



Metropolitan Pima Alliance

August 25, 2015

Honorable Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
City of Tucson
244 W. Alameda Street, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) is a land use advocacy organization representing 130 members involved in both commercial and residential development. MPA advocates for balanced land use policies that stimulate economic development. MPA supports the process of both annexation and incorporation as it allocates additional State funding that in return can be invested in improving services such as: fire, parks and recreation, and transportation; all of which are critical to the quality of life and well-being of our community

As one of MPA primary purposes is to encourage and assemble reasonable and respectful discussion amongst diverse groups that fosters economic development, MPA believes that the annexation of unincorporated Pima County leverages revenues that appropriately shifts the financial burden of maintaining and providing exceptional services to our various municipalities. Leveraging additional funding through the process of annexation enables our community to deliver adequate services that are necessary to maintain a vibrant sense of community, as well as promote benefits that so greatly enhance the economic vitality of our region. A larger incorporated area not only aids in building revenue for incorporated municipalities it also allows the County to not be burdened with performing both County and municipal functions. Additionally, citizens can better be served by incorporating or annexing into an area so to have a voice as related to the public services they utilize like water and roads. Lastly, municipalities create a sense of community that cannot be mirrored in a large unincorporated area.

We are confident that the annexation of unincorporated Pima County into our various municipalities is critical to advancing the economic potential of this region, as well as to promote the community's shared visions of increased job and business opportunities and ultimately a better quality of life. MPA is ready, willing and able to further this effort community wide.

Sincerely,

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