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ITEM NO. RA 66

October 9, 2025

Rex Scott, Chairman and District 1 Supervisor

Pima County Board of Supervisors

33 North Stone Avenue, 11th Floor

Tucson, AZ 85701-1207

RE: Board of Supervisors Meeting, October 14, 2025

Agenda item no. 66 (PIMA COUNTY 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE - PIMA PROSPERS)

On behalf of the Tucson Bird Alliance, I am writing to express our strong support for the draft update to *Pima Prospers* and especially for the language, developed with the assistance of the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, under Chapter 3, Goal 3.A.1. Policy a),

5) To encourage the preservation of natural open space in those subject to the CLS where development is occurring, the CLS has a holistic, landscape-level target that at least 70% of all lands set aside as mitigation across all designations should occur on-site.

This new policy reinforces Pima County's balanced approach to accommodating growth while also prioritizing conservation.

As a local organization deeply involved in habitat restoration, we believe it's crucial to maintain the county's strong record with the Conservation Lands System by protecting land with high biological value in the areas most affected by development. This includes the Tortolita fan, which is essential to our region's landscape connectivity planning.

We thank you and county staff for your thoughtful work and continued leadership in conservation-based planning

Sincerely,

Karen E Howe

Karen Howe, President of the Board of Directors
Tucson Bird Alliance

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