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**Ellie Martin**

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**From:** Brenda Marts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 4:13 PM  
**To:** District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; COB\_mail

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### **Item #13: Hearing - Code Text Amendment**

*ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 32, of the Board of Supervisors, relating to Traffic and Highways (Title 10); creating a new Section 10.37 Unpaved County Roads, to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for Air Quality. Attachments:*

It looks like this is intended to limit a mining operation. There are several comment letters attached to this item, and some indicate that there is no legal precedent for Pima County to do this. Limiting the speed to 15 MPH is harsh. This is punitive against the Copper World Project, which promises to "supply the copper essential to powering our green energy future" and to provide "responsibly sourced copper for the technologies that enable our modern lifestyles, from smartphones to electric vehicles to space, and beyond."

The fact that there is likely going to be legal action taken against the county should make you insure you are following all statutes. It might be good for business growth to do a little "live and let live" for this mine.



## Rosy Millan

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**From:** Jennifer Clarke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 10:50 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for Air Quality

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

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Please vote yes on Ordinance No. 2025-32 and save our health from uncontrolled dust pollution caused by heavy trucks and save our mountains and water supplies for future generations.

Thank you,

Jenifer Clarke  
3550 W Calle UNO  
Green Valley, AZ85622

Sent from my iPad.

**“No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it.”** – Albert Einstein

## Rosy Millan

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**From:** John Dougherty <jdougherty@scenicsantaritas.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 9:28 PM  
**To:** Kate Hotten; COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Nick Maya; Kathleen Kennedy  
**Subject:** Re: Letter of support re: December 16, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda Item no. 13

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**From:** Kate Hotten <kate.hotten@sonorandesert.org>  
**Date:** Monday, December 15, 2025 at 2:54 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail@pima.gov <COB\_mail@pima.gov>  
**Cc:** Nick Maya <nick.maya@sonorandesert.org>, Kathleen Kennedy <kathleen.kennedy@sonorandesert.org>  
**Subject:** Letter of support re: December 16, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda Item no. 13

*RM*

Dear team,

Please distribute the attached letter of support to Chair Scott and members of the board in advance of the December 16, 2025 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, regarding agenda item no. 13 on the draft ordinance relating to unpaved roads.

Sincerely,

Kate

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**Kate Hotten (she/her)**

**Co-Executive Director**

Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

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Grateful to be living and working on ancestral lands stolen from the O'odham, Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 8:11 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32

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December 15, 2025

Ms. Melissa Manriquez  
Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress Street  
Tucson, AZ 85701  
Via Email: COB\_mail@pima.gov

RE: Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for Air Quality

Dear Ms. Manriquez: I strongly support passage of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for air quality at the Dec. 16, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

It is imperative that the county close a loophole that allows businesses to operate an unlimited number of heavy trucks across unpaved roads that can negatively impact air quality.

The airborne dust that heavy trucks generate can contain dangerous contaminants that could cause serious and fatal disease.

Reducing the amount of airborne dust caused by heavy trucks traveling across unpaved county roads is a proactive measure Supervisors can take to improve the quality of life throughout Pima County. Please pass Ordinance No. 2025-32.

Thank you,

Stephen Lundgren  
2198 East Madera Plateau  
Green Valley, Ariz.

## Rosy Millan

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**From:** STACY LITVAK [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 7:16 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32 (resend)

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December 15, 2025

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Ms. Melissa Manriquez  
Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress St.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for Air Quality

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Please pass Ordinance No. 2025-32 that would restrict truck traffic on unpaved roads across Pima County. The public needs this ordinance to be passed for the following reasons:

Air pollution - In our dry climate unpaved road surfaces are soon covered in fine, powdery dust that stays in the air long after vehicle traffic has passed. Dust covers vegetation on both sides of the road and drifts into surrounding areas. The amount of dust thrown up by a large, heavy, multi-wheeled vehicle traveling at speed is significantly greater than that of a four-wheeled passenger vehicle. More large trucks will result in even more airborne dust.

Public safety -- a) There will be an increase in windshield damage. Vehicles following or coming toward these trucks will be subject to stones on unpaved roads thrown into the air by heavy, multi-wheeled vehicles. b) Vehicle speeds. These trucks will be "on a mission" and drivers will be intent on reaching their destination as quickly as possible. Speed limits will be ignored and the county can not be expected to expend resources on full-time enforcement. c) Overtaking. If speed limits are enforced, passenger vehicles will be tempted to pass slow moving trucks. In addition to the usual risks associated with passing large vehicles will be the challenge of passing large vehicles on narrow unpaved, shoulderless roads, restricted vision due to flying dust, and windshield damage from flying rocks.

Who benefits and loses - Hudbay Minerals and business interests opposing this ordinance do not have to live with the consequences. The residents of Pima County do. Additionally, the joint Hudbay/Mitsubishi Copper World open pit project whose trucks will be using County roads will result

in significant environmental damage to the Santa Rita Mountains. Mitsubishi has invested in the project to ensure a supply of copper for Japan. Japan gets the copper, Hudbay, a Canadian company, gets the profits, Pima County residents get the mess.

