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Pima County Board of Supervisors Approves Adamson-Catino Trail
FICO donates easement through pecan groves

(SAHUARITA, Ariz.) In a unanimous vote today, the Pima County Board of Supervisors accepted a donation from Farmers Investment Co. (FICO) for a public access trail easement connecting the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historical Trail's Abrego Trailhead with the county's Canoa Preserve Community Park. At FICO's request, the new trail segment is named after longtime community leaders Bill Adamson and Chuck Catino.

The easement creates a designated route through the FICO pecan orchards for a safe, non-vehicular trail for hiking, cycling, and equestrian traffic connecting the Canoa Preserve Community Park and the Anza Trailhead.

Today's Board action is largely the result of the vision and perseverance of Green Valley residents Bill Adamson and the late Chuck Catino. They made the case on the importance of linking the Canoa Preserve Community Park with the Anza trailhead. Sadly, Catino passed away in October of last year.

"We appreciate and support the community's desire for healthy outdoor activities and are honored to participate in this deserved recognition of Bill and Chuck," said Dick Walden, FICO President. "They represent the commitment, perseverance and spirit of volunteerism of our community. Our only regret is that Chuck is not here with us, but his spirit will live on in this trail and his many other contributions to our community."

"It will be great to have this link between these two important community assets for bicycling and other non-motorized uses", said Bill Adamson, Co-Chairman of the Santa Cruz Valley Bicycle Advocate Committee. "I am extremely honored to be associated with Chuck Catino. He was an inspiration to a great many of us and is sorely missed."

Pima County and FICO will soon meet to discuss next steps to finalizing the easement including construction of the trail.

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