

Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

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Sierra Club - Nopales Group

Sky Island Alliance

Tortolita Alliance

Tortolita Homeowners Association

Tucson Bird Alliance

Tucson Herpetological Society

Tucson Mountains Association

Wildlands Network

Rex Scott, Chairman

Pima County Board of Supervisors

33 North Stone Avenue, 11th Floor

Tucson, AZ 85701-1207

Re: P25SP00002, Pima County - S. Harrison Road Specific Plan and Comprehensive Plan Amendment AND Sale of property of designated for economic development purposes located at the Pima County Southeast Employment and Logistics Center

Dear Chair Scott and Members of the Board,

We write today to urge you to require full transparency about water and energy usage details for the proposed Project Blue data center prior to making a decision about selling the property and approving both a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Specific Plan for the 290-acre county-owned property.

A full and complete understanding of what is being proposed is essential. This will allow the Board to factor in the impacts of this proposed development on our regional water supply, renewable energy supply, noise pollution, light pollution, the SDCP/ MSCP, the County's climate strategy, and more.

As part of your deliberations, we also urge you to require an enforceable contract to codify any promises made by the potential property owner/developer and binding their assignees to the same.

As more and more data centers are built in communities around the globe, their impacts to the surrounding environment and energy and water supply are becoming better documented. Given the decades-long, ongoing drought in Southern Arizona and Pima County's long-standing legacy of conservation efforts, both the public and the Board should be fully informed about all the details of this proposal before a final decision is made, and irreversible harm possibly occurs.

Until such time as the Board and the public have access to additional pertinent information, without which it is impossible to make a fully informed decision, we request a delay prior to finalizing any entitlements or agreements.

Sincerely,

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cc. Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Jan Lesher, County Administrator