

Santan Visioning Workshop Summary Report

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Handouts

The Future at Pinal Executive Summary
Comprehensive Plan Fact Sheet
Vision Handout
Vision Worksheet

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MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the Visioning Workshop was to gather feedback on draft vision themes, largely defined through the nine previous Road Show events. The event initiated with a PowerPoint presentation that described the Comprehensive Plan process, provided results from the Road Show events in July, introduced some realities about the changing America, and defined the process of community visioning. The PowerPoint is available on the project website at: www.PinalCountyPlan.com.

Participants were provided a Vision Handout which was a draft compilation of vision themes derived from the nine Road Shows. These themes included: open spaces and places, sense of community, economic sustainability, quality education opportunities, mobility and connectivity, and environmental stewardship. Participants were asked to review the draft Vision Handout prior to the meeting. After the PowerPoint presentation, participants were asked to complete a Vision Worksheet which asked them to answer the following question for each vision theme: "If we do

everything right, how would you describe a successful Pinal County in the future. What would be the outcome of our efforts? What would we have achieved?”

Participants were then asked “What do you think about the emerging vision themes? Are there any themes missing? Could any additional theme fall under an existing theme?”

Participants responded as follows:

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

- How does the high growth areas blend or fit into Pinal is a concern
- Public safety
- Snowbird impact on the area
- Facilitate a harmonious diversity of lifestyle choices
- Pinal is an alternate to Maricopa County
- Greenprinting as an alternative way of life
- Expansion of Williams Gateway may be missing and the growth of ASU East
- Medical facilities and healthcare
- Blending of the rural and urban; how do we compromise and find balance
- Need for more partnerships
- Formal governance entities for places like Johnson Ranch
- Public safety and emergency response
- Overall topic of appropriate governance

- Overall the group felt that the Emerging Themes were well done. The group suggests adding – Protection of the Health, Safety and Welfare and Governance Responsiveness. Also the group felt that an “Over-riding Principle” that impacts all of the vision themes might be “Cooperation, collaboration, and leadership.” It was felt that without this approach, none of the emerging vision themes could be accomplished.

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Need to protect open space and rural lifestyle
- Keep the character of Pinal—rural lifestyle and horses
- Wildlife and open space are important
- Open space is important
- We need to worry about mobility (roads and highways) before houses
- Too much sprawl in Pinal: mass transit needed, open space preserved and too many houses present
- Pinal needs quality educational opportunities
- Need to address the trade off between open space and convenience
- Clean air is important
- Economic sustainability needs to be emphasized in emerging communities and throughout the County
- Pinal can't be just competitive, but the best in terms of education
- Pinal needs to be a place to live, work and play (as one spot) and become a community, not just individual neighborhoods

- Development needs to be more focused within existing urban areas
- Mobility and connectivity is important—commute times to jobs is 45 minutes to travel eight miles
- There is a lack of a sense of community; there are established boundaries for geographic areas which are being lost (like the Hunt Highway corridor)
- Community-wide, communities should set their own identity, let development become their own community and let them set their own identity
- Open space and history of the small communities is important
- Open space needs to be preserved for all kinds of uses
- Environmental stewardship is important, including water efficiency and energy consumption
- Economic development is important—don't want to be a bedroom community
- Conservation of natural resources is important, including open space, habitats, river corridors, water, energy and trails.
- Perhaps combine environment and natural resource elements
- Pinal needs indoor recreational activities and streets need to be stripped
- The rural feeling and sense of a small town needs not to be lost
- Rural environment and open space stewardship is important: smart growth vs. urban sprawl

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- Waste management, recycling, water and clean air important
- Everything seems to be covered
- Pinal needs people to stay here
- Need better transportation (roads) for emergencies
- Governmental cooperation is needed in terms of policy, enforcement, etc.
- Pinal needs better placemaking; post office doesn't match where we actually live
- These themes are too big picture
- Pinal needs to plan now or others will plan for you
- Is there governmental capacity to support the plan?
- Air quality is very important in Pinal
- Financial responsibility important
- Water resources is very important in Pinal
- Is there too much open space—we need to balance with industrial development, landfills, residential, etc.
- Pinal is a place and should be home
- Are social issues missing (teens, gangs, hospitals, social services, multi-generational services, etc.)?
- We don't want to be a bedroom community
- State land is a huge issue
- Pinal government needs to support plan
- Uniform utilities are needed throughout the County

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

- Some areas of concern

- Focus on economic sustainability
- You seem to be hitting the mark, but need to address healthcare and emergency management
- You need to sync economic growth with open space
- Education is primary to getting to where we want to be
- Pinal has a lack of higher education opportunities
- Retail jobs are not quality jobs
- Pinal needs a roadmap
- Pinal needs to engage the 18-35 age group
- Need to focus on alternative energy and make Pinal the leader
- Political will is needed to implement this plan
- Healthcare is important
- We need more transportation options
- Need senior services, after school arts and culture programs
- I agree in general with concepts, but everything is related to economics
- Pinal needs to implement these ideas
- I like the list
- There is a lack of control and communication in Pinal
- Collaboration among governments is critical
- County should provide services
- Pinal must be connected to the Valley
- Three Supervisors isn't enough for good representation
- It is important to maintain Pinal's heritage
- There is a lack of synergy between cities and county
- All themes should concentrate around the community
- We should look to our neighbors to see what has been done right and wrong
- All themes are critical and tied together
- All themes are critical; education is key and develops the need to be held accountable
- Transportation infrastructure needed
- P20 continuum should be mentioned
- Need "University of Pinal"
- Need higher transportation opportunities, including transit, multimodal opportunities and more than just highways
- Barriers need to be knocked down for governmental (city) cooperation
- Public safety needs emphasis; too many 'islands', need more synergy
- School system is critical and people need to be held accountable
- Planning is most important

Participants were then asked for each of the emerging vision themes, and any additional themes identified, "If we do everything right, how would you describe a successful Pinal County in the future. What would be the outcome of our efforts? What would we have achieved?" Participants' comments for each theme are as follows:

Open Spaces and Places

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

- Desert areas are preserved and mountains are protected
- Pinal has planned regional parks that serve a variety of recreational activities; a full range of recreational activities are provided throughout the county
- Wildlife trails have been preserved
- Garbage collection areas have become great county parks due to reuse
- Pinal has instituted a percentage of all development must be set aside for wildlife protection
- Pinal has designated areas for various recreational uses in appropriate areas (e.g. off road, etc.)
- Pinal has an abundance of youth activities and kids have a variety of things to do
- Pinal is known for its eco-tourism
- Greenbelt/protection areas are protected around sensitive areas and national monuments

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Pinal County would protect open space and keep public lands as public lands (view as assets)
- Pinal would have designated specific areas for specific uses
- Pinal would define different types of open space uses/non-uses and would have accommodations for all
- Pinal would connect riparian corridors for wildlife and trails uses
- Funding for open space would have been a financial priority as well as a political priority to be successful
- Hillsides slopes and mountain tops would be protected

