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Respectfully, I ask you that your decision on the composition of the Pima County Fair Board Commission include representatives who know, understand, embrace, support, and further both the agricultural sector and our youth in Pima County!

Although Pima County is a population that still experiences some agriculture in our everyday lives, we are far removed from real agriculture. Our Pima County fair board needs to continue and encourage a strong agricultural presence, thus giving our fair visitors an opportunity to experience agriculture.

The composition of our Fair Board must include one or more of their members with experience in both youth as in 4-H and FFA, and in the issues and needs of agriculture, specifically livestock. This type of experience is a great advantage to the board. It provides the board with immediate council in the everyday decisions, and it provides a safety net as we meet yearly challenges from exhibitors and visitors who attend and file complaints of wrong doing, etc.

I have attended our Pima County Fair for the last 40 years. I have also attended most other County Fairs around the state, and I can attest with pride that our fairgrounds offer the best facilities, specially when it comes to livestock. This is absolutely not by accident, but by design. **One** our county supervisors (YOU) have supported the activities of our Fair Board, and **Two** we have a board member that has taken the challenge to make our fair one of the best. His knowledge and desire to meet the needs of our exhibitors (in this case youth and agriculture) is second to none, plus his incredible work ethic, and his desire to make our fair the best not only in Arizona, but the nation is the reason for our fair being one of the best nationwide.

Again, whatever your decision is, I urge you to ensure that at least one of our board members is knowledgeable and experienced Youth (4-H and FFA)and Agriculture (Livestock-specifically).

Sincerely,

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