



# Plaza Companies Leadership Team

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As President, CEO and co-founder of Plaza Companies, Sharon Harper oversees all facets of company operations, including the ownership, development, leasing or management of nearly 10 million square feet of Arizona medical office properties, senior living facilities and bioscience/biotechnology centers.

With Harper at the helm, Plaza Companies' properties and projects have received significant recognition within the real estate, construction, senior living, technology and medical sectors, and the company has proved instrumental in setting a national standard of excellence in the ownership, development, management and leasing of award-winning facilities throughout these sectors.

Her forward-thinking commitment to commercial real estate has helped Plaza Companies emerge as one of the premier real estate firms in the Southwest, earning numerous awards and designations under her leadership.

Harper has also been heavily influential in the widespread success of SkySong, The ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center, of which Plaza Companies is the master developer. Recently, Plaza Companies secured the AZ Big Media RED Award for "Mixed-Use Development of the Year 2015" for its SkySong, The ASU Scottsdale Innovation Center project, as well as two 2015 "Best of NAIOP" awards, including the "Economic Impact Award" for SkySong and an additional office building award specific to SkySong Building 3. SkySong 4 was a Best of NAIOP finalist in 2017 as well.

One of the region's most recognizable icons, SkySong has received considerable recognition for its efforts in green building and sustainability. SkySong's buildings have received LEED Silver Certifications from the U.S. Green Building Council and an Energy Star designation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The project was also listed among the "Best of NAIOP" by the National Association of Office and Industrial Properties – Arizona Chapter, and also secured an "Award of Merit" from Valley Forward.

SkySong has received national acclaim and has proved

instrumental in attracting cutting-edge technology and innovation companies to the area as well as more than 2,000 jobs, and is considered among the premier economic engines in the entire Southwest. When complete, SkySong will include 1.2 million square feet of mixed-use space as well as offices, a hotel, retail facilities, apartment residences and other amenities.

Plaza Companies is the co-developer of the renovation of the Park Central Mall property into an innovative, modern new office and retail development that will once again serve as a hub for central Phoenix. Construction on the renovations is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Harper's hard work and tireless dedication have also helped make Plaza Companies an integral component of the local and national real estate industry. Its properties and projects have seen considerable successes, with the Plaza team playing an instrumental role in the development, construction, leasing and management of numerous on and off-campus projects. Notable medical projects include the Banner Estrella Medical Center of Phoenix, a 300,000 square-foot ambulatory medical campus considered the epicenter of cutting-edge health care in the West Valley, Paradise Valley Medical Plaza and numerous other on and off-campus projects.

Harper and Plaza Companies also played a prominent role in the development and management of many of Arizona's premier senior-living facilities, including Vi at Silverstone and Vi at Grayhawk, the latter of which was recently listed among the "Best Nursing Homes, 2015," by U.S. News and World Reports. The facility also scored its 14th consecutive "Top Independent Living Provider" nod this year from Ranking Arizona: The Best of Arizona Business.

Tucson's Splendido at Rancho Vistoso retirement community also earned numerous accolades. It was listed among "America's Best Nursing Homes, 2015" by U.S. News and World Reports, and the facility was also the recipient of the "Outstanding Arts Leader Award" by the Southern Arizona

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Arts & Cultural Alliance, the “Good Deal” and Help Others” awards by Habitat for Humanity, Tucson, and the “Go for the Gold” award by Crandall Corporate Dietitians. The company continues to assist with the development and management of numerous other senior-living projects in and around central Arizona’s Maricopa County.

Harper’s personal business achievements have earned considerable praise as well. Recently, she was recognized as “Woman of the Year” by Valley Leadership, and she and her husband Dr. Oliver Harper received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Phoenix Theatre. Plaza was recognized as one of the top real estate development and brokerage firms by the Phoenix Business Journal in 2016 and 2017, and Sharon Harper received the publication’s Landmark Leaders recognition in 2016. Plaza was also recognized as one of Arizona’s leading real estate companies by AZ Big Media in 2017.

She is the Chairman of Governor Doug Ducey’s re-election campaign in 2018 and was the Chairman of the Prop. 123 campaign in 2016, was the recipient of the “Distinguished Service Award” by the Greater Phoenix Economic Council in 2014 and was also listed among AZRE’s “People to Know in Commercial Real Estate,” Real Estate Forum’s “Women of Influence” and AZ Big Media’s “20 Most Influential Women in Commercial Real Estate” that same year. She is currently serving on the Board of Governors for TGen. She was the recipient of the “Lifetime Achievement Award for Most Admired Leader” by the Phoenix Business Journal and received the “Citizen Leadership Award” from the International Economic Development Council in 2013, and was listed among the “50 Most Influential Women in Arizona Real Estate” in 2012 by AZRE magazine and the “50 Most Influential Women, 2012” by Arizona Business Magazine. She is also an active member of the Counselors of Real Estate.

Harper’s commitments extend far beyond business, and include a variety of causes, volunteer efforts and appointments across Arizona and beyond. She currently serves as immediate past Chairman of Greater Phoenix Leadership, serves on the Executive Board of GPEC, serves on the Creighton University Board of Trustees, and was appointed to the Trustees of ASU, a board of leaders that serve as advisors for the university and President Michael M. Crow. She is also a Trustee for the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, and was appointed to the executive board of Gov.

Doug Ducey’s Arizona Zanjeros, a business leadership group created to help promote Arizona’s economic development and reputation as a national epicenter of business and commerce. She is also an active member of the Inaugural Valley Leadership CEO Circle.

Most recently, Harper was presented with the 2019 Inés Pascal Award for Generous Service by Brophy College Preparatory Academy, is an Award of Excellence Recipient from NAIOP Arizona, and is being inducted into the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame in May 2019.

Past appointments include stints on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Community Foundation, Past Chairman of Banner Health Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Brophy College Preparatory School.

Harper has also been named Honorary Commander of Luke Air Force Base, and was the recipient of the “Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award” by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2013, the Building New Futures Good Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America in 2008 and the Sandra Day and John O’Connor Award for Outstanding Community Service in 2007. She earned the Creighton University Alumni Achievement Citation in 2006 and the Best of the West Leadership Award by WESTMARC, the Western Maricopa Coalition in 2003. She was a Community Honoree for the Catholic Community Foundation in 2012, is a member of Charter 100 and the Governor’s Arizona Film and Television Commission, and a board member for the Maricopa County Arts Cultural Task Force and the Creighton University National Alumni Board. Harper also served as National Finance Chairman for Arizona Senator John McCain during both his 2000 and 2008 presidential runs.