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Ms Anderson,

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I am writing in response to Cochise County's request for its citizens involvement in the Visioning 2020 Land Use Planning process. I have reviewed the Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano's "Growing Smarter Guiding Principles" and find that I agree with:

1. Responsibility & Accountability: Local government officials should embrace the responsibility of guiding local communities towards the "broadest possible community benefit."
2. Preservation of Community Character: Local plans and land use designs should reflect and promote distinct community identities, diversity, and zoning, and density choices.
3. Stewardship: "Clean air and clean water are essential." Public and private landowners should be compensated for the value of the land that is to be preserved as open space.
4. Opportunity: Assure the availability of a range of choices in housing, employment, education, and other essential services. Include affordable and workforce housing such that people can live and work in the same community.
5. Infrastructure: Future growth plans should include efficient, effective and reliable transportation for people and products that are essential for economic vitality and the quality of life.
6. Economic Development: Economic development and vitality should be an integral goal of future development that accommodates both young families and senior citizens. Local communities should reflect a broad spectrum of business and employment sites and corridors.

When planning for its future growth, I encourage the County of Cochise to follow the Governor's Principles.

Please include this letter in the Public Record.

Sincerely,


John R. Soper (Cochise County Property Owner)