

Consolidated Feedback Report

Pinal County Draft Vision



The draft Vision was released for public review at the October 2007 Design Charrettes. Feedback on the draft Vision was requested through the end of 2007. The following report offers a working summary of feedback received, as well as consolidates all of the input acquired from Pinal residents regarding the draft Vision by method in which the feedback was received: Design Charrette survey, Feedback Form, Meeting In A Box, or through another method, such as an email or phone call. **Note: Feedback as found in this report is recorded as it was received and is not edited for content or grammar.**

Filling in the Gaps

Overall, Pinal County residents felt the draft Vision was a document that appropriately captured their thoughts as provided in the July 2007 Road Shows and August 2007 Vision Workshops. The following outlines items of the Vision that residents felt needed to be emphasized, or elements that needed to be included in the Vision itself or as policy elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

There is considerable apprehension, however, amongst Pinal residents to embrace this Vision, in part due to a feeling that the County currently lacks a commitment to any kind of *controlled, thoughtful planning*. While residents have appreciated the opportunity to help define with they want the future of Pinal to hold, it is clear that many of them do not have confidence that the County is willing to stay committed to this Vision or the plan to follow. Resolving this perception is critical to a successful Comprehensive Plan.

Open Spaces and Places

Preservation of Pinal's open spaces and rich historical and cultural places is of utmost importance to residents.

- Provision of a variety of recreational areas should be considered, including dedicated ATV locations in designated areas which would protect other areas of desert and provide an opportunity for better particulate matter control.
- Protecting historical places in Pinal through a County historical preservation program/designation should be investigated.
- Protection of "view sheds" is an important element of open space.

Sense of Community

Residents identify with their community and think of Pinal as a collection of friends and family, not rows of homes with walls.

- A 'design review' process should occur in the unincorporated areas of the County in order to ensure compatible land use occurs.
- Preservation of the rural lifestyle' and the ability to own larger parcels of land for hobby or agricultural purposes is a fundamental value of residents; ensuring these land use designations are included in the plan is essential.
- Cultural centers and museums should be an essential element of a historically rich county like Pinal.
- People value safety and want to ensure that as Pinal grows, crime does not.
- Residents want to ensure the plan incorporates smart growth and prevents urban sprawl throughout Pinal.

Economic Sustainability

Activity centers that provide a diverse sect of jobs is critical to preventing Pinal from becoming the bedroom community for Pima or Maricopa.

- Especially if Pinal seeks to treasure its natural and historic places, room for tourism (and ecotourism) needs to have a place within the plan.
- Diversifying Pinal's economy is just as important as keeping a range of its traditional economies, such as ranching, farming, and mining.

Quality Educational Opportunities

Residents value quality, personal education provided by highly qualified, highly compensated professionals.

- In order to be cutting edge, quality education is critical.
- Community-based schooling is important to residents.
- Programs that foster an appreciation for our wild and natural spaces as well as Pinal's history, culture, and heritage are essential for our youth.
- Education in Pinal should begin before preschool and last throughout one's life—so should educational opportunities.
- Quality education is a partnership: parents, teachers, elected leaders, businesses all play an important part!
- Providing affordable housing and maintaining property values is a dichotomy that must be addressed.

Healthy, Happy Residents

Pinal is a place where people get out and enjoy what it has to offer.

- Protecting our resources (air, water, etc.) is priority.
- The ability to access quality hospitals, doctors, and other medical providers should not be a privilege in Pinal, but a necessity.
- Outdoor living and playing opportunities are a fundamental aspect of living in Pinal, and encourage healthy practices for families.
- Communities should be safe and walkable, rideable (bike, horse, etc.) and thus, enjoyable.
- Providing activities for our youth is essential, including areas where they can recreate.

Mobility and Connectivity

Multimodal transportation options need to be employed in Pinal and initiated prior to development.

- Pinal's existing rail corridors are un- (or under-) tapped resource; light- or high-speed rail should be a consideration to traverse Pinal County.
- Transportation options need to consider wildlife/habitat and their corridors.
- Transportation corridors should not become pollution corridors.
- County-wide high speed Internet access is a great goal.
- Ensuring proper access management as well as reliable entry/exit of communities is important.

Environmental Stewardship

Pinal must seize the opportunity to be a leader in environmental stewardship/conservation/protection policy especially as it pertains to resources such as water.

- A County-wide recycling solution must be considered in an overall program to address waste disposal.
- In some way, portions of Pinal need to be *kept wild*, showcasing our spectacular natural habitats and signature landscapes.
- A desert landscaping ordinance should be considered to preserve the natural habitat and to promote water conservation.
- Green building ordinances should be instituted and such development should be encouraged and rewarded in the County.
- Policies that protect the dark, clear, desert sky must be considered.

DESIGN CHARRETTE DRAFT VISION INPUT

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What do you like about the Pinal Vision that was created from the results of the last two rounds of public events (Road Shows and Vision Workshops)?

- Sensible
- Proactive
- Keep up the public meetings
- Good summaries derived from previous meetings
- The interaction of the public
- That people want open space and value it
- It reflects the land of opportunity that is Pinal County
- Valuing the diversity offered by lands formations and responsible environmental stewardship
- Shows forward thinking and positive growth with real thoughts and objectives
- That people are planning before the fact
- I did not attend the previous events
- Vision considers and addresses open space, healthy residents and educational opportunities. Please ensure these don't get lost in translation!
- It is very thorough and balanced
- Covers critical areas
- Represents ideas expressed
- Innovative idea
- Open spaces; mobility and connectivity
- The maps and growth
- Sufficient
- Discussion hospital placement and business center placement
- The total county input
- So far, so good
- I love the community input components – those are really great
- Unknown
- Sensitivity to sustainability concepts
- Creation of employment centers
- Preservation of open space
- Willingness for input from citizens
- Recognizes most important considerations
- It is effective.
- A lot of topics came to surface for open space and transportation, creating areas for parks and trails.
- Many ideas were brought forward from our community discussions.
- Lots of serious, open-minded thought is clearly evident.
- Good
- Informing and including the community in early stages of planning and growth
- Great!!
- It's awesome. It definitely represents what the people want! Hopefully the county government actually ends up using it.
- The six main points are great! But these are all common needs for any area in any county or state that is being developed.
- Pretty accurate; good summary
- Most of it
- Emphasis on open spaces and places
- Environmental stewardship
- Comprehensive vision
- This is my first time with this concept – I hope we've helped.

- History, culture, and heritage are important.
- Maps
- Frankly, I'm not enamored of it. The open space is good, but much is too close to Maricopa County for my tastes. Oh well, I can move!
- Environmental sustainability/stewardship
- The future use/projected use maps
- Mobility and connectivity
- Mobility and connectivity
- Very thorough
- Planning, planning, planning
- Opportunity for the public to express themselves

What, if any, additions to the Pinal Vision would you suggest?

