

March 4, 2008

**Mrs. Judy Anderson, Director
Cochise County Planning Department
1415 Melody Lane, Building E
Bisbee, AZ 85603**

RE: "Visioning 2020 Land Use Planning in Cochise County"

Dear Judy,

The Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association (SACA) has been monitoring the county efforts at the scheduled meetings which have focused on input from citizens, business owners, employers, etc., regarding future action and direction by the county on growth issues ahead. Since SACA has had an excellent working relationship with the County and your department, we would like to further express our desire that the county and Board of Supervisors continue their efforts to excel at managed growth through all reasonable venues available.

We note that in the county Comprehensive Plan that the county and Board of Supervisors have set reasonable goals for the development and growth within Cochise County. As the County Plan states clearly, your goal is "...to promote the future growth of Cochise County in an orderly, harmonious, environmentally and economically responsible manner. Free enterprise market dynamics shall be allowed to determine land use activity patterns to the maximum extent feasible within the public's legitimate interests of health, safety, welfare, conservation and convenience". This is well stated and supported by SACA to which we fully support managed and reasonable growth within Cochise County.

SACA solicits the county efforts to determine how the growth should be better managed even beyond your Comprehensive Plan for the benefit of all citizens living and working here in Cochise County. SACA's membership is greatly affected by how growth is managed and we support growth in Cochise County as demonstrated in the county Comprehensive Plan quoted above.

SACA encourages you to place our comments into the public record for your "Visioning 2020" meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, March 5, 2008, to be held there at the Board of Supervisors conference room from 6-9 pm.

Sincerely,

**Tom Heckendorn
Executive Director
Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association
(520) 458-0488**