



COCONINO
COUNTY ARIZONA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Director

Daft Statement from the Comprehensive Planning Committee
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Dear Residents of Coconino County,

As the members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee, we have worked closely with the Community Development Department over the past 2 years to advise staff on the update to the 2003 Comprehensive Plan. As residents of Coconino County, we represent diverse professional backgrounds including private business, ranching, academia, non-profit, and public service. In our meetings we reviewed each chapter and section thoroughly, seeking clarification for ourselves and clarity for future users of the Plan. Our discussions were consistently positive and collegial, where all members were encouraged to contribute their personal perspectives and suggestions. Where there were differences of opinion or disagreement, we sought to find areas of consensus. Two primary themes have emerged from our discussions of the chapters and coalesce to form our vision for the future of the County. The first is DIVERSITY. The current and future strength of Coconino County lies in the diversity of its people, perspectives, environments, and economy. Our vision is that the County foster this diversity by allowing communities to determine, to the greatest extent possible, what is appropriate for them. It also involves creating, revising, and administering County rules and regulations with the greatest possible efficiency, flexibility, and fairness. The second is SUSTAINABILITY. Inherent in this concept is making decisions today based on a long-term and holistic view: one that builds thriving human communities while caring for our land, plants, wildlife and water, and the opportunities they represent for the future. As a members of the committee, we feel these themes span all the chapters of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan and create an integrated vision for the future. In the process of updating the plan, the County has reached out to its citizens and experts to identify major opportunities and challenges. In each case, the County has sought its correct role in addressing these challenges either through leadership, coordination, education, outreach, and/or regulation. We believe this Plan honors the diversity of our county and sets goals and policies that encourage sustainable growth while conserving our unique natural environment.

Signed: Pending Comprehensive Plan Committee Hardcopy Signatures