- No additions at this time. Just keep trying to get public to realize importance of long-range planning.
- Areas of planning that have already been set in motion with the county. What sort of things do the consultants suggest?
- Design review overlay in unincorporated areas; village plan development; more high-density trades for open space; trail planning on regional level
- Technology is going to direct growth. What we put on the land today may not be viable in tomorrow's world – thought should be given to land disturbance today.
- Recreation, areas for ATV's, etc.
- Encourage more community involvement
- It's great as is – please remember our rural heritage and preserve some of this if you're adding anything! Thanks.
- Stair-step housing density towards natural open space
- Time to truly start segregating areas
- Continuing feedback
- More time, smarter citizens
- Preservation concept
- Not at this time
- I agree with the vision
- Better understanding of infrastructure needs
- A calendar indicating tentative dates for events
- Pagination on documents
- None
- Historic value
- Be sure recycling is included to do away with large landfills.
- Connect community center with rail and bus to cut down on car traffic.
- Maps could be better.
- Mag Lev for transportation
- National cemetery land
- Nuclear power plants
- Space port (space travel)
- Wireless communications
- 22nd century possibilities
- Tourism – more of it
- Convention centers
- Recycling included
- Classes on learning Pinal's vision's end of knowledge regarding what we are trying to help out with and our input
- Longer time; make it an all day seminar (or two) with lunch break. This is important and we need to be educated thoroughly.

- Tourism would be enhanced by redeveloping and maintaining their historical districts. Establishing a “future” historic district for the Hunt Highway corridor, too.
- Find ways to increase attendance.
- Include marketing/advertising to explain what this is at a more elementary level. Many people don't know about it and those that hear about it don't understand it.
- More about leading the state in environmental tourism and cutting edge appropriate technologies, i.e. wind, solar
- Continue with communities
- Cultural centers and museums
- A unified trail system
- Something for all the people in our county who don't speak English. About 1/8 of the county's population is NOT able to participate, and I saw tonight that they are also getting the “short end of the stick.”
- Community and resident review
- Low density adjacent to tribal land so retail will develop on city land
- I left the meeting feeling that we spent a lot of time, but due to the rules (nothing in hatched areas) I had no positive impact for my local community.
- Community review
- Environmental focus – emphasize!
- Give all areas a chance for potential growth, not just Florence corridor.
- Environmental focus

DRAFT VISION FEEDBACK FORM

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How does [the introductory vision] statement reflect your vision for Pinal County?

- I hope this means that Pinal County will master plan development. Restricting the number of homes to be suitable for the environment.
- The county will preserve land & older bldgs for future generations. But will allow technology to aide residents in the county for future growth. And that each community will be presentable for maintaining these qualities for their residents.
- In the second paragraph you indicate that the natural environment is "still available to be discovered". WHAT DOES THAT MEAN. I think that it has been discovered. What it should say is that "the natural and built community will balance the needs of environmentally responsible development with the inevitable growth that Pinal County will face by insuring that development occur in a manner that effectively meets the needs of the current and future residents of Pinal County.
- THE statement is so general, it is hard to evaluate it. It will be equally hard to attach specific actions and policies to it. As a philosophy, it is fine.
- Preserving the environment, using sustainable methods and maintaining uniqueness are most important to me.
- Perfectly! Great Job by all.
- History, culture and heritage are the foundation for the future. What does this mean exactly? Are we going to keep doing what we have done in the past? This vision doesn't tell me what Pinal County will be like in the future. I think the vision should be a clear, easily interpreted and achievable statement of how we see Pinal County at some point in time. Not sure the current vision statement as drafted does this.
- It does, in a general sense.
- You can't have growth without damaging the environment. Can't the growth happen elsewhere and Pinal county be a bedroom/nature preserve-style community? Do we need to pave it all? I certainly hope not. Can we learn from LA and Phx?
- Note that the sentence about quality education calls for placing residents in "cutting edge" jobs. That seems a proper, but challenging goal. Are there specific target areas? A first class research facility is in Pinal, Biosphere II. Research should be included.

- I agree with the statement
- As the "big picture" VISION, I believe it captures most all of what we desire. It would be nice to a Vision Statement that would be simple to recall, but I am not sure that is possible
- So many people hike, bike, golf and enjoy the scenery of Pinal county that it is critical to preserve and foster recreational land use in all of the county.
- It reads like a pipe dream. You can't develop & retain rural atmosphere.
- I am very pleased to see the following phrases incorporated within the Pinal Vision: 1) leader in environmental stewardship/conservation practices, 2) environmentally-compatible jobs, 3) retaining/celebrating unique qualities, and 4) sharing a "collaborative spirit". I feel, moving forward, these qualities will help ensure a viable and unique county in which to live.
- Needs more emphasis on the importance of education in providing the county with a skilled workforce that can respond to the needs of emerging, highly technical industries.
- I agree with the statement but it also should include both road and public access to Tucson and Phoenix from all areas of the County (not just the I-10 corridor).
- This is going to be extremely difficult to accomplish with uncontrolled growth and current traffic issues.

What three words/phrases best describes what Open Spaces and Places mean to you?

- low light
- wild
- open
- dark
- free
- panoramic
- dark
- open
- important
- freedom
- quiet
- nature
- agree
- largely "untouched"
- abundant wildlife
- compact residential areas
- beauty
- freedom
- respecting the Earth
- Habitat loss is the #1 cause of species extinction
- Urban expansion/sprawl is the #1 cause of habitat loss
- We need access to outdoor recreation for health and entertainment
- We need to maintain areas where natural Sonoran flora and fauna can co exist with urban sprawl and low density residential housing
- We must develop in a manner that is enticing to potential home buyers and to their potential employers
- Wild life and human outdoor corridors
- Signature landscapes, ie. Apache Leap, Mineral Mountains, Superstitions, Santans
- Recreational activities, trails for hikers and horses
- Rest, relaxation and recreation. However, preservation will be expensive. Good luck designating state and federal land as perpetual open space. Open spaces have become desert dumping grounds. Someday there will be so many restrictions on access to open space that only the wealthiest will be able to enjoy it. Reckless use of ATV's and other motorized vehicles will someday close access to these areas. This will be unfortunate.
- Solitude
- Sustainable (for generations both human, vegetative, wildlife, etc.)

- Challenge
- No cookie cutter communities
- No paving every farm and field in site
- Let the rest of the state drive around us. No development!
- Open spaces are great for enjoyment of nature
- They also give opportunity for “cutting edge” progress
- Can these be shared?
- but as an important resource to sustain the regions immense wildlife habitat and their corridors
- enjoyment of and respect for the natural surroundings is a big part of why people choose Pinal County to live and visit
- small towns and communities (less than 15,000 residents)
- ridgelines and mountains tops without rooftops
- 80% of the land undeveloped
- Wilderness beauty
- Chances to exercise through many forms of recreation
- Respect for natural surroundings
- Open spaces
- Wildlife habitat
- Value large connected open space
- Sustain immense regions of wildlife habitat/corridors
- Enjoyment of/respect for natural surroundings
- Accessible
- Preserving view sheds
- Limit the clutter (i.e. billboards, desert dumping)
- Threatened
- Disappearing
- Need to be preserved
- Wildlife
- Scenery
- Ecology

What three words/phrases best describes what a Sense of Community means to you?

