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## Speaker Bowers Welcomes Neal Carter and Teresa Martinez to the Arizona House of Representatives

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – House Speaker Rusty Bowers today welcomed Neal Carter of Legislative District 8 and Teresa Martinez of Legislative District 11 to the Arizona House of Representatives as the newest Republican members of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature. The appointments of Carter and Martinez were announced today by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancies created by the recent passing of Representative Frank Pratt (R-8) and resignation of Representative Bret Roberts (R-11).

**“It’s my pleasure to welcome Neal Carter and Teresa Martinez to the Arizona House of Representatives and into our House family,”** said Speaker Bowers. **“Both bring tremendous experience and leadership which will help the Republican Majority advance good public policy in the upcoming session for the residents of Legislative Districts 8 and 11, and for all of Arizona.”**

Neal Carter is an attorney, small business owner, and community volunteer from San Tan Valley.

**“I am humbled to step into the shoes of the late Frank Pratt, shoes which really can’t be filled,”** said Carter. **“I appreciate the Board of Supervisors for their vote of confidence. Serving as state representative is a position of sacred trust, and it is my commitment to serve the people of District 8 with as much diligence as I can to live up to that trust.”**

Teresa Martinez brings a wealth of political and public service experience to the Legislature. She currently serves as Director of Coalitions and Hispanic Outreach for Congressman Paul Gosar. Previously, Martinez served as a Voting Rights Ambassador for the Arizona Secretary of State’s Office, and as Political Director and Coalitions Director for the Arizona Republican Party.

**“I sought to serve in the State Legislature because I want to do the tough work on behalf of the people who live in Pinal County,”** said Martinez. **“Work that will improve quality of life, promote freedom for all, and make government more accountable to the people it serves. I am ready to do that!”**

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