

DEAN SHEPPARD – BUSINESS RETENTION AND EXPANSION ADMINISTRATOR

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Role: Dean will maximize business retention and growth in Gilbert, while also supporting the Town's overall economic development strategy.

Dean Sheppard joined the Office of Economic Development February 2018. Mr. Sheppard's focus will be Business Retention and Expansion, leveraging experience as a business owner and Vice President of Business Expansion with the Arizona Commerce Authority. During Mr. Sheppard's tenure he managed over 20 projects supporting the creation of over 5,000 jobs with capital investment exceeding \$200 million into the state of Arizona and the Phoenix metro region. Mr. Sheppard successfully grew a startup business and purchased a second complementary business. He has also served as an economic development professional, representing the Arizona communities of Scottsdale and Glendale. Mr. Sheppard resides in Phoenix with his wife of 27 years and their three sons. He enjoys coaching competitive soccer and served as the Girls Varsity Soccer Coach for Horizon High School in the Paradise Valley Unified School District.