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- No homes on the mountains so you can still see the mountain tops
- Pinal would have dark skies
- Greenbelts would be present throughout County
- Water recycling would be utilized (perhaps for greenbelts)
- Parks and trails would be plentiful as Pinal would be the “outdoor destination”
- Good accessibility to parks, trails, mountains, etc.
- Many recreational opportunities would exist in County (ball fields, ATV park, etc.) and perhaps serve as a funding source
- Pinal would balance natural environment with the desert and make developers responsible for said practice
- Parks would be accessible to all equally
- Historical and archeological locations would be protected
- Signage would be present throughout County to help ‘placemaking’
- Pinal would have sustainable, cost-effective natural parks
- Pinal would preserve bigger spaces of land so users could see and do more in one place
- Open space would be a place for a community to go, visit
- To preserve open space, Pinal should purchase Trust Land
- Pinal would address paradox: wanting everything, including open space

- Pinal would maintain and repair waterways
- Pinal would preserve clean air

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

- Pinal would maintain and preserve the natural habitat
- Play areas would exist within communities
- Man-made areas would mimic natural areas
- Open space would connect municipalities
- Pinal would plan and preserve sensitive areas
- The desert would not be trashed but restored instead
- Designate open space by Pinal working with the state
- Open space would be the 'identity' of Pinal as people would be drawn to us for it
- Recreational vehicles would respect open space/desert
- Pinal would identify the costs associated with keeping open space maintained
- Pinal would dedicate a funding source which commits itself to the plan
- Pinal would work together and have synergy to protect open space

Sense of Community

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

- Pinal has multi-generational facilities that are great meeting places that pull together the many diverse groups that call the county home
- Small and large downtowns are located throughout the county that are pedestrian oriented and draw people into them for services and socializing
- We have provided for the arts (performing and visual arts); Pinal celebrates all types of arts and culture
- Pinal honors its unique cultural heritage and has developed world-renowned museums
- Pinal is home to a major sports facilities or facilities

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Pinal would develop several communities city centers (Florence City Center, Superior City Center, Coolidge City Center, etc.) so that growth doesn't dilute current cities
- Each community would be identifiable
- Pinal would develop architectural standards for different parts of the County
- Plan the unincorporated areas
- Growth is done in smaller size areas and not in mega developments
- Zone for mixed use (residential with commercial and have a mix of economic residential types)
- Have high density areas in condensed corridors which allowed for more open space and which eliminated the commute

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- Community centers would be located throughout the County
- A strong social atmosphere would be present in Pinal
- Pinal County would be a place to live, work, play and stay

- Pinal would be a responsible government
- Pinal would be identified as the place (like Orange County)
- Pinal would be different, not replicating the mistakes of Pima or Maricopa Counties
- Pinal would be defined by who they are and what their strengths are
- Pinal would bridge our large spaces
- Pinal would merge rural and urban expectations
- Diverse housing developments would exist in Pinal
- Developments in Pinal would have to have incorporated open/common space
- Pinal would maintain historic culture (like Florence)
- Community centers would be mandated in one of every three developments
- Pinal would maintain their friendly reputation
- Pinal would keep their communities safe
- More people would own their homes in Pinal
- Pinal would be known as a friendly, helpful and efficient County
- Pinal would maintain their 'down-home' feeling
- A local daily paper for Pinal would exist
- Pinal would establish a focal point/place
- Pinal would address elderly social networking and healthcare
- Central gathering points would exist throughout Pinal

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

- More community centers would be located throughout Pinal
- Central business districts would exist
- There would be more access to local government and more participation
- Regional community councils would exist
- Pinal would have a multi-generational approach
- Pinal would have places, kids, fields, arts and culture
- Community spaces would accommodate many uses
- Facilities would be jointly-used
- Satellite facilities for police, fire, etc., would exist
- Block watch programs would exist throughout the County
- Pinal would be a collection of communities working together

Economic Sustainability

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

- Pinal has a wide variety of businesses in the area
- High quality employment is available close to where people live
- Services are abundant so residents do not have to drive long distances

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Pinal would rely not just on residential and retail for taxes and funding
- Pinal would have planned for environmentally responsible industry in designated areas
- Pinal would have taken advantage of the existing rail road
- Pinal would have partnered or invested in Williams Gateway

- Pinal would attract businesses to develop within industrial corridors
- Pinal would develop a County hospital
- Pinal would have an amusement park that would be the pride of the state
- Transportation would be available to travel to other metro areas to make it easier to get jobs which won't be available in Pinal County
- 90% of residents in Pinal would be able to work and live in Pinal County (and wouldn't have to commute)
- Pinal would be self sufficient and responsible (including sufficient water, energy, etc.)
- Pinal would go 'green': recycling, solar power, passive energy, harvesting rain water, etc.; Pinal would set the standard and be the leader

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- Pinal would work to legalize gambling
- Economic development would have been Pinal's priority
- Pinal would be a developer-friendly place, known for their ease with which to work
- Pinal would develop the Magma Rail Road junction
- Pinal would establish an economic base to bring people to the County
- Pinal would capitalize on their location
- Pinal's impact fees would be fair and equal
- Pinal would keep people from having to retire outside of County (because of high/increasing taxes)
- Pinal would develop commercial opportunities along I-10 beyond retail
- Pinal would offer incentives to attract employers
- Pinal would work to kill current incentive legislation
- Pinal would work to define the roles and responsibilities for county and municipal governments
- Pinal would have a sports facility
- Pinal would have higher education and training
- Pinal would have a regional airport
- Pinal would have active adult living locations
- Pinal would have a theme park
- Pinal would have a major metro area

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

- Local business opportunities would exist so people would travel less
- Pinal would plan for commercial and industrial and be compatible with other plans
- Pinal would identify job centers now than provide the infrastructure to support it
- Business would coordinate with educational facilities (training, etc.)
- Hands-on skill training would exist in Pinal
- Pinal would have career professionals
- Pinal would have more hospitals
- Williams Gateway would play a role in Pinal and the County would be a stakeholder

Quality Education Opportunities

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

- Pinal has been successful in reducing classroom sizes to ensure that children get one-on-one attention by teachers
- Pinal has attracted the most qualified and talented teachers in the county
- Created specific area targeted unified school districts
- Pinal has maximized State Trust Lands to build educational facilities to meet the growing educational needs
- Pinal is known for its abundance of life-long learning opportunities located close to population centers
- Pinal has attracted private universities focused on specialized areas such as dentistry and healthcare specialties
- There are an above average percentage of “high achievers” in Pinal County schools that are excelling
- Dysfunctional families’ needs are being met and services are provided locally such as intervention and counseling; there is a high level of social services available in Pinal County
- Pinal meets and exceeds the highest quality standards
- ASU East has been supported and grown tremendously
- The Junior Achievement concept has been successfully applied to education and serves as a model for other areas
- Expanded ASU and U of A campuses throughout the county
- Universities are embedded in the classrooms
- Financial resources have been identified and directed to improving schools through a multitude of resources
- Pinal is recognized for its top technical and training services
- K-12, secondary education, community college, and university programs are all aligned through close collaboration and partnerships

