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**Re: Support for Application to Extend Citizens Communications
Company's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity**

Dear Commissioners:

I am submitting this letter to support the Citizens Water Company's application to expand their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to serve the new Caterpillar master planned community being developed in the West Valley. The Citizens' service area and the proposed expansion area are within District 4 for Maricopa County, of which I represent.

I support DMB Associates, Inc. and the Caterpillar project that was approved in 1999 by the Town of Buckeye. The plans for the Caterpillar project exemplify the goals and sustainability of master planned communities. Development of master planned communities is far superior to the wildcat subdivisions and development that occurs without thoughtful and responsible planning. Given the significant environmental features on the Caterpillar property and its proximity to the County's White Tank Park, it is critical to have a developer which has extensive experience in developing on environmentally sensitive sites involved in the development of this project. It is further noted in both the County's Comprehensive Plan and the White Tank/Grand Avenue Area Plan that "master planned communities have long been a preferred type of

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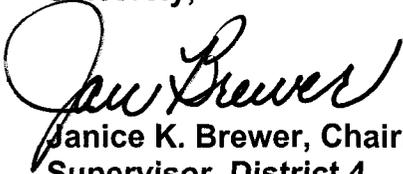
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development in Maricopa County because they promote quality standards of prudent and sustainable land use”.

In my experience at Maricopa County, master planned communities like Caterpillar have been strongly encouraged based on their ability to provide a mix of land uses and to appropriately provide the infrastructure necessary for both the community and surrounding area. The alternative to master planned communities is development which is haphazard, un-planned and that ultimately results in a myriad of problems. These problems include disjointed and incompatible development, lack of necessary infrastructure including unpaved roads that exacerbate our region’s air quality problems, and increased degradation and destruction to the natural environment.

The expansion of the Citizens Communications Company Certificate of Convenience and Necessity is a key component of the infrastructure element for DMB’s Caterpillar project. I urge you to approve this request so the West Valley can add this high quality, environmentally sensitive project to our area. Your approval will significantly contribute to a higher standard of development in the region.

Sincerely,



Janice K. Brewer, Chairman
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