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BRONSON LEAD MOTION TO MAKE PIMA COUNTY THE FIRST GOVERNMENT PROVIDER OF LEED CERTIFICATION SERVICES TO THE UNITED STATES GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL.

Pima County Partners with USGBC in Delivering Certification Services as a LEED for Homes Provider.

Pima County, Arizona – June 23, 2008— The Pima County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve an agenda item last week that will make Pima County the first government agency in the nation to partner with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) in delivering certification services as a LEED for Homes Provider. LEED for Homes is a national rating system that promotes the design and construction of high-performance green homes.

Pima County was selected by the USGBC based on the county's position as a regional green building leader and Development Services' ability to provide helpful, timely, quality and low cost building permitting and inspection services. This combination will create a new level of integration whereby certification services may be consolidated with building permitting ones to maximize efficiencies and to help mitigate potential conflicts between code requirements and sustainability provisions.

This award will be a catalyst to further accelerating the region down the path of sustainable development, hence protecting and preserving our long-term environmental, social, and economic resources. LEED will complement the Pima County Regional Green Building Rating Systems as well as those of the National Association of Home Builders.

Supervisor Sharon Bronson made the motion to pass this important resolution. Bronson represents District 3, the largest district, in Pima County and said, "This is a huge step in the right direction for Pima County and it was my privilege to move this item on behalf of the community." She continued by saying, "Green homes use less energy, water, and natural resources; create less waste; and are healthier and more comfortable for occupants. LEED homes include lower energy and water bills; reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and less exposure to mold, mildew, and other indoor toxins. This is very exciting and truly a win-win for everyone."

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