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Pinal would have a community college system with transferable credits to major universities
- Pinal would develop technical schools
- Pinal would have better k-12 education
- Pinal would pay teachers livable salaries
- Pinal would provide pre/post school educational opportunities and activities
- Pinal students would be taught about ‘green’ policy, environmental stewardship, history and heritage of the area, immersing technologies and civic responsibilities
- Pinal would provide hands-on, non-traditional educational opportunities
- Pinal would use television to inform people
- Mentoring programs would be established partnering technical/business people with our k-12 students
- We would have developed apprenticeship programs for trades, technology and business areas
- Pinal County would have the only Vet School in Arizona

- Approval for educational process would be streamlined
- School districts would be consolidated
- County would have WiFi or similar infrastructure in all classrooms with the computers to accompany technology
- Pinal would have a four-year colleges with satellite campuses

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- Pinal would match training programs to the job available in County
- Pinal would have a medical school
- Pinal would have more English as a second language classes
- Pinal would have a four year university
- Pinal would have a high quality library system
- Pinal would hire quality teachers and keep them
- School districts would be consolidated to be more cost effective
- Higher educational opportunities would be offered at satellite locations
- Community schools would be developed where staff, teachers and students are local
- Continuing education and life long educational opportunities would exist throughout County
- Equitable educational opportunities would exist in Pinal
- Educational funding would be spent in the classroom, not on fancy concepts or buildings
- Public libraries would be located in public schools
- Trade schools would exist in Pinal
- Pinal would offer tech-savvy education
- Public schools would double as community spaces
- Pinal would have parent education and support classes and opportunities

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

- Quality infrastructure would exist in Pinal
- Pinal would have a positive primary education system
- Pinal would have involved parents
- Pinal would be willing to pay for quality education
- Pinal would have consistent curriculum in County
- Voters would be educated
- Boundaries between educational elements would have been broken down

Mobility and Connectivity

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

- Rapid transit, commuter rail connects Phoenix and Tucson as well as the various towns within Pinal County
- Pinal places less emphasis on the automobile because of better land use and transportation planning
- A comprehensive mass transit system is in place that uses all available resources within the county; Pinal offers mobility choices
- Pinal has a network of connecting infrastructure to support and sustain the urban and rural areas

- Pinal supports airport expansion at Williams Gateway and other areas as need grows
- Excellent telecommunications infrastructure is in place and the county is well connected through underground technology
- Residents can communicate and talk to county leaders easily because of the strong open door policy and responsiveness of leaders

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Pinal would use rail road system for rapid transit (commuters and commerce)
- Pinal would help to change state law so that there is one cohesive transportation system
- Pinal would lead the way in non-auto transportation

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- Road would connect places and cities in Pinal
- Multimodal transportation opportunities would exist in Pinal
- Scenic routes would be established in Pinal
- A local transportation network would be created
- Local governments would partner to cover costs of roadways
- Pinal would connect with Pima and Maricopa Counties
- Wildlife corridors would be protected
- Lightrail and monorail would be available in Pinal
- Pinal would have found transportation funding now rather than later, when infrastructure is needed
- Pinal would have a 'HUB' transportation system
- Job and activity centers would exist in Pinal
- Timing of lights would facilitate traffic flow
- A multimodal transportation package would be implemented
- Government services would be located near activity centers
- Round (or loop) freeways would exist in Pinal
- Dirt roads would be paved

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

- Plans would be connected
- Timely planning would have occurred (starting now)
- Agencies would work together for an effective transportation plan
- You would be able to get from Queen Creek to Florence without a car
- Roads would be safer and would be balanced with the environment
- Pinal would have planned for the people who are coming
- Pinal would plan ahead
- Pinal would have a transit authority

Environmental Stewardship

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

- Pinal has a recycling program county-wide
- Alternative vehicles are promoted

- Pinal has protected its natural treasures and provided for wildlife corridors
- Wildlife corridors have been protected throughout the county
- Powerlines have been sensitively placed
- Green building and greenprinting are key concepts embraced by the county
- Pinal has a strong conservation ethic
- Pinal promotes alternative energy sources

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Pinal County would hold classes on water conservation, zeroscape design, protecting natural resources and landscaping
- Recycle water (denitrify wastewater to mature greywater and recharge groundwater)
- Pinal would endorse new technology that reduces all garbage into inert gases (like Sweden and Switzerland)
- Industries in Pinal County would endorse our sense of environmental stewardship and would be planned with complimentary industries
- All homes in Pinal would have drinking water and greywater connectivity
- Pinal would require zeroscape landscape regulations
- Pinal would encourage farmers markets, local growers and community gardens
- Pinal would work with Indian Communities for environmental conservation, riparian preservation and recreation
- Wind energy would be developed in Pinal

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- Pinal would ensure the blue sky is kept
- Pinal would be self-sustaining and would protect land
- Countywide recycling would be required in homes and businesses
- Alternative energy would be used in Pinal
- Pinal would find and use surface water
- Pinal would have county-wide green building standards
- Pinal would plan now for waste landfills
- Pinal would create incentives to recycle
- Pinal would ensure the maintenance of the foothills and prevent lot splitting
- Pinal would find renewable ways to move drinkable water (including getting rid of bottled water)
- Environmental stewardship would be taught in schools
- Public utilities would be non-profit

Facilitator: Curt Dunham

- Pinal would greenprint the County
- Pinal would adopt LEED building
- Solar energy would be utilized in residential and commercial locations
- Pinal would encourage rainwater harvesting
- Pinal would ensure 100 year water supply
- Pinal would have less-dense housing

- Pinal would have successfully interfaced rural and urban interests
- Water would be treated as the number one resource
- Pinal would prevent having a 'brown cloud' over it
- Pinal would have incentives to move from ground water use
- Pinal would be a destination by desire, not default
- Pinal would have County-wide recycling programs
- Pinal residents would be stewards and would hold open space in trust
- Pinal would ensure tourism and the environment go hand in hand
- Pinal would not be a landfill location for Pima and Maricopa Counties
- Pinal would ensure there is no change to their heat index
- Farmers markets would be encouraged in the County
- Kids would be educated in conservation

Potential Theme: Protection of Health, Safety Welfare

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

Potential Theme: Governance Responsiveness

Facilitator: Peggy Fiandaca

Potential Theme: Public Safety, Medical and Emergency Services

Facilitator: Loras Rauch

- Pinal would have a hospital system and emergency care facilities
- Fire protection would be sufficient

Potential Theme: Health, Safety and Welfare

Facilitator: Audra Koester Thomas

- Transit opportunities would exist for seniors
- At home healthcare would be available
- Red Cross would be located throughout Pinal
- A county-wide emergency plan would be established and taught
- Long term care facilities would exist for seniors
- Healthcare would be provided locally and at regional hospitals
- More police substations would exist
- Quality fire protection would exist
- Hospitals would connect with other healthcare facilities
- Urgent care centers would exist
- Neighbors would know each other in Pinal
- Senior or family service centers would exist to help residents
- Drug and alcohol treatment centers would exist in Pinal
- Pinal would have flood plan
- Workforce training would exist
- Pinal residents would be responsible and not free-riders
- Teens would have places to recreate and communicate

QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

If we do everything right, how would you describe a successful Pinal County in the future? What would be the outcome of our efforts? What would we have achieved?