- Unique
- Friendly
- Concerned
- Safety
- Friendly
- Neighborly
- People identify with community
- People support community
- Willing to tax to preserve and expand
- Freedom from feeling alone
- Diversity
- Gathering places for friends and neighbors to congregate
- Churches, clubs, extended education, quality schools
- A clear separation (open space) between villages, towns and cities
- Anti sprawl measures
- Design review so each town has its own identity
- Past decisions for growth of/within the community
- Present decisions for growth of/within the community
- Future decisions for growth of/within the community
- Less government

- Traditions; holidays/cultures
- No master-planned communities; no hoa's
- Town halls with many activities for young and old together
- Well designed transportation avenues
- Many activities that involve outdoor participation
- Neighborhood fraternity is growing
- Sense of safety
- Culture
- Lifestyles
- Collection of unique communities
- History, heritage, culture woven into its future
- Gathering and showcasing its diversity
- Walkable communities
- Providing semi-private space as a bridge between public and private spaces
- Public spaces that work rather than just look good
- Appreciation of history
- Appreciation of heritage
- Appreciation of culture
- Belonging
- Happy lifestyle
- Activity

What three words/phrases best describes what Economic Sustainability means to you?

- Local well paying jobs
- Much MORE for employment areas
- No one goes hunger
- Respecting the environment
- People who live in Pinal can work in Pinal
- Employment opportunities are available for professional, technical and blue collar workers
- Keep a wide range of traditional economies ie ranching, farming, mining
- Attracting clean new industries
- Avoid becoming bed room communities for Maricopa County
- Diversification
- Educated workforce
- Strong work ethic
- Career opportunities
- Business opportunities
- Recreation/tourism destinations
- Who says Pinal desires activity centers?
- Long-term viability means many years in the future
- What do the location & abundant sunshine suggest?
- I think it's renewable energy with solar being key including high-tech and environmentally-friendly employers who champion Pinal's conservation philosophy
- creation of the full range of quality jobs that allow residents to start their career, raise a family, and move up instead of out of Pinal for career advancement is essential
- employment that requires stay at home participation utilizing state of the art technology
- business/tax incentives that promote investment in small businesses
- capitalism
- having low impact recreation like hiking promotes low pollution tourism
- expanding opportunities for residents
- offering broad services, businesses, employment
- Pinal's conservation philosophy

- Promoting basic (as opposed to non-basic) industries
- Accessibility via multiple transportation modes
- Attracting a diverse and skilled workforce by providing diverse housing options
- No bedroom communities
- Minimum commuting
- Local employment centers
- Jobs
- Transportation
- Lifestyle

What three words/phrases best describes what Quality Educational Opportunities mean to you?

- What your future holds for you
- What opportunities are available in the job force
- “What you didn’t know but now do” (about different job opportunities)
- Education to support economy
- QUALITY education k-14
- Ensuring quality education keeps our county at cutting edge
- Continued learning and growth for adults
- Efforts are made to attract varied and profitable employers
- Expansion of the Central Arizona College System
- Development of unique private schools
- Smaller schools and classrooms
- Access
- Solid education system
- Lifetime education opportunities
- Career advancement through education
- More emphasis on higher education
- “Cutting edge” jobs will require cutting edge education
- Hiring teachers that value the basic on which our was founded
- No political – religion agendas within the program
- English as the primary language – all else is secondary
- We need educational programs which foster appreciation of our wild spaces
- Quality education
- Expand minds
- Diversify experiences
- Education is a partnership (parents, teachers, elected leaders, the business community.)
- Supports development of a diverse and skilled workforce
- Art and music programs should not be seen as frills. They are critical to the development of a fully rounded student.
- Four-year college/university
- Affordable
- Both vocational and academic options
- The 3 R’s
- Arts
- Adult education

What three words/phrases best describes what Healthy, Happy Residents mean to you?

- Exercise
- Eat right
- Enjoy life
- Full service medical
- Quality affordable healthcare

- Excellent quality of air and water
- Few if any pesticides used or toxic chemicals put into the air
- Reasonable access to quality hospitals, doctors and other medical providers
- Outdoor living opportunities to encourage physical activity for families
- Sufficient finances to care for themselves and their families
- NOT just a retirement county
- Hospitals and doctors
- Physical opportunities
- Social opportunities
- Community spirit
- safe place where residents can bike or walk to activity centers and where interaction in Pinal's clean, natural environment is encouraged
- Access to quality healthcare and healthy lifestyle choices is mandatory. Pinal is a healthy, safe place where residents can bike
- Ensuring residents are healthy, safe and happy in their community is a priority for Pinal.
- Health education for all
- Rewarding those who take their health serious (i.e. lower premiums)
- Programs that promote healthy involvement like – walking, running, hiking. Less emphasis on TV computer games
- Wellness through exercise
- Happiness because people are not over-crowded
- Quality of life
- Safety
- Participation in Pinal's clean, natural environment
- Shared sense of community
- Walkable communities
- Parks, playgrounds, bike/ped/equestrian paths
- Minimum commuting
- Low stress living
- Transit options for access to healthcare (especially for low income and elderly)
- Nutrition
- Security
- Transportation to health services

What three words/phrases best describes what Mobility and Connectivity mean to you?

- Subway or train
- Wider roads
- Williams Gateway Airport
- Upgrade the highways
- Light rail to Phoenix and Tucson
- Busses to business/employment areas
- People not isolated/trapped
- Use of sustainable technology
- Nurture companies who encourage working from home
- Limit areas for off road vehicle use for air particle control
- Light rail
- Toll roads
- Safety
- Clean environment
- Responsible planning
- Some external decisions will impact transportation
- Example: light rail between Phoenix & Tucson

- Also the Interstate Bypass
- Ensuring Pinal has adequate transportation corridors and a variety of multimodal transportation options addressing all populations is essential
- with minimal affect on Pinal's native wildlife
- Offering multiple mobility and communication options
- Emphasis on using existing and new rail lines with environmental friendly power
- Solar / hybrid cars, trucks and busses
- That promote safety – GPS controlled and monitored
- Multimodal transportation
- Minimal effect on Pinal's native wildlife
- Reduce congestion/improve air quality
- You can't build your way out of congestion
- Build our communities first for communities, then for cars, not the other way around
- Highways, roads, transit, bike/ped, are all part of the solution
- Transit options
- Highways/roads planned and built prior to development
- Public transportation
- Good roads
- Access to/from all areas of county

What three words/phrases best describes what Environmental Stewardship mean to you?

