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Mr. Rounds regularly provides advice to policymakers at the Arizona State Capitol, to mayors throughout the state as well as city council members, county board members, and other public and private sector leaders in the community. He has delivered hundreds of economic presentations throughout Arizona and is quoted weekly on television, radio, and in printed media.

Jim has provided economic guidance to policy leaders across the country on matters of real estate, tourism, economic planning, fiscal planning, criminal justice reform, education policy, and economic impact modeling.

Mr. Rounds enjoys participation in multiple organizations as well as using proper analysis and communication to bridge political gaps. For example, Jim is a Senior Fellow at the Goldwater Institute; a board member of the Maricopa County IDA and Valley Partnership; and advisor to education focused groups including the Helios Education Foundation, Achieve 60 AZ, the Rodel Foundation, the Arizona Board of Regents, and the various state universities, among others. Jim is also the lead economist for multiple rural and urban area healthcare and hospital associations.

Other areas of study include advanced workforce analysis; minimum wage impact analysis; State Trust Land finance; public employee pension reform; utility infrastructure investment; and state and local area tourism planning.

Recently, Jim has been supporting the concept of “growing from within,” which includes efforts to better understand small business development issues, and strategic investment in education and workforce training. Jim is a lead member of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee’s Finance Advisory Committee, and has served on scores of committees and task force efforts at both the state and local levels.

Mr. Rounds began his career as a Senior Economist and Senior Budget Analyst with the Arizona Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and has been engaged in policy related economics for more than two decades. Jim has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Economics from Arizona State University.