Open Spaces and Places

- Local areas (communities) should have a local plan that fits with the General Plan. Each community, therefore, would steward its own open space and build a sense of place.
- Open space is very hard to find to make all people happy but is needed.
- Very important. We should have openness, a feeling of not being walled in. There are already lots of places like that. Why should we end up the same way? ATV tracks and places to drive back into the mountains.
- A feeling of “vastness” and “natural” beauty
- I believe that there should be no developments before there are people to move into them, and that there should be as low development as possible.
- Preservation
- Leave mountains—don’t crane or destroy them.
- Social services for families and seniors, i.e., center where all services are provided for all.
- Accessibility to mountains trails. Where can we hike and bike? Watch sunrise and sunsets? Gather as community in vibrant parks?
- We need to protect open space. It is important, yet San Tan wasn’t even included in priorities. No road show here, our priorities not noted.
- Neutral spaces, excluding grass parks, etc. #1 importance, recreation, wildlife, water, economics, etc.
- Mountains and high desert. We need to define special wilderness areas and work around them.
- Pinal has a lot of public land that needs to remain public. All development must dedicate open space in their community and leave it natural. Stop planting grass.
- We need to have the existing regional park, now managed by Maricopa County, returned to Pinal County administration. Get additional parks.
- Mountain views and wild saguaros are beautiful as unique views, but places are few—I see only Boyce Thompson Arboretum.
- Parks, trails, hiking, places you go and see the scenery
- The outcome would be a comprehensive plan developed primarily by the county that sets aside specific areas and corridors for open space: parks, natural areas, recreational areas.
- State parks or regional parks
- Gila River is important. Mountains, valleys, corridors, wildlife, State land ownership
- Preserving natural desert and creating eco-friendly, i.e., water conservation. Green spaces need to be a priority for developers. Large lots, etc.
- _____al parks and reserves, i.e., Arboretum, Papago Park
- Need open spaces for future generations to know and enjoy. This is part of the southwest area, and we need to preserve it.

- The beauty is unquestionable, but if the desire is to be more than a bedroom community, things will have to change, which may mean loss of some of the beauty, but with plans and controls.
- Keeping as much open space as possible. Providing parks and trails for hiking.
- Snowbird affect on area. Opportunity—San Tan Regional Park; Tourist destinations/ecotourism
- Wildlife parks, guided tours for hikers
- More multi-use parks, ball fields, basketball, hiking, etc.
- It is important that future growth/development is planned to co-exist with the natural surroundings.
- Must retain open space for people to enjoy, i.e., Central Park in New York City. If not the center of the community when it is built (open space), it will be lost forever.
- More parks and facilities for family to enjoy the mountains and outdoors
- Yes, important, but it can be achieved without accepting a lot of the assumptions of the Morrison Report (no commuting, for example).
- There would be two-thirds to three-quarters of the county kept as open spaces. We would keep development down.
- Makes sense. Preservation of washes in a natural state is important. Preservation of land adjacent to Endevel (?) wilderness areas or national monuments also very important. A two- to three-mile greenbelt.
- Disagree; Pinal County is less expensive.
- Regional park, keeping agriculture/ranch
- Regional park, San Tan Mountains (foothills), agricultural areas—farms/ranches
- Preserve mountain views without excessive rooftops. Planned parks and regional desert areas for variety of recreational venues.
- Set aside areas for parks and recreation. Keep them rural. A great park can be ruined if walled in my commerce.
- Identify, protect, and connect Pinal geographic treasures.
- Yes, including ATV trails and horse-privileged property.
- This is important to have or keep. (OK to growth but at a small-needed limit.)
- This has to blend with development. We can't over open space the county for the residents of Maricopa County to play in.
- Good idea, always needed, difficult to acquire, expensive to maintain, often need to purchase, political will to complete.
- Unrestricted green belts for families and children to gather without fearing environmental hazards, public safety, or destruction of public property.
- Pinal County as a destination, known for its unique OS/P.
- Preserving natural habitats is ALWAYS preferable. Also, each community needs its own area for children and adults.
- Makes sense. Tracking and watching open space/trails plan. Assuming it is protective of open space with visitation; want to see funding/timing. ASLD lands special issue.
- We need to protect our current assets (park.) We need intergovernmental agencies, along with developers, to have this as their top priority. We can be unique where we offer a way of life.

- Open spaces and wildlife habitats are a rare find. Maintaining these while non-restricting the other pieces to this plan would be ideal.
- Share these open spaces with the future generations. Smell the clean air.
- I would like to see the home building slow down in our community. As a community, we need to get schools and businesses in line with the population.
- Open spaces need to be publicly owned and available to all. The Arizona Trust land in Pinal County needs to be purchased by the County, so that it can be preserved as open space.
- More open space, with denser areas of residential, with a community center implemented, village concept, thereby leaving more area for open space and preserved areas.
- I agree.
- I agree with the statement regarding open spaces on the emerging themes paper; however, I believe we need to create manmade open spaces and also preserve our natural landscapes and wildlife.
- Preserving open space is important to future generations.
- Top of my list! Necessary for physical and emotional stability.
- Plenty of parks and spacing between homes. Have shopping centers that are part of community.
- It is important to me. Open spaces not only entail beauty, but a lifestyle as well. Designated parks and larger lots are essential.
- There is an interconnected series of open spaces that is accessible from many locations. Limited development within the open spaces (not public playgrounds and sports fields).
- Recreation areas and preservation of natural landscapes. Preservation of the San Tan area mountains.
- I would like opportunities for outdoor activities, such as hiking and picnicking for all ages. Places for kids and teens.
- Fewer roads, regional public transportation options
- Paolo Solari's Arcosanti—linear development within specified distance of existing major right-of-ways. Saving open space. Dollars—where/how/who?
- Preserving “view sheds,” abundant recreational trails/paths/drives
- Very necessary for outdoor enjoyment—west—horses—wildlife preserves—San Tan Mountains.
- Not why I moved here, but I enjoy it; particularly, the view of the Superstition Mountains as I drive north.
- Build out responsibly and not high density. Protection of native species, habitat, rural preservation

