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C. H. HUCKELBERRY  
County Administrator

October 30, 2003

Todd J. Rathner, Chairman  
Arizona Shooting Range Coalition  
P.O. Box 86733  
Tucson, Arizona 85754

Re: **Your Letter Dated October 15, 2003 Regarding the Houghton Road Shooting Facility**

Dear Mr. Rathner:

We have asked our Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department to request, through a bond issue to be placed before the voters in May of 2004, \$2 million to complete the build-out of a safe, state-of-the-art shooting range capable of serving the residents of Pima County in the future. We will also ask the County Bond Advisory Committee to include this facility in any package they choose to assemble in developing a bond issue for voter consideration on May 18, 2004.

We very much value the contribution that is made to our economy from shooting and sport enthusiasts and licensed hunters of Pima County. We appreciate the support of your association in providing a safe, accessible shooting facility for the reasonable future.

Sincerely,

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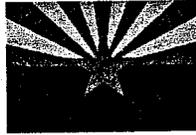
Sharon Bronson, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

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- c: The Honorable Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors  
John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator - Public Works  
Mike Hein, Deputy County Administrator for Community and Economic Development  
Rafael Payan, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Director  
Jim Barry, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator  
Thomas Moulton, Leased Asset and Promotion Manager



**ARIZONA SHOOTING RANGE COALITION**  
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October 15, 2003

Mr. Chuck Huckleberry, County Administrator  
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Tucson, Arizona 85701

Mr. Huckleberry:

**The mission of the Arizona Shooting Range Coalition is to prevent the closure of shooting ranges in Arizona, and to encourage their development statewide.**

The Arizona Shooting Range Coalition (ASRC) hereby requests Pima County's active assistance in securing a full service shooting range for the County's citizens.

You may recall that the shooting range in Sabino Canyon was closed suddenly by the U.S. Forest Service in March, 1997. In response to that closure, the County included in its 1997 bond proposal for parks improvements a provision funding the initial stages of a shooting range near the County fairgrounds at Houghton Rd and I-10. This proposal was approved by the voters. Although not enough money was set aside to accomplish all stages of the project, the County has already accomplished some preliminary design work with the original funding, and we understand that construction is to commence shortly. Although there is enough money to begin construction, there is not enough available to complete a full service facility.

It is estimated that approximately \$2.0 million will be required to build a safe, state-of-the-art range capable of serving Pima County's residents well into the future. Therefore, we request inclusion of this amount for shooting range funding in the County's bond proposal package scheduled to go to the voters in May, 2004. In addition, the Coalition would be pleased to hear of any way in which we can help to secure the passage of this measure.

Pima County's residents deserve a shooting range that is safe, modern and convenient. **A full service range offering rifle, shotgun, handgun and archery near Tucson is critical to Pima County's 21,000 licensed hunters as well as the County's many thousands of non-hunting recreational shooters.** We are confident that the County's officials will agree with us that there is a need for continued funding of this project. Please advise us as to how we can assure that this will be included in the May 2004 bond package.

Sincerely,



Arizona Shooting Range Coalition  
Todd J. Rathner, Chairman

**Organizations supporting the goals of the ASRC include:**

National Rifle Association  
Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association  
Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Mule Deer Foundation

We will forward the names of the latest coalition members as they join.

CC: Sharon Bronson  
Ray Carroll  
Richard Elias  
Ramon Valadez  
Ann Day