- Desert landscaping
- Energy efficient light bulbs
- Conserve water
- Sufficient budget to protect NR
- Strong park system
- LET'S REALLY BE A LEADER IN THIS!!!
- Minimal use of pesticides
- Minimal release of toxic chemicals in our air
- Short term sacrifice/long term investment
- Essential for health, spirit and wildlife
- Maintaining healthy wild open space
- Requiring green development, native vegetation, small footprint
- Modifying density requirements for open space
- We can help the environment on a larger scale also
- That's why I like a solar power emphasis
- Limit golf facilities, use re-claimed water
- Limit swimming pools, fireplaces
- strong conservation ethic that stresses the importance of maintaining the quality of Pinal's natural resources
- encourages sustainable practices such as innovative land use planning
- green building development, and the use of renewable and alternative energy sources.
- Pack it in; pack it out
- 'green home design' along with incentives to build
- Building not to exceed 2 or 3 levels – no street lights – all lighting must be limited to only necessary safety levels
- Dark skies must be preserved
- Keep roads from becoming pollution corridors
- Save our vistas
- Strong conservation ethic that stresses the importance of maintaining the quality of Pinal's natural resources
- Leader in environmental stewardship
- Encourages sustainable practices
- View sheds should not be seen as province of the rich

- View sheds and conservation areas should be preserved but must be accessible to all
- When it comes to being green, government should lead by example
- Serious consideration for “view shed”
- Controlled development
- Official designation of scenic and/or protected areas
- Water
- Beauty
- Wildlife

Having now read the draft Vision, what vision theme/element is most important to you? Why?

- Determine the depth of the groundwater and assess whether the water level is declining in the area proposed for a change in land use.
 - Using U.S. Geological Survey maps, determine whether subsidence is a problem in the area.
 - Using the county's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan map guide, determine how close the area is to "groundwater dependent ecosystems," such as riparian areas.
 - Determine whether the area is in an isolated groundwater basin where water usage may affect areas in lower elevations nearby.
- Pinal county not being over developed, with homes so close together that they cause slums of the future.
- Modify & Connectivity. We need to provide better transportation for the residents. Too much time spent sitting idle in a car; wasting gas & time. Expand Williams Gateway airport - more people would fly out from than fight traffic going to phx.
- Environmental stewardship. That just happens to be my “thing”.
- Open space and environmental stewardship. All communities have schools, rooftops and roads. Open space is what will make Pinal county different.
- Open space and preservation of upper Sonoran desert
- Environmental Stewardship and conservation. With the number of people predicted to move to the County, it is imperative that this be given the highest priority. Many of the current citizens have moved here because of the current practices and responsible planning going on in Pinal. It is a beautiful place to live and raise a family. I'd like to see it stay that way for generations to come.
- A truly long term planning activity for energy and economic development.
- Water use and impact fees on new construction. New construction will raise taxes. Water—we live in a desert.
- The element that is most important to me is the protection of open space and the control of development. I live in Arizona City due to I wanted to be in a Rural community not a city.
- Retaining open space
- 1) strong conservation ethic that stresses the importance of maintaining the quality of Pinal's natural resources, 2) leader in environmental stewardship, and 3) encourages sustainable practices. Our county will not survive by using up all the natural resources (i.e., water, land) but rather by preserving/conserving them.
- Sustainability
- Transportation
- History, culture, heritage—paying careful attention to these three elements will ultimately result in the realization of the remaining elements contained within the vision

If the Vision is fully implemented, what does Pinal County look like in the future?

- I would like to see a dessert oasis, not a suburb of Phoenix. Homes master planned with open spaces and character.
- A greater place to live. I live there now & love it.
- One of the best places in the country to live.
- Well designed communities, no urban sprawl, sane water use
- If the County truly honors this vision, and focus's on the intent of each statement, it can develop and sustain the values in this vision.

- Solar power plants will supply electricity to much of the US Southwest with minimal impact on the recreational lands and populated areas. Transportation routes will be developed ahead of the expanded need with careful planning.
- A lovely rural area with open space having environmentally friendly companies for local employment.
- Number of small communities separated by significant open space with small business pods.
- A place where future generations would want to live.
- A more urban environment since it is still next door to Maricopa County which is already bursting at the seams.
- Paradise!
- Pinal County would contain an ample road network, offer transit options, contain no major bedroom communities, provide local employment, exhibit controlled growth, and establish legal procedures to protect scenic and natural areas.

Do you have any other comments regarding the draft Pinal County Vision?

- I have grave concerns that developers will be allowed to scar the natural landscape. Ridges and mountain tops should not be developed. Hopefully no more eyesores will be developed like Signature Homes at Eagles Crest Catalina.
- I only hope that the money that is received thru grants, taxes, etc. are spent wisely and not wasted. A lot of the residents are seniors or young people raising a family and with today's prices & today's wages everyone lives on a budget. And I would like to see the county do so also.
- Be prepared to tax at a level sufficient to implement and protect the plan (it won't be popular, but it will be necessary). There is no free lunch.
- I like all the attention to environmental quality and preservation of the native desert
- I'd like to see more of the land agencies within the county become more involved in the planning process. They are the master key to sustaining our natural resources. They are the scientific stewards of our natural environment. Their input is essential when planning growth and preventing effects that come from the human impacts vs. the natural environment.
- The Interstate Bypass, if it becomes a reality, would dictate development in a major way. It will be natural for development to occur along the route. It would be better to plan it than to just let it happen.
- All I want to say is: PLEASE DEVELOP A COUNTY ORDINANCE MAKING HOME-OWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS ILLEGAL!!!!!!
- Please control the amount of development keeping us "Rural"!
- Plan is only a plan until implemented. It will take enormous communication forums before and especially after when the all the small stuff starts getting in the way of progress.
- I am pleased with the result of the hard work necessary to put such a vision and plan in place.
- While I agree overall with many of the major themes of the Vision Statement, there are some particular insights that I feel are lacking in your analysis of the "Vision" for key areas of Pinal County. Namely, the Johnson Ranch area. Because we are an "outlying" area of Pinal county, I strongly feel that more attention should have been directed toward getting feedback and input from the residents of this area regarding THEIR vision for THEIR area instead of directing all discussion toward the ENTIRE Pinal County area. I know that your plan is for the County at large, but what is the point of asking for input from residents in various parts of the County if they are not going to be asked what they need, require, envision, for their particular area? Because we are so close to ASU East, Phoenix Gateway Airport, and because most of our residents commute to work in Maricopa County, our Vision is by necessity going to be far different from those individuals you talk to in Winkleman, Superior, and Florence (for example). I strongly feel that we have been severely shortchanged regarding our opportunity to comment on these needs and particular future Visions. In my particular group we were specifically prohibited by our "moderators" (more like "steering coaches"!) from discussing our specific Johnson Ranch area. For example: why should we be asked to concentrate on the building of a college in Oro Valley if we live 20 minutes from ASU East? Why should we be asked to discuss "job development only in Pinal County" if we live 10 minutes from what will be a major industrial development authority at Phoenix/Mesa Gateway Airport? Why should we only be allowed to discuss "open space in Pinal County" if we are minutes from the San Tan Mt. Park? Our transportation needs are therefore different, our Education need is different, our Vision is different. And

yet we were prohibited from talking about our specific "Vision" for our area of Pinal County! Instead, we were "directed" to talk about what we felt the zoning and development should be for towns we've never been to or have any intention of visiting! Honestly, the whole process felt like we were just going through the motions so that the consulting firm could say that "we had public hearings from all segments of Pinal County to gather the input from the public". When you have the president of the local San Tan chamber of commerce spending 30 minutes discussing how he thinks the town of Winkleman should be zoned, you know you are in a Twilight Zone.