Sense of Community

- Strongly agree, even in the county areas; allowing an opportunity for building community and contribution in and from the unincorporated areas.
- I live in the San Tans, and our community is “very strong” in community with different groups as the County listens to our thoughts.
- We used to wave at one when driving passed one another in our cars. Being able to stop and talk to each other.
- Opportunities to share neighbors' experiences while working together as one community
- Public service

- Great to see everyone show up. We need to work together to better the community.
- Change cookie-cutter homes' orientation, so that there is a backyard to other homes, where fences are a thing of the past.
- Historic preservation key – what is or makes Arizona and Pinal? Old dam home (?) style of architecture. Centers that connect people—parks, amphitheaters, entertainment.
- Yeah, in older, established communities, yet San Tan is most populated, and we are struggling in this area. Need local government.
- Need more than just rooftops (way it's heading). Parks, community centers, pull communities together.
- Establish community center, Chamber of Commerce, meeting center
- Control annexation; no common borders (?), or we become Maricopa County/Phoenix area. Allow new areas to set their own identity.
- We in the San Tan area need to have boundaries set. We are not presently a community, only a Hunt Highway corridor.
- I can't even go through my neighborhood without being reminded of how developers used inappropriate tactics to lure buyers to establish the variety of all the structures that were promised by developers and not produced.
- That people look out for one another, that they feel they are part of a community
- There's already a sense of community in cities around the county, but we need more of an identity in the rural, non-incorporated areas.
- New people coming into these communities should be educated in their history.
- Small towns are quaint, but Bedroom communities between small towns remind me of SA.
- Challenge is “city dwellers” moving to Pinal areas without the proper expectations. Integrating into equestrian-friendly environment, for example.
- National migration to the area, cultural centers
- The history of the small communities around us should be preserved, but also new communities can be built.
- Sense of community is important, but growth, even when planned and managed, will be challenged.
- Commuters within a larger community. Identity for Pinal County. Public safety/community services/trash/recycling/telecommunications
- Taste of Pinal County events, water parks, community events, and knowledge of those events via various venues
- Restoration of old buildings—encourage more small business growth.
- Maintain where possible unique aspects of town. Old towns be “updated,” so they can be preserved—police and fire departments.
- Just as though each person needs a place to call “home” for life, i.e., when they grew up—a specific community feel needs to be in place for each of us.
- More emphasis on the history and culture of Pinal County, i.e., restore historic buildings.
- I live in San Tan. We don't even have a city government, but we are still a “community.”
- Each community should offer unique aspects to their residents. Separate the county trust (?) districts, i.e., agriculture, education, and recreational.
- Makes sense. Pedestrian-oriented, traditional “downtowns” that reflect the community.
- Agree.

- Value the vision of what former land owners wanted—a new community not becoming a big city.
- The history must not be forgotten, and the growth needs a strong sense of community.
- County and local communities must work together.
- Right now the subdivisions are just that—divided by miles of road. All communities need to be tied together.
- Find and develop the unique common threads that bind Pinal citizens and make Pinal unique.
- Developed over time and hard to create, would be awesome to have
- The past HAS to be part of the future. Grow at a minimum. Need to remember open space.
- As we try to keep our historic values, we must remember that we _____ we grow we will also be a metro area with a different view.
- Good idea. Every community has one by design or default, path of least resistance.
- Being able to provide quality support services to those who are unable to care for themselves. We need to learn to be caregivers to those in need.
- County-wide regional community councils' promoting and as a mouthpiece for common community objectives.
- More important is a connectivity of all communities within the county, but the county must be the cohesive force.
- Agreed. There is sense of community in each of many different communities. I wonder if each is preserved, then it is important to have a county-wide ___ of c (chamber of commerce?)
- We need to help our citizens understand the importance and benefits of community.
- Diversity is important; however, the sense of community is critical.
- Preserve culture of small communities. Create sense of people working together on project.
- I love our community out here. We are not our own, but if we merged with Johnson Ranch and homes between in Pinal, we could become
- Pinal County must retain its individual towns, rather than merging into a megalopolis with Tucson and Phoenix as hubs.
- Good idea to have the communities not all mashed together
- Keeping Pinal County residents aware of its unique communities and heritage is a must for residents to feel the pride of county that is needed.
- Much of Pinal County is unincorporated, which can be favorable, yet often a challenge for residents in unincorporated areas to receive adequate services.
- Create community centers within each housing community. Intranet. Recreation activities.
- I fear that we will lose the sense of community after growth ends. People are working together, knowing it is a must.
- One can tell someone where they live, and the listener will be able to identify its place easily.
- The Pinal “San Tan” and “J Ranch” communities have no representation other than the B of S. They have no voice in government yet have a great impact on economic and traffic for Pinal County.
- We need venues for diverse activities for the arts (choral society, band, and orchestra), bowling, movie theaters, etc. Also need to be incorporated.

- Small, self-sustainable. Mixed-use neighborhoods/towns/cities. Mixed incomes, mixed zoning. Small, but never so large as to overwhelm current population in one swoop.
- Hunt Highway area—what is its heritage? Encourage development: just a bunch of housing developments, investment for existing city centers.
- Development of “villages” or city centers around recreational/heritage/cultures
- Preserve historical areas that define Pinal.
- I see a sense of community in the different subdivisions, but I also feel that many people don’t feel part of that sense.
- Not sure about this one. A lot of cookie-cutter rooftops with a lot of renters doesn’t identify with community for me.
- Neighborhood sense of connectivity; programs that require community involvement

Economic Sustainability

- We need more economic development, as our Pinal people are working in Maricopa.
- Bad designs and poor spending are a waste of both money and time.
- Support system for those who aren’t able to work in the community, as well as making new business opportunities attractive to corporate world.
- Don’t need this.
- We need clean businesses, so that we don’t have to travel to jobs outside or far away from home.
- Technology hubs—airports, highways to connect businesses and employees. Capitalize off of locations between Tucson and Phoenix.
- Economic zones make sense, yet there is NO infrastructure to encourage this—so little planning by County.
- _____ important, otherwise just roofs, houses. Bad traffic!
- I think this is important, establishing where the business centers will be and building communities around them.
- Controlled business development that encourages employment centers. Attract large business—Boeing, Motorola, etc.
- We need to attract fine restaurants, not another McDonalds. We need research centers and labs.
- This is important. This is a place where people work.
- The outcome would be intelligently-orchestrated business districts and commercial zoning areas that businesses will be attracted to due to location, tax incentives, etc.
- In-house jobs are sorely needed if you want open areas. Maybe Pinal should be a service county working in tourism.
- Critical to success. Not just commuting traffic coming out of Maricopa. Sustainability.
- Essential, but development of businesses needs to be done intelligently and with regard for open spaces, environment, etc.
- Designated industrial parks, governmental bureaucracy is streamlined. Breadth of taxation needed to be spread out. We need to bring in business area and small manufacturing to give work to people living here, so they do not have to travel.
- This is a must—there need to be plans for land use which will promote controlled growth to include employment opportunities, quality of life.
- Strategically-placed job centers, Interstates, railroad, warehouse district, identify targeted clusters.

