

**MEDIA RELEASE – DOUGLAS IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT WHITE HOUSE
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL STATE LEADERSHIP DAY**

Douglas, Arizona (*September 16, 2019*) Douglas Mayor Robert Uribe was honored to represent the City of Douglas in Washington, DC on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the White House during State Leadership Day. Officials from Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah were invited to engage in briefings and discussions with senior Administration officials from a variety of federal Agencies, including Interior Secretary David Bernhardt and White House Office of U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere John M. Melle.

Topics ranged across shared priorities of the opioid (drug) crisis, facilitating infrastructure development and rural prosperity, promoting shared land stewardship, driving economic development through deregulation, trade, immigration, ports entry, and improving disaster recovery and resilience.

“We have gained support from the highest office of the land, stated Mayor Uribe. “Now we have access to various contacts at key federal agencies in the Administration such as our US Trade Representative, HUD and the USDA, where they provide grants to shovel-ready projects, to help us push our specific needs forward. During the exchange with the Vice President I was able to invite him to Douglas to see the Port of Entry for himself.”

As part of the City’s port planning and development activities, “we are right where we need to be. I am proud of our team and its leadership, this is our time, and this is our moment, stated Mayor Uribe.” An invitation letter will be drafted to the Vice-President.

For questions please contact the Mayor’s office at (520) 417-7302.

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