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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 9, 2015

TO: Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor 

REGARDING: Item for the February 17, 2015 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the February 17, 2015 agenda addendum:

Resolution

Opposing future Predator Masters predator hunts in Pima County. (District 5)

Thank you

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OPPOSING PREDATOR MASTERS HUNTS IN PIMA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Pima County has adopted and adheres to its landmark Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, crafted to protect habitat and movement corridors for this region's unique and often rare species while allowing for responsible development, and

WHEREAS, to comply with the letter and spirit of its Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and the associated Multi-Species Conservation Plan, Pima County has purchased and manages for protection many thousands of acres of fragile desert land, and

WHEREAS, Predator Masters is a Utah-based organization that promotes recreational calling of predators such as coyotes, bobcats, foxes and coatiundi in order to shoot and kill them indiscriminately, and

WHEREAS, the 2015 convention of Predator Masters was in Pima County and its attendees participated in recreational hunts of target predators, and

WHEREAS, these predators are an integral part of the Sonoran Desert ecosystem and play a critical role in maintaining a healthy balance of plants and animals in the ecosystem by preying on species such as rabbits, mice and other rodents, and

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate killing of these predators, even when done legally, does not serve any legitimate wildlife management purpose and instead upsets the natural balance of the area's Sonoran Desert ecosystem, and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors use the extensive public lands in Pima County for hiking, dog walking, bird watching, seasonal game hunting, horseback riding, and other outdoor activities compatible with maintenance of a healthy ecosystem, and the activities of Predator Masters attendees pose a threat to their safety and well-being,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors opposes any and all future Predator Masters hunts in this county.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy County Attorney
ANDREW FLAGG