- Until Counties and communities can effectively coordinate land use and transportation planning we will continue to see an environment where transportation planning is a reactive rather than proactive exercise.
- Without enforceable rules/regulations and firm commitment by all elected officials to the "vision", it will be extremely difficult (if not impossible) to achieve.

MEETING IN A BOX

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How does [the introductory vision] statement reflect your vision for Pinal County?

- Leave rural areas alone
- This not a conservation plan (i.e. cover everything up all the desert w/ housing developments/projects)
- They are changing it by rezoning 5 & 10 acres out here is history, not 6 home per acres.
- Krapy price going up. People moving out I don't like it.
- Our vision of Pinal County is to preserve the rural life style. We moved to this County to enjoy the rural environment. You are not address preserving this life style.
- Want to remove rural
- Well it sure is a lot of pretty words—but it's also pure ... cow manure. If (and I STRESS IF) Pinal actually looked to the future it would be awesome. But I've had to deal w/ the County Gov't and they do NOT reflect any sort of INTEREST in Environmental Stewardship—"Green" Cutting Edge Buildings are rejected because no one can figure out how to analyze them. The education system is overlooked & too many teachers on "professional" certificates fill our classrooms doing daily "drill & kill" to rooms full of FAR too many students. Developers level huge tracts of land w/no concern for the environment because it makes \$ for the county & builds roads & schools for "free" (but OH the long-term costs!!!) Jobs are mostly low-paying service industry jobs that lead to dead-ends. And the communities & County could CARE LESS about what we have to say - & so they all sit around patting themselves on their collective backs about what a good job they did "snowballing" the citizens once again! I HONESTLY wish this statement WERE TRUE – but I don't see it happening in a million-billion years! PLEASE! I'm not THAT stupid.
- It doesn't! We are country and want to remain country.
- Not my vision of Pinal County. My vision is once rural always rural. Say cutting edge on equine, rural lifestyle scenarios.
- Keep it rural or up up yours!
- No. I don't care about cutting edge. I prefer my lifestyle as it. My family purchased our property in 1972. This County has offered my family a rural lifestyle.
- There is a conflict between "history, culture & heritage" and "cutting edge" jobs. "Environmental stewardship" – how does this address illegal dumping in our desert" and burning trash
- It's and incredibly vague & generic declaration. What are you really trying to say? How does this affect the residents? How does this affect rural residents? How does this affect zoning & property current & future?
- I would like to see Pinal have a vision that focuses on growth and how to quickly catch up on what has been missed. Your vision is puffy, and pretty, but we need some serious action because our community is falling apart.
- The foundation will be lost with more development, everything rural is disappearing
- I am in agreeance of the statement if it will insure the stability of our way of life

- RURAL! RURAL! RURAL! Living needs to stay. Some affordable housing with ¼ ac, ½ ac, 1 ac and up needs to be incorporated in all areas. Jobs that pay you enough to be able to work in Pinal Co & afford to live here
- I have no idea this doesn't make sense. (History—cutting edge one cancels another) We want a Rural Community & Country)
- Statement is unclear & vague. _____ here is out of control. Poorly planned and exceptions for zoning ordinances are rubber stamped.
- Leave rural areas alone
- Here to passify us
- Do not pertain to our lifestyle
- Cutting edge usually knocks out history
- No room for conservation in proposal
- Without picture how do you know what their plan is
- Smoke screen
- Leave rural
- Once rural always rural

What three words/phrases best describes what Open Spaces and Places mean to you?

- No traffic
- No subdivisions
- How do you preserve open spaces by putting development everywhere?
- Open scapes
- As we are
- House & streets.
- I like open spaces and wildlife habitat desert and mountains.
- Enjoyment
- Natural surroundings
- Important resource to sustain the region's views and resources
- They belong to mother nature
- Light, Life, Freedom! But our open spaces are being eaten up by houses that are being slipped in behind our backs! Imagine my shock & horror when I discovered that a 7,000 home development was going in ¼ mile from my very rural ranch! No signs had ever gone up (Heck, the "FOR SALE" sign is still up), the farmer continued to plow his field, life went on as normal until one day black smoke & flames filled the air. Panicked, I rushed to the scene—only to be told the developer was breaking ground on "Phase 1." Oh my goodness!! Is it time to move? Or will Pinal actually MAKE GOOD ON THIS VISION? 8, 10-more houses per acre is NOT my idea of open spaces! I feel crowded when all my neighbors on 3.3 acres are home. That's too many people, too close together. 1 house/10 or 20 acres—THAT is preserving open spaces! Where in Pinal is THAT happening???
- Leave them alone.
- No restrictions, walls, etc.
- Rural lifestyles, natural openness not man made bad replicas.
- Acreage, farming, views
- Homes on large acres
- Lots o state land
- The Rural Residents are the only ones that appreciate the open spaces.
- Private acreage
- Land preservation
- Retain farming
- Natural surroundings
- Open spaces
- Residents value – rural residents, at least!!
- Stop sub deviding the country

- Disappearing—both N (Thunderbird Farms) and S of m ___
- Property are planned communities – 1000 homes and 2000 homes – both approved by Pinal County
- No more developments like Rancho El Dorado, etc.
- Not enough
- Not seeing housing communities where you can jump from roof to roof.
- Too many houses per acre.
- We need to keep open spaces in the City of Maricopa City and outlying areas.
- Need to keep rural—rural and not change the zoning or limit qty of animals.
- Open places man just that open
- We need to allow for the wildlife, without them we will perish
- Humans need room to roam and commune w/our world
- Quality of life
- Minimal pollution
- All_____
- No traffice
- No subdivisions in rural areas
- Keep views as they are
- Natural open space, not altered, man made
- Acreage, farms, real views
- Rural residents are only ones who appreciate & wish to maintain wildlife
- Amen!!

What three words/phrases best describes what a Sense of Community means to you?

