

Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

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Rex Scott, Chairman and District 1 Supervisor Pima County Board of Supervisors 33 North Stone Avenue, 11th Floor Tucson, AZ 85701-1207

Re: Agenda addendum item no. 3, Zoning for Data Centers

Dear Chair Scott and members of the board,

The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection supports Pima County's proposed direction to staff to initiate a zoning code text amendment requiring Conditional Use Permits for specific applicant types.

We appreciate the county's commitment to ensuring that proposed data centers and other large water and electricity users are subject to effective, thorough review via the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and associated public hearings. We also endorse the expectations outlined in the related Memorandum for the Conditional Use Permit process. We believe this process best reflects the level of due diligence appropriate for projects of this scale.

By aligning with other Arizonan jurisdictions, Pima County is setting the stage for responsible, and beneficial, economic development opportunities that best align with our local values and conservation goals.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership on this issue, and for expediting this amendment.

Sincerely,

Kate Hotten, Co-Executive Director

cc: Jan Lesher, Pima County Administrator Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator Chris Poirier, Director, Development Services August 15, 2025