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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 4, 2017

TO: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Richard Elías, District Five Supervisor 
Sharon Bronson, District Three and Board Chair 

REGARDING: Item for the December 12, 2017 agenda addendum

Please add the following to the December 12, 2017 agenda addendum:

Resolution

CALLING FOR THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO RETAIN ITS STRONG INTERNET NEUTRALITY RULE. (Districts 5 and 3)

Thank you

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RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO RETAIN ITS STRONG INTERNET NEUTRALITY RULE

WHEREAS, Pima County residents, like all residents of the United States, deserve to have an internet that does not discriminate against any users on the basis of wealth, race, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, and

WHEREAS, the internet, under federal neutrality rules, is open to everyone, enabling and protecting free speech – and allowing all users to access and disseminate information without interference, and

WHEREAS, in February 2105 the Federal Communications Commission adopted rules representing the strongest possible guarantee of internet neutrality under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, and

WHEREAS, under internet neutrality low-income and disadvantaged people have been able to make their stories heard and to organize in opposition to injustice and in support of fairness, and

WHEREAS, internet neutrality has provided small and start-up businesses with an affordable forum to advertise their wares and services so they can grow and thrive, and

WHEREAS, internet neutrality has spurred an era of innovation and investment and the policy has survived two efforts of the internet service-providing industry to challenge it in court, and

WHEREAS, the large internet service providers, telephone and cable companies such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, continue their efforts to dismantle and undermine internet neutrality in Congress and at the Federal Communication Commission, and

WHEREAS, the elimination of internet neutrality would enable the internet service providers to vary speeds of service and charge more for faster service – providing larger companies and wealthier people with unfair advantages and

WHEREAS, without internet neutrality internet service providers could block information and messages that do not serve their economic or political interests, and

WHEREAS, the current Federal Communications Commission Chairman, former Verizon attorney Ajit Pai, proposes to eliminate internet neutrality, allowing service providers to give preferences to some users and to block content at will, as long as these practices are disclosed, and

WHEREAS, Chairman Pai's proposal also would reduce the Commission's consumer protections and prohibit states from enacting their own requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commissioners are to vote on Chairman Pai's proposal on December 14,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Federal Communications Commission to retain its strong internet neutrality rule and to reject Chairman Pai's proposal.


Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Andrew Flagg, Deputy County Attorney