- Don't want close neighbors
- There is no community. Each house has block walls around it. We had neighbors no we have fellow residents—developers means.
- No being told I have to pay for 10 school & not have no kids.
- Pinal is collection of unique communities
- Bull
- Neighbors, People, Generosity (of spirit)—Building subdivisions with walls only cuts people OFF from their communities. There needs to be a free & natural flow of traffic—foot, bike & vehicular—through different areas so all feel CONNECTED. Walls cut people off, breed snobbery & gangs & all in all, serve NO POSITIVE PURPOSE. If you wanted to do ONE THING to rebuild the rural sense of community, you would STOP ALL building & require adjacent developers to find as many ways to CONNECT their streets, bike paths & walking/jogging trails as possible (w/an award to the two w/the highest percentage!)
- Then why do they want to change our life style
- Family, friends
- Freedom of choice to live as you wish
- Small, lives, living
- High density = loosing the community
- Isolation
- Loss of community from new residents of SOBS
- Brick walls
- Before: neighbors, sharing, no such thing as stichgers
- Community spaces
- Community centers
- Community arenas
- Maintaining existing rural lifestyles—that is part of Pinal's history, heritage & culture
- Rampant subdivisions destroy the existing community—a small town community
- Neighbors that you eat/play/work with.
- Watches out for each other, friends

- Pinal's identity is being lost with development
- Helping with out bing asked
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Enjoying the rural life style—trail rides—people—barbeques
- This paragraph is a joke, community is citizens supporting the other citizens
- People caring and understanding each other
- Open
- Friendly
- Equine accessibility
- No close neighbors
- Before development: friends, family, helping hand, caring & understanding each other, choice to live as you wish, watching out for each other helping w/ being asked
- After development: loss of community in high density developments, isolated communities breeding gangs
- Us community is people
- To Developers community is houses, money & walls.

What three words/phrases best describes what Economic Sustainability means to you?

- Not in the rural areas
- Go to phoenix
- Consolidation does away with jobs
- Current consolidation of services doesn't give more jobs
- The young people
- Job
- 5 school can't afford kids
- I think the taxes should go down
- Conserve rural
- More work for local people
- High paying jobs w/a chance for promotion. This does NOT exist in Pinal. We are currently a service based economy and the businesses who come here bring their own executives. The jobs they bring are factory jobs—repetative & low skilled. We need not only BETTER opportunities, we need the training (preferably FREE TO ALL—this is a poor county!) to grasp it!
- What economic sustainability?
- Taking a profitable rural life/equine life to expand is not fair
- Ample money generated by equine/rural
- Situations & people
- Keep your high density & centers & businesses in one area!
- Tax base
- Increase
- Local commutes
- Retain property values
- Protect small business slow growth until jobs come
- This sounds like you want to turn Pinal into Phx. We have Phx already—we don't need it here. Business this scale drive the rural residents out. How does a plague of subdivisions generate economic sustainability?
- Too little too late—there is no way for us to catch up now.
- How & why were communities built w/o a highway system to sustain the traffic?
- Service industry jobs only
- Brining jobs and business take away from small business
- Work where you live while still keeping a rural life style.
- Where are the jobs? I only see thousands & thousands of homes.
- Small business going under being rushed out by conglomerates
- Having jobs close to home that pays a living wage

- Keeping it green
- Vision
- Wisdom
- Intelligence
- Proper planning
- Not in the rural areas – jobs are destroyed with consolidation
- Rural/equine/farmers provide ample abilities/opportunities to sustain what's present
- Current practice of consolidation is destroying existing jobs
- Big business shutting down mom & pop stores
- Build homes and long commutes and very dangerous
- 347 death trap
- All these people & service industry jobs only

What three words/phrases best describes what Quality Educational Opportunities mean to you?

- Endless building out runs the schools ability to teach
- The kids need more to do, out here.
- Horses
- 4H
- Teaching kids how to clean in kindergarden
- More schools and more taxes!
- Well, as I see it, you can have students who score well on the AIMS test OR you can have the quality education you crave. Right now the schools are out of control. The teacher's day is spent just maintaining discipline without "stepping on anyone's toes." It's a crock! The inner city is HERE and it's ruining our schools ☹ We need QUALIFIED teachers who are paid fair wage. We need classes no larger than 12 in k-13; no larger than 15 in 4-6 and no larger than 17 in 8-12! If we cut our class size, hire qualified teachers & give them FREE REIN to TEACH, this vision is actually the most achievable here. I sincerely doubt it will ever happen, but creating the smallest class size possible in K-3 will pay off not only for the children, but for every teacher from then on!
- Small schools where you can get your children an education
- New schools & employees are a farce.
- Where kids are not left behind
- Need smaller, classrooms
- More teachers per students
- Small class size
- Good teachers
- Solid programs
- Bull shit. The new residents ship out to Tempe for schooling. We have all this life-long opps in Phx only an hour away. We need enough schools (k-12) to handle what we have, for advanced stuff w have CAC & ASU
- A classroom with 20 or less kids.
- My children were so far behind after 2 years at Maricopa Elementary. 32-35 kids/classroom--& 15+ pages of homework because they are not getting taught in class. So what 3 phases—Planning before Impacting the teachers with a job they can not do based on the number of students.
- Smaller classes
- More field trips
- School can't keep up
- _____ control is not teaching
- Educational facilities for adults/srs.
- Educational facilities for adults/srs. without having to go to Maricopa Co
- Less kids per class/more teachers needed. Need qualified teachers
- Less kids in classroom
- More teachers

- More scholarships
- Corpous Forrably to the best Counties in the USA
- This is the USA – teach English only
- Small schools where educations are possible (like existed before growth)
- Where a parent concerns are heard & worked with & children are not left behind
- Small classes
- They out built schools lower student/teacher ratios
- Insufficient credentials, unqualified teachers
- Schools only concern is damage control not education

What three words/phrases best describes what Healthy, Happy Residents mean to you?

