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RE: Support for the Black Angus Specific Plan – Southeast Pima County

Dear Chair Scott and Supervisors,

As Fire Chief of the Rincon Valley Fire District (RVFD), I am writing to express our strong support for the Black Angus Specific Plan. This mixed-use redevelopment project represents a forward-thinking, well-planned effort to meet the growing needs of southeast Pima County.

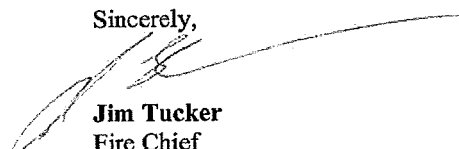
RVFD serves a rapidly expanding region that includes the Vail community, where families, schools, and employers are driving steady growth. As one of the region's public safety providers, we see firsthand the importance of ensuring that development keeps pace with demand for housing, services, and infrastructure. The Black Angus project accomplishes this by converting previously disturbed land into a vibrant mixed-use community, located at a key intersection near existing infrastructure.

From a public safety perspective, this plan helps address a major concern: the lack of a reliable water supply for emergency services. The area near this development has very limited fire hydrant coverage. In fact, the closest hydrants to the Thunderhead neighborhood are over three miles away, either to the north or southeast. That creates real challenges for fire response and limits our ability to protect both residents and property in the area.

The planned expansion of Spanish Trail Water Company infrastructure as part of this project will bring much-needed redundancy to the area. That improves our ability to respond to fires and emergencies, not just in the new development, but across a broader section of southeast Pima County.

This is a smart reuse of land that already has road access and brings services closer to where people live and work. We support the Black Angus project because it reflects responsible planning and helps improve public safety in a fast-growing part of the County.

Sincerely,


Jim Tucker
Fire Chief
Rincon Valley Fire District



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