## **Bernadette Russell**

## DATE 1-18-22 ITEM NO. RA9

From:

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Sent:

Saturday, January 15, 2022 7:25 PM

To:

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Subject:

Board of Supervisors Meeting 01-18-2022 Agenda Comment

I am Sharon Fickes, legal resident of Pima County AZ contact Following is my comment for the Agenda on Supervisors Meeting 01-18-2022

## **AGENDA ITEM# 9 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Adelita Grijalva's proposed language for an acknowledgement to the Indigenous Peoples may not be enough of an acknowledgement to our 1,068,730 residents in Pima County. The American Indians comprise 3.89% or 39,914 total population based on 2021 data from worldpopulationreview.com. Pima County offers numerous opportunities for all of our residents including education, community service, employment, housing, medical, the opportunities here are numerous for all of our residents. As a resident all we have to do is take action to step out, work, and participate. If the Board of Supervisors wish to make an acknowledgement to our Pima County population, let's NOT start by dividing us into classes and races. First acknowledge your oath to protect and promote our Pima County - all of us - then start doing it! While you are thinking about this acknowledgement, be careful what precedent you establish by repeatedly making a public statement by our elected officials such as "unceded ancestral territory". Vote NO to this request.

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From:

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Subject:

Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

To: Clerk Of The Board For PIMA County

I request the following comment becomes part of the Agenda comments for the Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Item 9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS (12/21/21 and 1/4/22) Discussion/Action: Propose that the Board of Supervisors have a brief "Land Acknowledgement" statement at the beginning of each meeting.

Instead of dividing Americans into separate (and unequal) groups, if you have to have a "statement", how about a statement that we need to quit chipping away at the moral foundation of society and come together, live peacefully, learn self-restraint, and be respectful of others.

And the Board should be leading the way in this regard.

Vote NO on further dividing Pima County residents and Americans.

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Pima County resident

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