



To: the Board of Supervisors, Pima County
Re: July 11, BOS meeting, RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 51

July 8, 2017

The Tucson Mountains Association regards global warming driven largely by human use of fossil fuels as a serious threat to the planet. Our local region, including the Tucson Mountains, is being hit by global warming, and the expected damage in both the near and far future is a cost too great to ignore. We applaud the resolution that the Board of Supervisors is to consider at its July 11 meeting, and urge all supervisors to sign on.

The decision by the President of the United States to withdraw from the Paris climate accords is extremely damaging and will go down in history as one of the great mistakes of the 21st Century. It is a decision that looks to the past without an appreciation of the costs of failure to take major action to curb global warming, and lacks an appreciation of the opportunities that taking action would provide in new technology development in which the USA excels. The decision is made without an appreciation of the new jobs and yes new wealth to accrue from policies that look to the future in curbing global warming.

Pima County is a place that has abundant opportunity to be at the forefront of new energy technology. It has much to lose from unabated climate change, but much to gain from being part of the solution. We urge all County Supervisors to sign onto resolution 2017 – 51. It is the right and sensible thing to do. Let Pima County be part of the solution, not part of the short-sighted opposition to global action on climate change. We also urge the Board of Supervisors to go further and lobby for serious action at the state and national levels. Moreover, changes to previous federal policy on climate change should be vigorously opposed.

Sincerely

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