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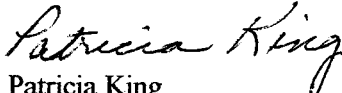
Dear Ann;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for my appointment to the Conservation Bond Committee. At the same time I wish to let you know that I cannot sign the letter of recommendation which will be coming from the committee. I have told the committee, as you and I have spoken, that I do not believe Pima County should be buying this land. I state this for the following reasons.

1. Pima County is not able to meet its obligations today. We see closings of the Sheriff's offices, emergency rooms, reductions in Parks and Recreation programs and library hours and increasing fees at Pima Community College, to name but a few.
2. Purchasing these lands removes them from the tax rolls. This places the burden of the entire budget on the remaining property owners; especially since there is no proposal to cut the county budget.
3. The Fish and Wildlife requirements for a Section 10 will be surveys, monitoring and management which must come from the General Fund. These moneys, which must also pay for a whole new staff of people to complete these tasks, will come off the General Fund before the above mentioned obligations. The County budget would have to increase, even without a diminished tax base. Now this burden on property owners will become even greater.

I understand the necessity of mitigation land requirements for County projects of sewer and roads. What are the actual needs?

I would recommend purchase of development rights to answer the concerns of urban sprawl, open space and conservation of wildlife habitat. In this way the rural community stays intact and one of the basic economic foundations, agriculture, remains in place for Pima County and Arizona.



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