



CAR WASH & LUBE CENTERS

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### **Mister Car Wash CEO John Lai Embraces Past, Speaks to Future During Grand Opening of National Headquarters in Tucson**

TUCSON, AZ – Nearly 200 guests joined associates of [Mister Car Wash](#), the largest car wash company in the United States, for the celebratory unveiling of its new national headquarters in Tucson on October 15th. Eighty of the company's Tucson-based associates bade welcome to guests, many of whom enjoyed tours of the recently completed 25,000-square foot building located at 222 East Fifth Street near Tucson's revitalized downtown core.

In addition to Mister Car Wash associates, family and friends, notable guests in attendance included Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, and Kris Galashan from Leonard Green & Partners, the private equity firm which acquired Mister Car Wash in August. Paul Fazio, President of Sonny's Enterprises, earned kudos for traveling all the way from South Florida to attend the celebration. Also present were various members of the building's design, development and construction team.

With an iconic Arizona sunset as a backdrop, CEO John Lai welcomed guests with a public address on the patio during the cocktail reception, expressing his personal gratitude to the nearly 5,000 Mister Car Wash associates who represent the company every day in the eyes of Mister Car Wash customers in 14 states.

"As nice as this building is, Mister Car Wash is not this building, Mister Car Wash is our people," Lai said.

"We may be the largest car wash company in the United States but our goal is to be the largest and best car wash company in the world, and we couldn't do it without our people. It's been 18 years and we're really just getting started," he added.

With recruitment, training and career advancement top priorities for Mister Car Wash, the new headquarters features ample office and training space. Later this month, the company will launch its first session of Mister Car Wash University, a managers-in-training program. Guests were able to view this space along with the company fitness center and loaner bikes, which are available to associates for short rides to dozens of nearby restaurants and retailers of downtown Tucson's vibrant scene.

Hoping other job creators will be inspired to follow Mister Car Wash and other companies' decisions to base their operations in Tucson, Tucson Mayor Rothschild stated, "the location of the Mister Car Wash

national headquarters is a model for future businesses. The architecture that incorporates modern elements into a historic building, creating a workplace that motivates employees, near all the amenities of a thriving downtown area, is the model that will make our economy strong. I will be bringing many prospective businesses to see what Mister Car Wash has done to create an ideal headquarters.”

#### **ABOUT MISTER CAR WASH**

Mister Car Wash ([www.mistercarwash.com](http://www.mistercarwash.com)) is the largest car wash company in the United States, operating 134 car washes and 32 express lubes in 14 states. The company is headquartered in Tucson, Arizona and has nearly 5,000 employees, servicing over 15 million vehicles annually. Mister Car Wash is an operating company of Leonard Green & Partners L.P.

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