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Speaker of the House

David Gowan

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SPEAKER DAVID GOWAN ANNOUNCES MAJORITY STAFF ADDITIONS

STATE CAPITOL, AZ (Wednesday, September 9, 2015) – Speaker David Gowan today announced four new additions to the Majority Staff in the Arizona House of Representatives. Gina Kash, Tyler Palmer and Ryan Sullivan will serve as Policy Advisors. Matthew Modesitt will serve as Communications and Policy Advisor.

“One of my priorities as Speaker is to hire and retain the most talented and respected professionals we could find, and this team is just that,” stated Speaker Gowan. “I am very confident in the abilities and expertise of this group and am happy to welcome them to the Leadership Team.”

Gina Kash has been with the House in many different capacities since 1998, most recently as the Deputy Director of Research. She will advise the Republican Caucus on the following Committees: Agriculture, Water and Lands; Energy, Environment and Natural Resources; Rural and Economic Development; and Transportation and Infrastructure.

Gina stated, “I have worked with our members in a number of different roles, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with them on policy issues.”

Tyler Palmer began his career working for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and has spent the last several years as Chief of Staff for the Registrar of Contractors. He has a BS in Business, a Master of Public Administration, and a Juris Doctor. He will advise the Republican Caucus on the following issues: K-12 Education and Government and Higher Education.

“Working for the Legislature again is a tremendous opportunity and one that I have hoped to have for many years,” Palmer stated. “Education will continue to take center stage through the coming years and I am thrilled to be joining a group of people to work on behalf of this critically important issue.”

Ryan Sullivan started as a Senate Page in 2010, and has worked at the House since 2012. He recently earned an MPA - while working full-time at the House. He will advise the Republican Caucus on the following Committees: Children and Family Affairs, Health, and Insurance.

“The chance to be part of such an amazing staff under the Leadership of Speaker Gowan is extremely exciting,” stated Sullivan. “I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of his team, which is focused on effective policy in the state of Arizona.”

Matthew Modesitt recently graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a BA in Communications and Political Science, where he also worked as a Research Assistant in the University's Department of Communications. In addition to working alongside the Press Secretary on Communications and Media Relations, Matt will advise the Republican Caucus on a standing issue.

"Throughout the interview process it was very clear that this team has a real passion for serving the State and members of the House. I am truly excited to move to Arizona and begin working in both communications and policy," stated Modesitt. "I know I will learn a lot from such a dedicated and talented group of people."

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