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Mr. John Wesley
Director
City of Mesa Planning Division
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***Re: Request for Rezoning of 69.34+/- acres south of McDowell
Road on the west side of Greenfield Road for Falcon Tech
Center***

Dear Mr. Wesley:

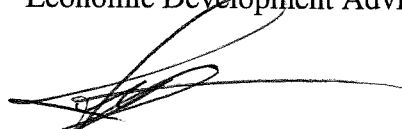
The Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) of the City of Mesa understands the zoning change request submitted for the 69.34+/- acres south of McDowell Road on the west side of Greenfield Road (the Falcon Tech Center) is part of the preparation to position the property to support companies in high-growth technology, medical, and life sciences sectors. The current conditions from the 2008 zoning case (Z08-022), specifically adherence to the development master plan among other conditions, impede establishment of a high-quality business park which will appeal to and support the attraction and expansion of companies in technology, medical, and life sciences industries.

EDAB is supportive of the proposed rezoning request. Specifically, we support the rezoning from Planned Employment Park – Planned Area Development (PEP-PAD) and Public and Semi-Public – Planned Area Development (PS-PAD) to PEP-PAD (63.59± acres) and PS-PAD (5.75± acres). We understand the rezoning will change some of the original conditions and modifying the project narrative to allow development of the Falcon Tech Center.

The proposed uses of this property are consistent with the guiding principles of the General Plan and with EDAB's position that a strong economic base, especially an economic base which focuses on the burgeoning technology, medical and life sciences business sectors, is essential to achieve the objectives outlined in the General Plan. The development of the Falcon Tech Center supports the Employment District designation in the General Plan, will serve to enhance the area through a high quality, unified development which support key employment sectors, is consistent with the adopted Falcon Field sub-area plan, and serves to strengthen the character of the area. We believe that this rezoning will generate a positive economic impact to the City.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these written comments.

Sincerely,
Economic Development Advisory Board



Jeffrey S. Pitcher, Chair

cc: William J. Jabjiniak, Economic Development Director