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Dear Mayor Romero and Members of the City Council:

The Tucson Mountains Association (TMA), a 501(c)(4) organization founded in 1934, proudly represents thousands of residents in the Tucson Mountains and surrounding areas. For nearly a century, our mission has been to preserve open space, protect our unique Sonoran Desert ecology, and promote the well-being of residents in the area.

We urge you to permanently and decisively **reject Project Blue at the August 6th Study Session without delay.**

There are still unanswered questions, and plenty of room for improved local regulations. We encourage you to enhance Tucson's data center regulations to ensure we are prepared for future proposals. But we should not kick the can down the road on Project Blue; we know enough already to definitively say No on August 6th. We do not believe a delay is appropriate or necessary.

Calculations based on the City's Project Blue website show that Project Blue will consume more energy than every home in Tucson combined, and likely more than TEP's entire retail delivery at full build. Last night at the Tucson Convention Center public forum, the TEP representative stated publicly that these calculations are "probably correct".

Mayor Romero and this Council have rightly earned a strong reputation on climate change for the Tucson Resilient Together climate action plan. But the Daily Star [reported](#) last week that TEP will likely need to build a natural gas plant to meet these demands, and Pima County officials say that would make our Net Zero Emissions targets impossible. This would undo much of our city's excellent climate resiliency progress.

Last night, the Pima County Democratic Party (PCDP) formally voted to oppose Project Blue. This is the latest in a series of important organizations that have expressed their opposition. The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection (of which TMA is a proud member organization) [opposes](#) Project Blue. Tucson's local water experts at the Watershed Management Group have [shown](#) that the "water positivity" claims are misleading and that the penalties for using more water than expected are negligible for a trillion dollar tech company.

TMA believes Project Blue would be a significant step backwards in our long term water security and climate resiliency. **We urge you not to delay this vote. Please reject Project Blue at the August 6th Study Session.**

Sincerely,

Ed Hendel
President, Tucson Mountains Association