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Chair Rex Scott
Pima County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chair Scott and Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

The Tucson Crime Free Coalition is respectfully but firmly urging you to continue your advocacy against the City of Tucson's discriminatory plan to impose differential water rates on residents and businesses located in unincorporated areas of Pima County.

As you know, Tucson Water has long operated as a regional utility, serving customers both within and outside of city limits. The attempt to impose up to a 23% rate increase on unincorporated users—while simultaneously reducing rates for city residents—is not only unjust, it is a betrayal of Tucson Water's historic role as a regional provider. This move weaponizes a monopoly service to punish residents who lack direct representation within the City of Tucson government, creating an artificial financial divide among customers receiving the same essential service. Pima County residents and business owners are still waiting for a refund from previous battle that the City of Tucson ultimately lost.

Your past leadership in opposing these discriminatory rates—including through Resolution No. 2021-9 and the recent successful lawsuit affirming the illegality of such practices—has been essential. The latest City Council action to reimpose these unfair rates, even after a legal defeat, is a direct challenge to rate parity and the regional cooperation our communities depend upon.

We strongly support your proposed Resolution No. 2025-10, which reaffirms Pima County's opposition to differential rates, authorizes all necessary actions to protect unincorporated residents, and recommends legislative remedies to limit Tucson's overreach. We encourage you to adopt it swiftly and unanimously.

This is about more than water—it's about fairness, representation, and the fundamental principle that essential services should not be used as leverage in intergovernmental disputes. On behalf of Pima County's taxpayers, homeowners, and small businesses, we thank you for standing up for equity and regional integrity.

Please continue to fight against these unjust water rate hikes with every legal and political tool at your disposal.

Sincerely,

The Tucson Crime Free Coalition Steering Leaders

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Monica Carlson

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