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**VALLEY LEADERSHIP OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR VALLEY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CLASS 40
AND VALLEY LEADERSHIP ACCELERATE 2018**

Valley Leadership is looking for their next cohort of impact-makers.

PHOENIX (*March 21, 2018*)— Valley Leadership (VL) has opened applications for its flagship program Valley Leadership Institute (VLI), which is in its 40th Class, and Valley Leadership Accelerate (VLA), which is in its fourth year.

VLI will dive deeper into the most pressing issues facing Arizona and empower participants to have a meaningful impact on those issues. Each year, approximately 50 members are selected for this nine-month Valley Leadership Institute (VLI) program.

VLA will draw on the expertise of the state's most respected and influential business, civic and community leaders, to inform participants about Arizona's most timely topics and connect them with the people and organizations that are tackling those concerns.

"I am excited to start recruiting for our next year of programming. Our cohorts next year will be among the first to experience some of the changes from our newly adopted strategic plan," says Dave Brown, VL CEO. "I hope those who are interested in making a bigger impact on the most-pressing issues facing our community consider applying for either one of these great programs."

VLI Class 40 and VLA 2018 mark a step forward for VL," says Sarah Krahenbuhl, VL board chair. "I would encourage anyone to apply who is open to playing a deeper role in tackling the challenges and finding the opportunities for Arizona."

Applications for both programs can be found on the Valley Leadership website. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 28, 2018. Valley Leadership will host two recruitment events for those interested in applying. The first event is on Wednesday, April 17th at 4pm and the second is on Tuesday, May 8th at 11am. More details about these events can be found on the Valley Leadership website (www.valleyleadership.org/events).

About Valley Leadership

Valley Leadership empowers, leverages and mobilizes leaders to meaningfully impact the most pressing issues facing Arizona. Our vision is a broad spectrum of Arizonans working together to impact the issues that matter most, setting the example on leadership.

As the Valley's premier leadership organization, Valley Leadership boasts a proven and long-standing track record of making deep impacts on the community. Our roots date back to the late 1970s, when a group of Valley visionaries recognized the need to identify and develop the next generation of leadership. Our founders imagined an annual succession of educated change agents dedicated to the best possible future for our region. Almost 40 years later, this vision has produced nearly 3,000 alumni. Through high-quality education, unprecedented access and an innovative network,



Valley Leadership goes beyond traditional leadership programs by empowering leaders to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits.

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