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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Ally Miller, District 1
Supervisor Ramon Valadez, District 2
Supervisor Sharon Bronson, District 3
Supervisor Steve Christy, District 4
Supervisor Betty Villegas, District 5

Re: Proposed Changes to the Current Pima Animal Code (Title 6).

Dear Supervisors:

We am writing to express our concerns about the proposed changes to the current Pima County Animal Code (Title 6 of the Pima County Code).

As strong animal advocates, we are very disappointed that the proposed ordinance repeals, weakens and omits some of the Pima County's stongest animal protection regulations.

The following are a few examples:

1. The proposed new ordinance weakens the current animal rescue ordinance that allows for the removal, rescue and forfeiture of animals that are subjected to suffering and neglect.
2. The proposed new ordinance removes safeguards that require that Pima County not release animals to anyone who cannot provide for a suitable home.
3. The proposed new ordinance omits the requirement that animal welfare groups that rescue animals from Pima County spay and neuter the animals before they are released.

We strongly urge you to vote to reject the proposed new animal welfare ordinance.

Sincerely,



Carmine Cardamone
Former Arizona State Representative
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Former Arizona State Representative
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