- More financial resources for small business owners, less restrictions on how to make that happen, i.e., zoning, signage, etc.
- Encourage small business growth—restrict big box (?) stores to community only areas.
- Planned growth. Do not want to become a bedroom community for Phoenix. Must be able to attract “businesses.”
- Must have jobs in order to establish the “sense of community” and high enough paying, so Pinal County does not end up like New Orleans with all residents on “welfare.” Attract residents.
- Bring on more industry and job opportunities (not retail), allowing residents to work and live in Pinal County.
- Nonsense. We live close to Williams Gateway airport/industrial core, and it isn’t even mentioned in the Morrison Report!
- County would offer tax credits to those who employ and are employees of local businesses.
- Yes, business parks and industrial parks important. Adjacent to scenic areas; meeting and convention industry potential.
- This is a huge priority! Partnerships with ASU or large corporations!
- Without mobility, this isn’t going to happen. People continue to look to other counties for this.
- We need economic development for our community to grow without our boundaries. Providing local jobs and keeping people close to home.
- Business incentives for variety of businesses
- Very important! We need industry/manufacturing here. Once the economy is going, that leads to better things.
- Determine appropriate industry and what would make Pinal attractive to such industry.
- Micro/macro economy. Stability?
- Important to add but at a reasonable rate; otherwise, it will take away from our open space.
- Growth will bring jobs. We need to have a plan, so we can train our people, while bringing in these jobs.
- Never happen. Pinal will be subservient to Maricopa, low-cost, and less regulation main selling points.
- Ability to piece products and services such that majority of residents are able to support their families and businesses without economic distress.
- Energy sector as a focus opportunity (alternative energy)
- We must be able to compete with other cities, etc., so that our residents do not have to commute outside the area.
- Yes, needed—how (now?) a “county problem.” Important for families and to reduce volume of long commutes.
- Absolutely essential for our county to be sustainable. Need to provide areas of economic development. Need to realize current employment centers are vital but need to get out of the mindset that retail jobs by themselves are quality jobs.
- This is the most critical piece in my opinion. The idea (?) that people must leave the area. No work. ___ go to school is devastating. I completely agree that a full range of quality jobs and recreational venues is imperative.
- Increase business opportunities in the County.

- It would be great to have more stores. Community arts—Queen Creek is not really _____.
- Clean industry with jobs for educated citizens is essential to our future. Without such business development, Pinal County runs the risk of becoming nothing but bedroom communities.
- Support statement priority. How we get there? An evaluation of education balance and collaboration with workforce skill set and development. Current problem exists with a large population that is not only dependent on state programs but satisfied.
- Very important to have work close by, especially for the younger kids who are starting their careers.
- Pinal County needs to maintain a friendly county for smaller “Ma & Pa” shops/retail. I believe this adds a sense of ownership to the county and keeps its small-town feel.
- “Broad” services are difficult to bring to unincorporated areas—very important to create communities that have a quality of life that supports this statement.
- Very important to keep work and education close to home. Multi-use sports complex/entertainment venue a plus.
- Explore work-at-home proposals to keep workforce in Pinal County.
- HUGE! Most don’t want to live in the area due to the drive to work, play, etc. My family life would be so much nicer.
- Created an employment base that provides a variety of job opportunities. If you live in Pinal, you don’t need to leave to have a good job.
- Majority of Pinal residents in the “San Tan”, “J Ranch” area work in the greater Phoenix area. Solar, recycling.
- Medical facilities must be close by. Should be more control over building new developments; otherwise, how can we keep up with schools, etc?
- Mixed use, open zoning practices, streamlined commercial building/permitting process
- Development MUST pay for itself. Mega-regional employment centers such as Phoenix work IF transportation provides access.
- Development of a “team” whose focus is to acquire diverse businesses interested in relocating to Pinal (includes local, national, and international companies)
- Would be a factor in the value of our homes, but it would certainly have an effect on “open spaces and places.”
- Very important! How can you create a community when everyone has to commute! Need industry—blue and white collar! WGA Airport = partner with and create industry around.
- Jobs, business (not limited to retail), and industry that also respect our desire to maintain our rural identity.
- You cannot have community without economic sustainability. Economic sustainability depends upon a whole series of inter-related and inter-connected pieces.

Quality Educational Opportunities

- Senior Center, bowling alley, libraries, Boys & Girls Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts
- Without quality local education, people will leave to find opportunities for their children; as the education system degrades, so does the community.
- Quality schools are what you want, not how fancy a school building is, but how well we spend our money to get the most back from it.

- Community centers to help enhance current educational/schools in place—to offer classes and youth activities to all residents
- Smaller schools and classes
- Teachers, volunteers, board members, paid staff, maintenance, cooks, etc. from within that community
- Colleges/universities bring culture, vibrance, and _____, in addition to great education. We need a four-year college.
- Priority—quality K-12 and university needed. We must focus on building a quality four-year college and university with campuses.
- Four-year college, as well as community college, as the right number high schools, junior high's, etc.
- Demand and support K-12 high standards.
- Why is Coolidge building a high school in the San Tan area?
- Having one or two large four-year universities or an enhanced junior college district similar to MCCCCD bolsters the percentage of education residents, provides jobs, and stimulates the local economy around the colleges.
- A must.
- Also vital to create educational workforce. K-12. Makes sense. College? University?
- Match education opportunities with opportunities to use the education in the community, so the benefit isn't transported elsewhere.
- Regional state college campuses. Trade schools. Libraries.
- This is very important for our area to grow.
- Quality of education needs to be upgraded—employers will not locate business if quality of life is not present.
- I know a library is needed in the area I moved to.
- Educational facilities, specialized educational opportunities → workforce
- Geriatric care, satellite campuses
- More teachers and higher salaries to attract teachers to Pinal County. Currently, there are approximately 35 students to one teacher. Too crowded right now, and not enough financial resources. Parents are asked to donate more money than they do in other counties.
- Let teachers teach, not babysit. Encourage more interactivity with schools and parents.
- Education facilities must be equal to those in Maricopa. Higher education of facilities should be available in Pinal.
- Only through “education” can the people achieve progress in other elements of life. Again, only with education can one succeed.
- Provide more activities at a reasonable price for kids to have something to do.
- Again, we live next to ASU East at Williams Gateway, and it isn't even mentioned in the report.
- Reward students who remain in the area.
- Important, but some reform at state level necessary. Programs to assure education of children from dysfunctional background a must.
- Educational partnerships are important.
- Large concern—need more schools and teachers

