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Via email

Subject: Agenda Item No. 66-Comprehensive Plan Amendment and support for Goal 3.A.1., Policy a) 5)

Dear Chairman Scott & Members of the Board:

Tortolita Alliance (TA) is a local (Marana, AZ) non-profit organization that advocates for land conservancy, ensuring protection of open space, wildlife habitat, watershed, and compatible recreational use.

TA supports the draft update to Pima Prospers and staff's work on the plan, especially Chapter 3. Natural, Physical, and Cultural Environment.

We particularly support the integration of language that reinforces the goals of the SDCP, including this addition under Goal 3.A.1., Policy a) 5):

"To encourage the preservation of natural open space in those areas 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 policy reflects an ongoing commitment to conserving high-value natural, undisturbed open spaces within the same areas most affected by development. It continues Pima County's record of achieving roughly 73% on-site mitigation to date.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

Mark L. Johnson  
President

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