- Lower taxes
- No hassels from Maricopa & Pinal County
- Able to ride a horse anywhere/everywhere in the County
- Hospitals
- Open space
- Low stress from County
- HORSE PARK!
- Taking classes such as water aerobics, and not have it chg's (shorter) after paying for it.
- Reasonable rates for limited income sr's and disabled to get into tow from rural communities.
- Movie theaters would be nice.
- Need to feel safe in rural communities.
- Need horse parks, trail inc.
- INT communities
- Live stock center for youth and horse riding are a must
- We want to ride our horses
- Horse parks
- Don't have water for more development
- Stress free → try driving to work now—a 3 hr day 1 + hour to town 1+ hour home. It's not happy or healthy
- Where is the consideration for equestrian? Many Pinal residents have livestock—where is “healthy, safe & happy” part in this community? NYC has bridle paths; what's wrong with the West that our “cowboy” & livestock heritage must be wiped out?
- Healthcare is good—we need a local hospital
- Ride horses to activity center
- Growth=pollution
- Medical centers
- Equine activities
- Areana
- Livestock center
- Not with shit water in parks
- More people more crime
- Accidents
- Life I chose & ability to retain just as I choose
- Where is a hospital
- Exercise, fit, content. Right now this is mostly true where I live. I can go out for a hike or trail ride and enjoy the desert. For the most part it's clean. BUT at the end of this year, all that will change because a commission who SAYS they are “horse friendly” just approved 300+ homes on 70 acres at the end of my street. ☹ When those homes go in, my bridle path is shut off. My hiking trail becomes UNsafe—and I am willing to bet, my quiet, pristine desert will be full of ATV's & noise all day long.
- Loss of rural is also increased crime rate
- I think there should anothei hospital

- We can walk now on 5 acres.
- We walk with our friends now
- The over developing is not safe in the city now.
- Not healthy
- Not happy
- More drugs/graffiti
- Better traffic controls
- More lanes on highways
- The Rural lifestyle we/I chose, let us/me maintain it!!!!
- Conservation & environmentalism are contradictory to growth—EXACTLY!!!
- Does everyone feel as safe as they used to.
- My vision for their vision is more graffiti, drugs & gangs
- We actually need a hospital close by.
- Open spaces & horse park
- Country sponsored recycling plans & facilities

What three words/phrases best describes what Mobility and Connectivity mean to you?

- Use trains
- The above statements are contradictory
- More than one road in or out
- Buses
- Light rail @ 347 & Maricopa/CG Hwy
- Bridle paths
- Roads to support the QTY of people not years later
- Horse trails/bridle paths where?
- Trail heads?
- Horse trails &
- Why do traus cost more than planes
- Make 347 a toll road for non-Pinal residents
- Where are the bridle paths
- Stop development until you have a transportation system that can handle the traffic
- You have ruined Maricopa!
- It means you need light rail out to here—to move lots of people w/minimal impact.
- Pinal is too wide spread to encompass all in one transportation method—Maricopa is “land locked” by reservations.
- Don’t bring in the people w/o developing the resources to handle it. Phx can’t handle all this & they’re decades ahead of Pinal in all this development.
- And where’s the trails plan
- Internet for rural
- Limited growth using hwys
- Maricopa is not a growth area
- Not needed in my area
- Keep it rural to avoid traffic congestion
- HA HA! Rural had no mobility problems
- Less people, no major growth ample resources to anywhere
- More roads
- Light Rail
- FREE shuttle buses between rural areas & population centers
- COUNTY WIDE HIGH SPEED INTERNET!
- Inter connecting trails and open space
- I think there should be more transportation and communication
- This will have wild life going elsewhere.

- We want our open land left.
- We need better mobility/connectivity
- Where are the bridal paths?
- Moratorium on development until infrastructure in place
- No subdivisions—then everything will be OK!
- Brings more drugs & crime
- Without explosive growth transportation, connectivity & mobility are ample.
- More than 1 road in & out
- Moratorium on development until after infrastructure in place—multiple views
- Overdevelopment destroys families & communities (with economy)
- Economic downturns with overdevelopment
- Counties overdevelopment of Maricopa should be a example of what may happen countywide.
- Not sufficient water to sustain
- Where are the bridle paths?

What three words/phrases best describes what Environmental Stewardship mean to you?

- Use more solar or wind generators instead of building electric plants
- Less people
- Less building
- Less population
- Less crime
- Not enough water for us or those coming in.
- Not over stressing the environment
- More County parks
- Alternative/renewable water sources—where, when?
- What people?? Land conservation is needed
- Everything is disappearing with development
- No more stars
- No more vistas
- Planning ahead for future growth.
- If this is true why do I have 3000 homes planned around my 3.3 acre parcel w/ night lightning!!
- No more stars
- Sustainable practices—where is all the water for all these developments & business going to come from?
I do appreciate & approve of the low light rule. Thank you. Environmental stewardship means not packing people in sardine subdivisions, and destroying desert for more houses. Where is the land connection? Open vistas g away with development.
- Water mgt
- Land conservation
- Recycling
- City lights
- Pollution
- Eminent
- Loss of stars
- High density means losing sight of mountains, stars, natural wildlife
- Stop Growth Keep Rural lifestyles in Pinal!!!! Keep views, stars, etc.
- If you keep building no one will see the mtns. or stars
- A shotgun welcome for ATV's off the established road—serious answer!
- ACTIVE participation in FREE DUMP DAY!
- A COUNTY-WIDE, COUNTY-SPONSORED (even in cities that don't have one) RECYCLING PROGRAM!
- Sustains agriculture and rural lifestyle
- I want to see mountains and the view of a life time of open spaces horses running free dese
- All the 2 story homes we have now you can't see the mountains.

- Then they will be doing building on the mountains & up the mountain like south mountains.
- No more street lights.
- Can't see vistas for developments and can't see stars for all the street light
- Don't have the water to sustain large populations
- Keep Pinal Rural. Rural Lifestyles.
- Higher density greatly increases population.
- Just say no to traffic, pollution, lights, growth, Developments.
- Developments take views (vistas) & skyline disappates all views.
- Land conservation needs to be reality not an illusion.
- With planned developments all you are conserving are sidewalks
- More county parks
- Global warming
- Created heat islands in Pinal

Having now read the draft Vision, what vision theme/element is most important to you? Why?

- Happy & Healthy Residents—your vision is not my vision!
- The loss of rural lifestyle
- Rural, Rural Rural! Keep acres of open space. Open spaces & Places.
- Raods expanded built as soon as possible to support the huge increase in people. Plan & keep rural areas (communities). Step economic growth until the existing homes have been sold (astronomical foreclosures). Water conservation!!!!
- Live stock & rull animals for mini farms is not on your program
- Open places & spaces development is taking away all of what it's about, no more rural Pinal the way thing are going
- Transportation/mobility because it causes the most stress to people and it is the one thing that needs your immediate and intense efforts to fix.
- Maintaining rural living options. Open spaces & places. Preservation of natural desert landscapes. The rural community had/has a good, healthy community.
- Land preservation & conservation. Protect open spaces
- Open spaces, livestock, realist land conservation
- Open spaces and places, like to be able to look at a sunset, sunrise. Be able to see the mountains and not the neighbors house or wall
- I chose Rural life & wish to continue with such I have the right to live that lifestyle. Do not take it from us anymore than you have.
- More roads—347 is overcrowded & dangerous.
- Hospital—to save lives.
- Several are strongly important as I want DEEPLY to preserve my way of life & I don't see that happening! I want OPEN SPACES & my stars @ night, probably, above all else. If something threatens my horses (babies) & my ability to ride, breed, show & train them, I'll fight like a cornered wildcat. Now you know! Last warning!
- Open spaces wildlife habitat and desert
- We like our life still. WE have lots of room to ride now. We don't want more cal.
- Rural. When did rural become a dirty word?
- Rural lifestyle that I chose & have lived until you all chose to dictate my future for me
- Open spaces & places
- Stop illegal dumping
- Land conservation & preservation (realistic)
- Rural Rural Rural Rural (Acres & Acres)
- When did rural become dirty word

If the Vision is fully implemented, what does Pinal County look like in the future?