I strongly support Pima County's steadfast opposition to Copper World for nearly two decades culminating in October with the county's fourth resolution opposing open pit mining in the Santa Rita Mountains.

Please vote yes on Ordinance No. 2025-32!

Thank you,

Stacy Litvak  
1125 E Via Entrada  
Tucson, 85718

## Rosy Millan

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**From:** Jon Howe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 6:55 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32

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Dec. 15, 2025

Ms. Melissa Manriquez  
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130 W. Congress St.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your service as our representatives.

We urge you to pass Ordinance No. 2025-32 restricting truck traffic on unpaved roads across Pima County. Dirt roads are fragile and the dust generated can impact air quality. Dirt roads are not intended or designed for heavy vehicles and commercial traffic, nor are the areas that they provide access to.

Thank you,

Jon Howe

RM

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**From:** Paula Wagenbach [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 6:54 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for Air Quality. Protect our mountains from dust pollution

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Tucson, AZ 85701

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A foreign company wants to destroy the Santa Ritas by mining copper, thus profiting financially while our environment suffers and Arizonans also pay a heavy price. Please don't let this happen! If we don't start prioritizing our environment and health over big business and the financial gain of a few, we will have little to leave our future generations.

Business interests are rallying behind Hudbay and opposing the ordinance with the Arizona Trucking Association sending threatening letters to the county claiming the ordinance could "bankrupt" the county. This is a ridiculous overstatement of the facts.

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Thank you,  
Paula Wagenbach  
Tucson

## Rosy Millan

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**From:** Michael Quinlan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2025 5:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** I support Ordinance 2025-32

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Thank you,

Michael Quinlan

1341 E. Bayview Drive  
Tempe, AZ, 85283  
[REDACTED]

# AGENDA MATERIAL

BOS UNPAVED ROAD ORDINANCE 12-16-2025 2 MINUTES

DATE 12/10/25 ITEM NO. PA13

I urge you to vote YES for ordinance 2025-32. As a physician, I will explain how air pollution from dust emissions is very harmful to our lungs and overall health.

When heavy trucks kick up dirt on unpaved roads, we unknowingly breathe in tiny dust particles, which make their way down deep into our lungs reaching our tiny air sacs (the alveoli). Being so tiny, these particles may not stimulate a cough for our lungs to get rid of them. They stay lodged in our air sacs where they can damage immune cells, induce inflammation and oxidative stress, impair lung function and can lead to chronic lung conditions like asthma, obstructive pulmonary disease, and bronchitis and can also lead to lung cancer. At the air sac level there is gas exchange – carbon dioxide out - oxygen in. Tiny dust particles can then travel from our lungs via our bloodstream and lodge in other organs, where they also cause damage and put us at risk for organ dysfunction and cancer.

Air pollution is the second leading cause of lung cancer and the sixth leading cause of death and disease worldwide. A child's exposure can result in chronic asthma or a diagnosis of cancer decades later. Cancer is now the leading cause of death in the United States in young adults between 15 and 39.

Tiny dust particles are analogous to microplastics. We have some control over our exposure in our homes, but not when they become airborne outdoors.

And chemical treatment to tamp down dirt roads is a regrettable choice because in trying to solve one environmental problem, you will create another. With over 150 varieties on the market, most lack formal specifications and reliable environmental testing, and require annual applications. Words like biodegradable, clean, natural, environmentally sustainable in my opinion have no scientific validity when it comes to managing dust emissions from heavy trucks on unpaved roads. Chemicals seep into our soil and groundwater, pollute our aquifer and kill our native vegetation and wildlife. Chemicals vaporize, pollute our air, and sicken and kill us.

Air is in the public domain, we have the right to breathe clean air, and we are relying on you to protect the air we breathe. Vote YES for critically necessary ordinance 2025-32.

Respectfully submitted, 12-16-25 10:05 AM

Tina Luxenberg, MD

Nina Luxenberg, MD

Ellie Martin

**From:** rusty.lombardo@friendsofmaderacanyon.org  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025 4:54 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2025-32

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residing in Corona del Tucson and Vail. The dust created by so many vehicles traveling Santa Rita Rd will add another layer of health issues not only for humans, but also the flora and fauna in the Santa Rita mountains and surrounding area. I live at least 15 miles southwest but can easily see the trails of dust and harmful particulate from our patio.

Some business interests are rallying behind Hudbay and opposing the ordinance like the Arizona Trucking Association sending threatening letters to the county claiming the ordinance could “bankrupt” the county. This is a ridiculous overstatement of the facts.

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Thank you,

James C. Lombardo

Ellie Martin

**From:** Dominika Heusinkveld [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 16, 2025 7:35 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** I support ordinance 2025-32

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Thank you,  
Dominika Heusinkveld