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Mayor, City of Tucson
Members of the Tucson City Council

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this submittal. Without going into the extensive line by line detail of the Phase II Water and Waste Water Infrastructure Supply and Planning Study I have some concerns relevant to the business concerns of many of the Supporters of Smart United Business Strategies. This is an important process and until recently many of the business owners I've spoken with were unaware of the total process and complexity of this study and subsequent report, leaving many with more questions than answers. I respectfully request the following concerns and issues be addressed prior to adoption of the Phase II part of this process. I do realize that Phase III will address some concerns, however advancing this agenda with so little public understanding brings about grave concerns. Many businesses are so busy keep the doors open that this process has gone basically unnoticed.

1. This plan operates under the premise of identifying growth areas without really addressing the economic engines, costs and any quantifiable information needed to support any growth. The quality of growth cannot and will not occur without an aggressive economic plan inclusive of wealth industries to sustain any real opportunities for growth. This issue needs to be introduced now, not later.
2. Water and Land conservation plan does not again point to how this is supposed to work in conjunction with economic engine to pay for all this conservation. How can water be properly incorporated into the economic development picture along with water conservation and land use synchronization policies?
3. Allocation of \$50 million (minimum replacement cost) worth of water

for free, with no plan to replace it or consideration for other uses such as economic development. I believe this is putting the cart before the horse. A complete cost, funding mechanism and benefit analysis needs to be conducted in an open discussion with the public. This elected body argued adamantly against Prop 200 because there was no funding for law enforcement and yet this reports uses 10,000 acre feet of water a year as a guide with no funding. A bit of inconsistency in this process. Where's the economic engines to drive this effort?

Finally, this plan seems to do a good job of directing us towards a regional water authority if you will, which is beneficial to all of our region. Water is a regional issue, not just a Tucson issue and I commend you on your willingness to engage this part of the process. It's a big step towards the bigger picture of our region with Tucson leading the way.

Again, this is an overview of concerns that have been raised by many and I apologize if this doesn't make the timeline for public comment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions comments or ideas to expand the public process of education.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of SUBS Supporters,

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