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**VANTAGE WEST CEO ROBERT D. RAMIREZ JOINS TREO CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE**

TUCSON, Ariz. (Oct. 2, 2014) – Robert D. Ramirez, president and CEO at [Vantage West Credit Union](http://Vantage West Credit Union), has joined the Chairman's Circle for Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO). Ramirez joins an elite group of high-profile executives as a member of the Chairman's Circle, including University of Arizona president Ann Weaver Hart, Carondelet Health Network president and CEO James Beckman and Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, among others.

"I am honored to be working alongside such esteemed local colleagues, all with a shared vision of accelerating Southern Arizona's economic growth for the benefit of the region as a whole," Ramirez said. "I have always valued service and I'm honored to be able to give back in a way that could help the community move forward."

Ramirez brings a wealth of financial knowledge and banking experience to the Chairman's Circle, offering three decades of wisdom about the industry and providing unique insight as TREO members work to uncover economic development opportunities for Tucson and surrounding communities.

An Arizona native and University of Arizona alumni, Ramirez is invested in Southern Arizona with his family, his role with Vantage West Credit Union, and his numerous commitments to community organizations including board of director roles with Mountain West Credit Union

Association, FirstCorp, the DM50 Club, the 162nd FW Minuteman Committee, Pima Community College Foundation, Credit Union Executive Society, the Ronald McDonald House Charities, El Rio Health Center, San Manuel High School and the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Ramirez began his career at Vantage West Credit Union ([www.vantagewest.org](http://www.vantagewest.org)), Southern Arizona's largest credit union, in 1985. Under his leadership, the credit union has expanded beyond its original membership base at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to include general consumers, serving 130,000 members across Pima, Pinal, Maricopa and Cochise counties.

**About Vantage West Credit Union**

*Vantage West is a \$1.3 billion financial institution in Arizona, which serves a growing membership of 130,000 members. The credit union has branches in Pima, Pinal, Maricopa and Cochise counties and serves its vast membership via online channels, as well. Vantage West is a full-service financial institution, offering consumer and business loans, credit cards, and deposit products, as well as retirement accounts and a host of other financial services. Vantage West is federally insured by NCUA. [www.vantagewest.org](http://www.vantagewest.org)*

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