




MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2010

TO: C.H. Huckelberry
Pima County Administrator

FROM: Mike Rankin 
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SUBJECT: PAINTED HILLS

As you know, the City of Tucson Mayor and Council have directed me to pursue with Pima County a possible resolution of a lawsuit against the City of Tucson concerning the Painted Hills property. Specifically, the Mayor and Council have directed me to explore with Pima County whether the County can identify any developable property in its inventory, and/or any available open space bond funds, that could be offered in exchange for the Painted Hills property in order to preserve Painted Hills as open space, consistent with the wishes of Pima County voters.

Given the Board of Supervisors' action on May 4th asking that the City not annex Painted Hills, it is clear that Pima County shares the City's interest in preserving this property as open space. I'd like to have the opportunity to meet with appropriate County staff on this topic as soon as possible, since I have to report back to the Mayor and Council within 30 days, and in light of the fact that the City currently has an Order to Show Cause hearing set in our litigation for June 21st.

I've also now received a copy of your memo to Mr. Letcher on this topic dated June 8th, and appreciate your willingness to discuss these issues.

MR/dc

c: Mike Letcher, City Manager, City of Tucson

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