- Will not like living in Pinal County. It will be changed too much.

- A congested, polluted mass of community not in 20-30 years will be moving on to greener pastures—because of the poor quality of life
- A misboss—It would look like it did 10 years ago. But with more Roads & Buildings to work at.
- No WASTE!!!! Water conservation!!!! Actual land conservation a must! Community parks a must! Rural living communities & animals a must!
- There will be too much conflict of interest in your plan
- If they really did what they said, it would be like it was 20 years ago, however, with all the development, your vision is impossible.
- No matter how I look – I can not see how Pinal is going to make amends to the mess we are in. It seems that we as a community are greedy for more Developments – so we can get more \$ to Build the infrastructure – and as a result we are in a mess. Pinal should have seen that we could only grow so fast. Bigger is not better.
- Phoenix, from what I sounds like. We have Phoenix already. Let people who like a city stay in a city. Let Pinal be the other side of life, the rural, relaxed, community oriented place to long been.
- Not a county I want to live in. Plan is a no-win Phoenix.
- Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit and New York, it is a paradox. The two concepts don't mix.
- The plan is not going to work. Does not make sense.
- Like hell!!!! If implemented as Pinal as proposed what a loss.
- Over crowded
- IF—Ain't NOWAY—It's contradictory. Good grief, people, do you think we can't see that. Let's ask instead: "Where is Pinal headed & do you think it's a place you'd want to live?" It's headed in the direction of it's cousin (another rapidly growing county) Orange Co, CA, would I want to live here? HE...CK NO! Give me a gun, a dog, a horse & a mountain. That's where I'm heading!
- Rural lifestyle will be gone
- Expensive crowded
- We have to back up and re look at our kids. Tempe is not what we want. Too many people & no houses.
- Pinal county would look contradictory and paradoxical. Completely cacaphonic. Needs to stabilize growth, st
- I will be moving
- LA., Chicago, New York!
- Would look like hell....what a loss!
- Place we wouldn't want to live
- Paradox
- Impossible to do
- Slow growth & stabilize existing

Do you have any other comments regarding the draft Pinal County Vision?

- If you have to have a new vision – keep it the same
- Regardless of what it says, time is no way to consistently enforce/require not no vision is achieved
- If that the input collection is very structured and worded in away it is contradictory
- Pinal needs to stay rural and stop the destruction.
- I am not sure what this "" "" is all about. Spend more time getting the job done & less time worry about a "fluffy vision."
- Quit using double-speak and trying to snow the residents. Quit trying to sneak stuff behind the residents back. Quit trying to shaft the long term residents in favor of city people who want bigger houses cheaper, than whine about the lack of inner city amenities. Show some respect for the county's citizens!
- Slow the growth; stabilize what we have
- LEAVE US ALONE!!!
- Please listen to your constituents.
- Once Rural always Rural we have the same Rights as developers or anyone else.
- Stay away.

- This draft has been pushed, coerced, stretched and pummeled into a preconceived vision. I firmly believe you already have the final draft mostly written & are just waiting for a few comments to “round it out!”
- Put this in a understandable language. Is this a test?
- If this plan is followed it will mean more homes and more buildings less open spaces and less rural lifestyle. More crime and more serves means more taxes!!
- We came out 18 years ago to be left out of the city. Lights cars & the people.
- Lacks vision—
- It may be your vision but who wants to live in phoenix subdivision
- Meeting set up & presentation request was ridiculous.

OTHER DRAFT VISION FEEDBACK

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- **"Mobility and Connectivity**—Ensuring Pinal has adequate transportation corridors and a variety of multimodal transportation options addressing all populations is essential for moving goods and people throughout the County and State with minimal affect on Pinal’s native wildlife. Offering multiple mobility and communication options, to effectively connect communities and activity centers throughout the county, will reduce congestion and improve air quality while enhancing the area’s quality of life."

I understand the difficulty in having a serene environment and at the same time facilitate transportation to work and shopping. I feel strongly that there are two 21st century trends that may ameliorate this seeming conflict: (1) Telecommuting and (2) On-Line shopping.

Telecommuting

Although I recently retired, during my final 2 years of employment in Scottsdale, I telecommuted 3 and sometimes 4 days a week. Now, you may recall "Park-n-Ride" facilities that some cities and counties have developed in order to facilitate transportation from the suburbs to the metropolitan areas, where the jobs are.

What I envision and am proposing are "Park-n-Work" facilities which provide offices and cubicles with internet and other resources that enable residents to have a virtual office offsite. This may address the concerns of many companies' Human Resources offices since it provides an environment that is beyond someone simply working from their home computer, with all of its associated distractions and other impediments. For example, the "Park-n-Work" (or, whatever it would be named) would provide: Broadband internet access; Video cameras at the PC for the Virtual Office experience; Telephone resources - just about any feature of the office at work. Since many office workers already communicate with their counterparts around the country or state (as I did), the need for physical presence at the office has been declining and so I feel that telecommuting is an increasingly attractive option for many employers. Part of the attraction to employers is reduced office space needs. I strongly believe this is a necessary trend and that instead of constructing ever-increasing highways and widening of existing highways, we can take advantage of telecommuting to reduce the need for physical transportation.

On-Line Shopping

I believe most people are unaware of WWW.WALMART.COM and the value of shopping on-line. Perhaps businesses can be induced to provide further incentives to on-line shoppers (free shipping, discounts, what-have-you) since they presumably have lowered costs due to (1) lower local inventoried items; (2) reduced brick-and-mortar facilities needed; etc. Again, as with Telecommuting, rather than more big box stores, and their attendant huge parking facilities, let's use the system to bring the goods to us. Save the roads for moving people and goods where it is necessary.

Both of the above initiatives, as I'm sure you see, positively address a host of issues - environmental impact, energy use, quality of life (less time spent on the road).

I'm sure these concepts can be elaborated upon to a larger degree and would welcome the chance to discuss with you or anyone you may delegate.

- Economic Sustainability should read as follows: ... Pinal desires activity centers that serve the current and future residents' needs **by** offering ~~bread~~ services, businesses and employment opportunities. **Activity center should include** high-tech and environmentally-friendly employers who champion Pinal's conservation philosophy...
- Healthy, Happy Residents should read as follows: Access to quality healthcare and healthy lifestyle choices is ~~mandatory~~ **very important**...
- Mobility and Connectivity should read as follows: Ensuring Pinal has adequate transportation corridors and a variety of multimodal transportation options addressing all populations is essential for moving goods and people throughout the County and State. ~~with minimal effect on Pinal's native wildlife.~~