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Email Address: michael@mpaaz.org
The Honorable Robert E. Walkup
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RE: City/County Water/Wastewater Study Phase II Report

Dear Mayor Walkup:

The Metropolitan Pima Alliance has been an active partner with the City of Tucson and Pima County and a member of the Tucson Regional Water Coalition working to build consensus on the Phase II Report and Recommendations. We commend the staff members in both jurisdictions for their determination, collaboration and their work in putting together a document that identifies our region's water resources and, for the most part, formulates a number of recommendations that will lead our community toward water surety.

However, while we realize no document is going to be completely accepted community-wide, there are two outstanding issues that should require additional discussion and deliberation; namely, the conservation effluent pool and the City's obligation to serve. Concerning the conservation effluent pool, before the City and County enter into any agreement committing 10,000 acre-feet of effluent to environmental restoration, a cost analysis should be conducted to determine the economic value of what could be a viable potable water option in the future.

Second, an analysis should be conducted to determine the economic and fiscal benefits associated with extending service to commercial and industrial parcels located within 1/2 mile of existing infrastructure, as well as the implications of denying service. This refusal of service under the City's policy concerning an obligation to serve is having negative economic and commerce ramifications. Taking time to further study that policy could result in a more effective approach to regional water delivery.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request to further study and discuss specific elements of the Phase II Report and Recommendations. This document is very important to our region's sustainability and water surety and we congratulate you for setting the stage through the commencement of this five phase study.

Sincerely,
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