 40 employees, primarily optical engineers, physicists, and programmers, Breault serves Fortune 500 clients as well as startups.

Founded in 1979 by Dr. Robert Breault, Breault Research has decades of experience managing light. From engineering roots in aerospace and defense, Breault's expertise now envelops the bio-medical, automotive, display, semiconductor, and telecommunications industries. Breault is ISO certified.

Advanced Systems Analysis Program is the industry standard for quantitative analysis of optical systems. With powerful capabilities for modeling physical optics, imaging, and illumination systems, ASAP allows for the quantitative analysis, and accurate performance predictions, of complex optical systems. ASAP combines unconstrained three-dimensional entity modeling with ray tracing and analysis. Graphical tools allow visualization of model geometry, ray trace details, analysis results, or all three in combination. ASAP reduces product-to-market time by simulating optical systems prior to prototyping and manufacturing.

Breault provides optical consulting for companies requiring optical design solutions that outperform the competition. Clients include Agilent, Raytheon, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, and NASA.

Breault offers contract design and analysis services, prototype fabrication, custom software development, and contract manufacturing of complex and novel optical and electro-optical systems. Breault's expertise extends from design modifications of existing systems, to the building of new instruments from customer-defined specifications and requirements.

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Gilbert Jimenez was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano to serve as Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce beginning in January 2003. He has been charged with coordinating efforts to develop Arizona's promising technology sector and pursuing international trade opportunities in Mexico and South America so that Arizona becomes the premier trade portal to Latin America.

Mr. Jimenez came from the private sector bringing over 30 years experience in the banking world to this position. His most recent job with Bank One was as Senior Vice President and Regional Manager for Mexico/Latin America.

In his years with Bank One, Mr. Jimenez was responsible for: the bank's international portfolio, including analysis and approval of credit and country risk; managed activities in Mexico that included Corporate, Border and Private banking offices in Mexico, Texas, Louisiana and Arizona; reorganizing the marketing focus of the Mexico City subsidiary.

Throughout his banking career, Mr. Jimenez exercised considerable expertise in strategic planning, asset management, business development, and implementation of marketing strategies. His career has taken him to positions in London, Mexico and Hong Kong.

Mr. Jimenez received his Bachelor of Science in Finance and Real Estate from Arizona State University and attended graduate studies in Corporate Finance at UCLA and Harvard. He maintains civic affiliations with the American Graduate School of International Management and the Arizona-Mexico Commission.

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John Grabo is director of Marketing and International Programs at the University of Arizona which runs the University of Arizona Science and Technology Park, one of the nation's foremost research and development facilities.

John also operates Global Advantage which is a program of the University of Arizona Office of Economic Development, whose goal is to promote the prosperity of Tucson, Southern Arizona, U.S.-Mexico border region and Arizona by providing:

- Provide economic development assistance to businesses, economic development organizations, communities and government
- Facilitate and support connections between the University and the business community
- Promote the development of technology and its transfer to the marketplace.