- Very important for our kids to grow up in the community and have or be able to get a good education—high schools, colleges, etc.
- Include lifelong learning opportunities for all ages (especially senior citizens). Education to include preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds.
- Very important! Quality in education = economic sustainability. Work harder to get better grades.
- Revamp education system. Define problems and develop solutions.
- Include community colleges, trade/vocational tech
- Educate parents to teach children for better future. My children are grown now, so anything to do with this equals to higher property taxes. Need more impact fees.
- Education will come with growth. Welcome an excellent junior college program.
- Sure—but how will we achieve it? Low tax base and low median income make bond elections a problem.
- Education is the foundation to teach our children how to respect each other, public property, and how to create not only our future, but how to develop viable solutions to improve their future! We need to promote more citizenship.
- Educational institutions that serve as a synergy to economic sustainability
- Since Arizona is down on the list of quality education, it behooves us to set our standard as high as possible; however, this is a state problem.
- Yes, important. Wonder about relationship to comprehensive plan?
- Our schools are critical to the economic development. We don't provide a quality education. We do not attract career-oriented opportunities.
- Without top education opportunities, you don't have families moving in. You don't have diversity. You put a ceiling on our residents before they ever get started.
- Bring more college opportunities throughout the county. Promote more funding for districts without funding.
- We work with Pinal County, but there does need assistance in high school area. It is important to have availability to vo-tech education.
- The inferior school systems of the past must be discarded in order to develop viable educational opportunities at all levels. A four-year college is essential.
- Post secondary is nice, but in Pinal County, there is a dropout rate in primary education that is an epidemic and exceeds national average. An elementary student today has a 4% chance of getting an advanced degree.
- Important.
- There is a negative stigma toward Pinal County schools, I've noticed. This is an area that will require a long-term and aggressive remedy.
- Ensure developers help support schools where they are building and adding children into a system that receives funding one year after the students are enrolled.
- Build a world-class university.
- Focus less on teaching a "trade" and focus on developing leadership skills.
- I would say this is #2 after economic sustainability, although in my eyes, they go hand-in-hand. Schools need to be better.
- Created a system of quality primary education and secondary education, along with technical training to provide a stable workforce.
- School growth for K-12 is far behind the demand in San Tan area. No "higher education" opportunities for the 50,000 people in San Tan area.

- A campus from Arizona University would be great! Pay public school teachers more!
- More completion (?), more charter and private schools, looser zoning requirements to permit more options to grow faster.
- Get the federal government out of our school systems. Apache Junction area needs Superstition CAC campus expanded/completed (technical orientation along with liberal studies).
- Quality education can be acquired through development of technical schools and a university.
- Expand programs for seniors, children, arts, and extended educational opportunities.
- Very important.
- I would add something about apprenticeship programs—this will be very important as baby boomers retire.
- Partner with the Indian community to build a university in the county.
- Community college campuses; satellite classes if necessary that can be applied to the major universities.
- Social/faith

Mobility and Connectivity

- A logical, balanced transportation plan is vital. Building the transportation infrastructure prior to the population growth allow for proper planning.
- Is needed “bad” to man.
- Traffic is a big concern to me with roads washed out all the time. Need more main arteries, timed traffic lights.
- Light rail to connect with Maricopa County. Builders pitching in to pay for new/repared roads.
- Agree
- Circle the area with light rail. Plan, plan, plan ahead, so we won’t waste money rebuilding.
- Parts of Pinal that are growing (San Tan area) are cut off from easy access and mobility. The future is in alternative transportation to cars—light rail.
- How about some roads first! We can then move forward. It will be good to plan for this and plan funding stream.
- Roads that make sense, not just automobile mobility
- Bus service as well or better or more highways and other means of transportation
- Get the freeways now. It will support all of the above. Commuter rail to Phoenix and Tucson.
- Hunt Highway needs six lanes from Ellsworth to Florence. Interstates need to increase lanes.
- Paint the lines on highways and neighborhood streets. Get some more speed signs and stop lights and turning lanes.
- This is very important.
- Nobody wants to spend two hours of their day driving. If there were (1) better roads, or (2) local jobs, we wouldn’t have to.
- A must.
- Also critical—agree. Makes sense. Need to prioritize adequate roadways!

- Strongly agree but must be funded by the growth/developers. Must consider mobility of wildlife as well in road planning, etc. Technology to replace travel, virtual work places.
- Access to freeways is vital to connect to metro areas.
- This is very important to help people to go to and from work. It will also help keep our air fresh and pure.
- Infrastructure must be planned for in order to ensure its adequacy for growth.
- We need to keep our roads updated and safe.
- Improved transportation corridors→telecommunication, community services/public safety
- Mass transit/multimodal
- Need a highway system to enable more mobility and better mapping via Internet.
- Make use of existing rail lines. Encourage developers to build infrastructure.
- Infrastructure must be planned in advance of need! Pinal must be proactive in this regard. This will have a great impact on attracting business.
- Must have transportation, essential. All communities are built on transportation, i.e., in Europe first were built along rivers—now are dependent on freeways.
- Improving roads, widening, better access to freeways
- Maricopa County, MAG, ADOT, and the Governor’s transportation planners are already proposing a commuter passenger rail system that will run right through Pinal County, and our County leaders aren’t even aware of it!
- Tax credits offered to residents who live and work within the county; carpooling, bikes, walking, and horse trails.
- Absolutely. Any city with gridlock is a hell hole, no matter how beautiful. We have railroads, commuter trains.
- Agree—public transportation is vital.
- Without this, we will not be able to see the other visions come to fruition.
- Need transportation (alternative) in the area.
- Better roads and highways. Rapid transit throughout county. Use mining railroad beds.
- Very important! Our roads in 2007 won’t be of much use in 2017.
- Find ways to get population growth and transportation infrastructure to move in tandem.
- Infrastructure, including roads, medical, sewer
- Important, yes, to a reasonable extend; otherwise, it will end up like Phoenix. Hardtop road _____ dirt, would help the air quality throughout Pinal County.
- Wait until the SATS are completed. Keep in mind that we need more transportation. Educating the State of Arizona is the only way to change this. No more 3-car homes.
- Should be highest priority. Single-occupant vehicles will be the primary mode of transportation. Existing leadership has dropped the ball, and will need to catch up in the future.
- A community needs the ability to quickly access information from all areas within the community. This is critical to spreading information. Spread more public information into local businesses. Get the word out about planning and common residents’ feedback is critical to the process.
- Tie into the development Williams Gateway and light rail.
- No community is built without proper infrastructure. Must provide means to easily travel to other parts of the Valley.
- “Corridors and options.”

