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From: Brenda Marts [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 18, 2025 4:09 PM
To: District3; District5; COB_mail; District4; District2; District1
Subject: Addendum Item #4: Evolution of the Metropolitan Education Commission into the Southern Arizona Education Council

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From: Helen Jentoft [REDACTED]
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To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; COB_mail
Subject: BoS agenda

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#10

Disapprove the "climate action plan" and cut all ties to the ICLEI. CO2 is the gas of life, and the level in the atmosphere is far lower than optimal for plants to flourish. It is not the control knob for the climate, and even if it were, our county could not make a measurable impact. CO2 comes from China and other places that are trying to lift their people out of poverty. The "climate goals" will do nothing except impoverish our people, subject us to tyrannical controls, and enrich global oligarchs.

#18/19

Stop tax funding projects aimed at turning us into digital resources controlled by Big Tech.

#4

Abolish the MEC. Improve education by expanding school choice, and the ability of low-income families to take advantage of it.

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