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Dear Andy Clarke and League of American Bicyclists:

As the Mayor of the City of Tucson, I am a proud supporter of the region's commitment to being a top-rated bicycle friendly community. I firmly believe that investing in infrastructure and programs designed to make it safer and more comfortable for bicycling will result in many positive benefits for the Tucson community. Since the City of Tucson first submitted an application in 2004, the League's BFC program has continually challenged us to make improvements to become a top-rated community. Now a region-wide effort, I believe the Tucson-Eastern Pima County Region has met the challenge, and we hope to receive a platinum designation.

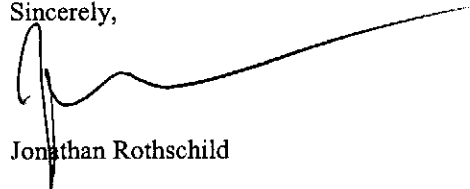
I am proud that Tucson is a leader in bicycle engineering solutions and programs. We consistently work to push the envelope as exemplified in the development of Hybrid Beacon HAWK crossings, innovative spot improvements, award-winning artistic bicycle bridges, bicycle boulevards, buffered bicycle lanes, a progressive bike parking code, and events such as BikeFest and Cyclovia Tucson.

As the new Mayor, I am excited to push the region even further. It was a pleasure to meet you at the inaugural Advocacy Advance Action 2020 workshop in September—the workshop helped to solidify my commitment to work with the Tucson Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Authority of Pima County to expand our current bikeway system.

During my first two months in office, I met with city staff, the Chair of the Tucson-Pima Bicycle Advisory Committee, the President of Living Streets Alliance and the Coordinator of the Bicycle Friendly Community application to better understand how I can collaborate with existing efforts and initiate new ones. On Tuesday, during my State of the City address, I reaffirmed my belief in the importance of bike-friendly roadways and incorporating bike lanes into street planning. I am excited to speak at the kick-off to the March 18 Cyclovia Tucson event, and I will host my first mayoral bike ride during the annual Bike to Work Day celebration this April.

As you can see, I plan on supporting all of Tucson's bikers in myriad ways, and am hopeful that the League recognizes just how bike-friendly Tucson, and our entire valley, is. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the City of Tucson's support for the regional bicycle-friendly community application or our commitment to the biking community.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Rothschild