



MEETING OF: February 13, 2018

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TITLE: Consideration of HR 1404 for the Acquisition of Federal Land by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tucson Unified School District

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ITEM #: 12

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Information:

Study: X

Action: X

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PURPOSE:

This bill would transfer 40 acres held in patent by TUSD to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. It would also transfer, with a payment of fair market value, the Hohokam Middle school site and 13 acres immediately to the west of that site to TUSD. The Tribe has requested a letter of support from TUSD.

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DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

HR 1404, sponsored by Rep. Grijalva, was approved by the House last July and is attached as Exhibit A. It includes the following provisions:

(Sec. 3) This bill declares that 39.65 acres of land are to be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, effective the day after the Tucson Unified School District relinquishes its interest in the land.

(Sec. 4a) The United States must convey to the District 13.24 acres of federal land in exchange for payment of the fair market value of the land and the cost of conveyance. This land is contiguous to the western boundary of the Hohokam Middle School site.

(Sec. 4b) The District may acquire the federal reversionary interest in 27.5 acres of district land by paying the appraised value, plus the costs of appraisal and conveyance, to the Department of the Interior. This is the Hohokam Middle School site. Acquiring the federal reversionary interest to this property will give the District full rights regarding the use or repurposing of the property.

A map and summary are included as Exhibit B.

The bill is being presented to the current Congress and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe has asked for TUSD's support. A draft letter of support is provided as Exhibit C.

Bryant Nodine will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

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BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the Agreement after approval:

For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

<input type="checkbox"/>	District Budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	State/Federal Funds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>
\$0	No cost commitment at this time

Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date 2/6/18

I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$\$0 are available and may be:

Authorized from current year budget




Authorized with School Board approval

Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

Bryant Nodine, Director of Planning Services		2/3/18
Name	Title	Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>
Click to download
 <a href="#">EXHIBIT A - HR 1404 Text</a>
 <a href="#">EXHIBIT B - Summary and Map</a>
 <a href="#">EXHIBIT C - Draft Letter of Support</a>