LEA MARQUEZ PETERSON
President/CEO of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and its affiliate chambers in Douglas, Nogales and Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Lea has been an entrepreneur in our community for many years and has served as the President/CEO of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber since 2009. The Tucson Hispanic Chamber serves the business community in the bilingual, bi-cultural region of the Arizona-Sonora border and was recognized as the Hispanic Chamber of the Year in 2013 by the U.S Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She previously served as the Executive Director for Greater Tucson Leadership (GTL) from 2005 to 2009 and owned and operated a chain of gasoline stations/convenience stores in the Tucson region.

Lea was appointed by the Obama administration to the National Woman’s Business Council (NWBC) in which she served for three years. The NWBC advises the President, Congress and the SBA on issues facing woman-owned businesses in the nation. She is very active in the community and sits on the Boards of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Vantage West Credit Union, UA Terry Lundgren Retail Center, Arizona Town Hall and the Pima County Workforce Investment Board. She currently chairs the Pima Association of Governments Economic Vitality Committee. She formally served as the Chairwoman of the Southern Arizona Business Roundtable, the Past Chair of the Southern Arizona Chamber of Commerce Alliance, the Founder and Past Chair of the Pima County Small Business Commission, the Chairwoman of the University of Arizona Hispanic Advisory Council and is a Past President of the Tucson chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Lea was recognized by the University of Arizona Eller College with a 2014 Extraordinary Woman in Business award, the University of Arizona Alumni Association with the 2012 Distinguished Citizen Award, the 2011 State of Arizona Minority Business Advocate of the Year, the 2009 Rising Star by the Hispanic Professional Action Committee, the 2008 Business Advocate of the Year by MED Week, a 2007 Woman of Influence by Inside Tucson Business, was recognized as a 40 under 40 recipient and honored with a University of Arizona Entrepreneurial Fellow award. In addition, she is a Flinn Brown Fellow and an Honorary Rotarian.

She received her undergraduate degrees in Marketing and Entrepreneurship from the University of Arizona, and her Master’s in Business Administration from Pepperdine University. She is married with two children.
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