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Tucson Chamber Recognizes Pima County Board of Supervisors' Efforts

The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce applauds the Pima County Board of Supervisors' unanimous decision to approve the Fotowatio Renewable Ventures (FRV) 25 MW solar energy project near Marana.

This project will generate enough clean electricity to power approximately 3,500 homes while also providing 250-300 construction jobs and almost \$65 million in economic activity over the life of the project.

The Board of Supervisors action today demonstrates a real commitment to 21st century economic development for our community.

We particularly want to note the efforts of Supervisor Sharon Bronson, in whose district this facility will be built. We respect her role in convening the key players necessary to ensure the FRV project does not impact neighboring homeowners. As a result of these collaborative efforts FRV is committing additional resources to ensure this project delivers on its environmental and economic promise.

We thank the Pima County Board of Supervisors for their careful consideration in this matter. Your vote is exactly what our community needs to help speed our emergence from the economic malaise we have found ourselves in for the past several years.

Today, Tucson and Pima County took a significant step on the path to truly becoming a solar city. Job well done.

About The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is to promote a strong local economy. The Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based business advocacy and networking organization that represents more than 1,400 businesses, employing more than 125,000 employees in the greater Tucson area. Small business makes up approximately 90 percent of Chamber membership, which mirrors the overall Tucson area business community.