

This is an amazing and exciting time to be a Supervisor in Pinal County; America's 2nd fastest growing county.

This past week I was asked to testify before the United States Congress in Washington, D.C. in support of House Resolution 1904, The Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011.

Passage of the bill would create almost 1,000 direct jobs and over 5,000 indirect jobs in support of Resolution Copper's mine in Superior.

Here is a portion of my testimony:

"This land exchange and conservation deal is the essential next step for this project to move forward. Our Congressional delegation overwhelmingly supports this, our bipartisan Board of Supervisors supports it, the State needs this and I pledge to do everything I can to see Representative Gosar's bill pass."

It was an honor to represent the literally millions of Arizonans who will benefit from the combination of increased jobs, increased educational opportunities and the increased revenues to our county and state. This is truly a stimulus package without a handout.

The bill still has a long way to go. I will keep you posted as it makes its way through the House and hopefully, on to the Senate. Contact your Congressional Delegate and let them know that Pinal County and Arizona need H.R. 1904.

The day after my return from Washington, D.C., I attended the East Valley Partnership Aerospace Luncheon. Mr. Scott Kirby, President of Arizona-based U.S. Airways, was the keynote speaker. It was great to be a part of the dialogue in a room full of Aerospace business owners, economic

development planners, academic professionals and elected officials. Pinal County must remain at the table as the East Valley spills across the county line. Aerospace plays a critical role in the economic development and diversity of our State's economy.

We would do well to add the "A" of Aerospace to our State's "Five 'Cs' of economic diversity: Copper, Cotton, Cattle, Citrus and Climate." There is your Arizona Civics lesson of the day...

Graduation from High School represents a major milestone in the lives of our young people; no more so than at Villa Oasis Interscholastic Center for Education. Villa Oasis is a program of the Pinal County School Superintendent's Office for at risk high school students. These are the kids who are on their last shot at school.

I attended this year's emotional graduation ceremony. Thirteen young men and women spoke from their heart as they received their Arizona High School diploma. Almost every student voiced, with tears in their eyes, "Thank you for not giving up on me."

I am so proud of our kids, teachers, and administrators for giving these young citizens a chance to be assets to our nation. Considering the path they were on, the vast majority would have ended up in our prison system. I believe that there is still room for compassion in our nation and our county. And the cost to educate these kids is far less than the cost to incarcerate them...

The Bryan Martyn Show continues to entertain and educate. It is hard to believe we've been doing the show for a year and a half. That's a lot of Thursday nights. This past month in studio we heard from the Florence Copper Project, the Casa Grande Ruins Project and our very own State Senator Steve Smith. Tune in Thursdays from 6-8 pm at [www.santanradio.com](http://www.santanradio.com).

Finally, this past month I took my sons fishing on the San Carlos Apache Reservation along the amazing Black River. The weather was perfect and the trout were biting. Folks, you need to explore Arizona. I've lived all over the world. This is an amazing place...

The coming months are going to bring some big changes to our county and state. Re-districting is the big issue. We're going from three to five County Supervisors. Your State Legislative district may change and we're getting another Congressional District. Stay tuned! Oh, and what is Sheriff Paul gonna do?

Don't forget to pass this along to your friends and HOAs. Please don't hesitate to call or write with your questions or comments. Thanks!

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