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Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors

Ladies and gentlemen,

At its April 15 meeting, the board of directors of the **Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce** discussed the Pima County bond election recommendation before you **Tuesday, April 21**.

After spirited conversation, the Chamber board took these positions:

* **The bond questions should be placed on the November ballot.**

Let the voters of Pima County decide whether to tax themselves to pay for these 7 broad categories and their specific projects;

* **Naturally, the Chamber board is enthusiastic about projects that directly benefit Greater Oro Valley**, to include the business accelerator proposal in Oro Valley's Innovation Park, rehabilitation of historic Steam Pump Ranch, and improvements at Naranja Town Park and James D. Kriegh Park.

* The **Sonoran Corridor Highway project**, estimated at \$30 million within the Road and Highway Improvements proposal, would have direct positive impact on Northwest Tucson. Mayors of both Oro Valley and Marana estimate that thousands of Raytheon Missile Systems employees and their families live in the 2 communities. This road would solidify Raytheon's position in Tucson, allowing it to remain and to perhaps expand. In turn, other aerospace industries may be attracted to the region. That specific project has the Chamber board's endorsement.

* **Our board was not unanimous** on the subject of Road Repair and Pavement Preservation. The Towns of Oro Valley and Marana do not incur debt to take care of their roads. That said, roads in Pima County and Tucson do need repair, and are vital for overall community and economic well-being. Few if any immediate, feasible alternatives exist to fix roads. In the end, **the majority of our board, with several "no" votes and abstentions, voted to support the \$160 million line item, strongly urging that the money meet the road.**

Thanks for your consideration and your service.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Perry
President / CEO
On behalf of the board of directors

From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Please support a 2015 bond election
Date: Friday, April 17, 2015 3:55:55 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,
I am writing you today to ask for your support of a 2015 bond election.

Thank you for your consideration.

In addition to the above "prepared statement," I most definitely support the very wise, thoughtful, and comprehensive Bond Package. If we want more tourists to visit, we must have something to demonstrate our community commitment and stability.

I regret I cannot address the Board in person.

Sincerely,
Sally Calkins Wegner