- Need funding, partnerships among county, cities, towns, tribes, ADOT, USDOT.
- The growth of Pinal is incredible. We need to create corridors for citizens to move to and from.
- Anything we can do to improve our air quality is necessary, as our growth continues into the future; this will become more and more important. We can't be closed off from the rest of the state/county.
- Provide more transit opportunities between the major cities and government facilities.
- I agree, but I don't want to see a rail system in our area—maybe busses.
- We need diversity in methods of transportation. We need public transportation. We have rail lines and should use them.
- Yes, lots of choices would be great.
- Diverse and accessible modes of transportation, plus increase of emergency transportation.
- Statement makes sense—keep infrastructure—timely!
- Grant no more building permits until infrastructure in place.
- Explore rail or transit systems within Pinal County.
- Very important. We cannot begin to improve the previous [Education] without first tackling this. Not only for convenience, but for safety.
- Build a system of freeways/limited access roads that carries heavy traffic counts without disrupting local traffic patterns.
- Start thinking about mass transit and light rail, freeway system.
- Cell phone coverage, wireless Internet capability
- Special care transport for an aging population
- Bus transportation, with a regular schedule, should be in the plans, especially to connect to the metro areas.
- Make communities and neighborhoods self-sustaining, and massive transportation infrastructure won't be necessary.
- Must have regional system—eliminate HOV lanes and replace with mass transit such as fast and efficient rail.
- Develop alternative transportation (mass transit, rail, etc.) and use of alternative energy sources (no oil, renewable).
- Provide and promote commuting possibilities—bus systems—offer tax incentives for carpooling.
- Would be nice if roads were expanded as quickly as homes are built.
- Major expressways or connection to the current freeways with the idea of preventing rampant roadways through open spaces.
- Another important one! Mass transit?

Environmental Stewardship

- Absolutely vital for future growth and opportunity. We are building community that is self-sustaining, not a vast wasteland!
- Do not lose the view of the mountains “for all.”
- Incentive for carpooling, etc. Work with redevelopment to rework homes/business downtown areas, instead of new developments.
- Yes, agree. Wildlife friendly, low lighting, open space.

- Blue sky, alternative fuel. Water bottles need to be replaced with . . .
- Pinal has a unique opportunity to be a “modern” county in regards to being green and conservationist. Set the standards now. County-wide recycling
- Yeah, yeah. Where are our roads and services? Supervisors all deserve to be thrown from office!
- Desert scape, HOA (?) _____, density, corridors, water use, asphalt. Heat islands, street islands.
- It’s probably necessary to encourage growth; “dark skies” is tough.
- Solar energy, minimize highrise (3+ stories).
- Why not recycling now? Clean up the deserts and trash.
- Stars at night are beautiful, but there are crosswalks by the malls that need some lighting—Epidote and Copper Mine Road.
- Solar is a good avenue to pursue.
- Set aside specific areas and corridors for open space; parks, natural areas, recreation areas, green building standards. Have to enforce on a county level, though. Recycling programs.
- Good idea.
- Views of mountains, green building. Who does not want to preserve?
- Need strong cooperation between counties and the State to ensure consistent policy and enforcement, i.e., hydrology/drainage, fissures, etc.
- Makes sense to implement now during development stage versus retrofit.
- This is a very important issue, as this will keep Pinal County’s natural resources for further generations and for the generations in the near future.
- Very strong statement—100% supportive. Community services: protection of health, safety, and welfare.
- Continue to improve upon current standards. Encourage green building (L.E.E.D.), solar power, recycling.
- Recycling workshop and more education in school about environmental ways to contribute.
- Enforce and encourage strong care of environment. Make use of cleaner forms of energy.
- Plans must consider water impact—impact to natural surrounding.
- Back to one above, “Open Spaces and Places,” must plan for this now to ensure it is available for future generations.
- We can maintain a quality environment by improving transportation systems and alternatives for commuting to jobs elsewhere!
- Keep statement as it.
- Dark skies. A two- to three-mile greenbelt adjacent to federal designated wilderness areas and national monuments important. Also, wildlife corridors and preservation of washes.
- Conservation is important → let’s recycle!! Alternative energy County vehicles!
- We need to preserve as much of the environment as possible.
- The value of being a “green” county is very important (recycling).
- Preserve and conserve. Mandatory recycling throughout county.
- Important. Our resources are dwindling with the population growth.

- Identify and protect the natural treasures of Pinal. Provide wildlife corridors. Facilitate a harmonious diversity of lifestyle choices. Green printing as an alternative way of life. Pinal as an alternative to Maricopa County, not a reproduction.
- Alternate fuels, paths of migration. Unique—snowbird effect.
- This is very important to keep. Build “green.” Be choosy about the growth. Keep it “outdoorsy”—natural vegetation.
- We need to keep up on this. You’re going to _____ these views no matter what you do.
- Open space means keep someone else’s property vacant, will be absorbed as growth continues. Open space is expensive to acquire and maintain. Open space on private property temporary.
- We are responsible to care for our environment, take responsibility for waste management, identify recycling opportunities, and promote clean water practices.
- Water is #1 critical resource in the county. Air quality must be assured going forward.
- Definitely agree. We are stewards for the environment, and we hold it in trust for our children.
- Keep strengthening rewards and encouragement of those sustainable practices.
- This is the #1 reason we can provide a quality lifestyle. We can be the most unique city in the nation. Quality of life with quality of economics.
- I value the beauty of the county and encourage a “green” concept again as our area continues to grow. We will need to be green in order to support ourselves.
- Provide better use of water resources for the future.
- Yes, this is important. We are building too many homes. It needs to slow down. I hope we work to maintain this part.
- We must address our water issues now. Air quality is intrinsically related to public transportation.
- Currently we are not being responsible, and we are starting to see impacts and results on the enforcement/environment/improvement (?) impact.
- A Red Cross. I would prefer to have more lights in and around the subdivisions and on the main roads.
- I agree with the statement; however, we need to create that kind of environment without sacrificing safety on the road at night.
- Great statement.
- Ensure 100-year water supply guaranteed by developers before permits granted. Keep dark sky ordinances. Encourage use of solar.
- Green is good. Encourage solar power alternatives.
- Yes, beauty, way of life—goes with the first [open spaces].
- Required developers to establish “green building” standards and required protection of sensitive environment areas through organizations.
- Go green. Mass transit, alternative fuel, no petroleum product usage.
- Use solar power! More conservation and a good recycling system. Stiff fines for littering.
- Dense, self-sustaining communities will prevent sprawl, which would otherwise envelop the environment.
- Yes. Water conservation, energy independent, building codes to support and enforce these objectives.

- Conserve culture and biological resources, physical characteristics of the land topography, major riparian and river corridors, water, and natural resources.
- Stress water conservation—encourage solar.
- Would be nice if only people are willing to “sacrifice” for it.
- Limit housing density.
- Provide community education on water conservation, wildlife protection, smart development.
- This is important, but we also have to balance it with job growth and making sure that it attracts employers and not hinders them!