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The Honorable Rex Scott
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Pima County
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: 10.14.2025 Meeting Agenda, Item #66, Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Chair Scott,

On behalf of the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA), we appreciate the collaborative and transparent process throughout the update of the County's Comprehensive Plan, Pima Prospers. County staff went above and beyond to work with SAHBA, other stakeholders and the broader community. The final document achieves a balanced approach and sets clear goals for the next decade.

As the ECONorthwest Housing Needs Assessment highlights our housing affordability challenges and identifies a need for approximately 116,000 additional housing units over the next 20 years, it is important that policies balance multiple priorities while advancing much-needed housing development.

Therefore, SAHBA is proposing the following language in Goal 3.A.1 Conserve and protect natural resources under Policy a):

"5) To encourage the preservation of natural open space in those areas subject to the CLS, and **balance the need for new housing development**¹, Pima County 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 language has been shared with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, and we believe achieves a shared commitment to protecting natural resources while considering our housing needs.

We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure *Pima Prospers* guides a thriving and resilient future for our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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CC: Board of Supervisors, County Administrator Leshar, Chris Poirier, Mark Holden,
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1. Words in bold reflect language proposed by SAHBA.

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