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Dear Supervisor,

My name is Eddie Castillo, parent of a 15 y/o member of the Tucson Roadrunners High School hockey team. I am writing to urge you to support the Predevelopment Services Agreement with Knott Development that is on the Board of Supervisors agenda for 4/20/21. As a proud Junior Roadrunners family, we stand in support of the proposal by Knott Development to bring a leading ice facility to Southern Arizona. On Tuesday, please vote in support of the Predevelopment Services Agreement, and bring this long-overdue facility to Pima County."

This past season just ended last week and was very difficult both financially and spiritually with COVID-19 at the forefront. Since our local use of the TCC facility was NON-EXISTANT due to cost constraints and restrictions, we were forced to drive to the greater Phoenix area 2-3 times per weekend for the past five months for our weekly practice and games. The price increase of gasoline and Baseball Spring Training hotel rate increases surely didn't help ease the financial pain.

Needless to say, this was both tiresome and costly beyond words. We relocated to Tucson in July 2018 from the San Francisco Bay area due job downsizing and one of requirements for relocation was a youth hockey program as my son had been involved with the NHL San Jose Sharks sponsored youth teams since 2016. In fact, since Tucson had a youth program with the Junior Roadrunners, it made the move/transition that much more easy for my son and our family. We were welcomed with open arms!

After seeing the positive impact a local ice rink has on a community first hand (San Jose, San Francisco and Phoenix areas), I can ONLY hope and wish you take the time to research the financial benefits that WILL be reaped by the city and county here in Tucson/Pima. I've heard the war stories of an old rink that used to be here in town in a building/area that now houses a Walmart. Fond memories abound.

To stay active with skating/hockey, we even played roller hockey and visited "Skate Country", but there is NO substitute for real ice here in town!

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The KINO/Knott development plan is just what Southern Arizona need\$! Please vote YES, to make it a reality that our local youth (present and future generations) will enjoy for decades to come!

Nothing like walking into an ice rink on a hot summer day for some pure, healthy fun!

Kind Regards,

Eddie and Lorena Castillo,

Proud hockey parents of Lucas, #16, Forward wing.

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