

## SAN XAVIER DISTRICT OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Rio Nuevo Board of Directors Fletcher McCusker, Chairman Chris Sheafe, Treasurer Edmund Marquez, Secretary Jannie Cox Mike Levin Ross McCallister

Dear Rio Nuevo Board of Directors,

I write to ask you to keep the 28-acre parcel of land at the base of A Mountain as open space.

The 28-acres site needs to remain as open space to maintain the wildlife corridor between the mountain and the Santa Cruz River; to save the desert landscape that is becoming scarce in Tucson's urban core; and to reflect the community values as repeatedly expressed by Tucson voters (Proposition 400 and others) to support historic, cultural, and ecological restoration.

Thank you in advance for allowing the site to remain as open space for the benefit of all.

Regards,

Austin Nunez, Chairman San Xavier District Tohono O'odham Nation