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# Board of Supervisors Memorandum

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March 21, 2017

**Appointment of Pima County Representative and Alternate to the Arizona Border Counties Coalition**

Background

As you know from my March 13, 2017 memorandum, the development of an Arizona Border Counties Coalition is in its formative stages. The Coalition consists of representatives of the four counties that border Mexico; those being Yuma, Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise. Pima County is unique among all counties in the United States, as we have the longest contiguous border with Mexico of any county along the border, including those counties in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Board Chair Sharon Bronson and a member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors were instrumental in conceptualizing the need to have a stronger voice in the border issues facing our state and the nation. Having firsthand, and accurate border interactions by counties is beneficial in formulating state and federal border policy, as well as the ability to share border issue concerns among the four Arizona border counties.

Some years ago (1998), the United States/Mexico Border County Coalition was formed. Supervisor Bronson was appointed Pima County's representative on this Coalition, was a founding member and served as its President in the early 2000s.

Recommendation

I recommend Supervisor Sharon Bronson be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to be the County's representative to the Arizona Border Counties Coalition and that Vice-Chair Richard Elías be appointed as Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Huckelberry".

C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

CHH/anc – March 17, 2017

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