

# The Proposed Rosemont Mine Jobs in Context

## ***Mining jobs represent a very small percentage of total Pima County jobs***

- Pima County had 520,444 jobs in 2008; 0.8% were in mining
- Since 1970 Pima County has added 10,000 jobs per year; University of Arizona projects gain of 7,300 jobs by the end of 2011
- Rosemont proposes to employ 126 construction workers and 406 miners:
  - 200 to 400 jobs are 1 to 2 weeks of normal job growth in Pima County
  - 400 Rosemont jobs out of 520,444 Pima County jobs are 1 in 1,300 jobs or 0.08%

## ***Mining jobs are historically unstable and technological advances require fewer workers***

- 1974—28,000 AZ copper mining jobs; 35 workers per 1,000 tons of copper produced
- 2003—5,900 AZ copper mining jobs; 7 workers per 1,000 tons of copper produced

## ***Pima County's economy IS NOT highly dependent on "traditional export" factors (e.g. copper, cattle, cotton)***

## ***Pima County's economy IS highly dependent on "amenity-based" factors such as:***

- Public educational institutions
- Cultural attractions
- Natural Landscapes and Recreation Opportunities
- Quality of Life: Lower key lifestyle
- Sunshine
- Urban amenities and access to even larger urban areas (e.g. Phoenix)

## ***Why focus on amenities instead of traditional exports?***

- People care where they live
- Businesses care where people live due to the:
  - Available high quality workforce
  - Markets for the goods and services produced
- Attract high quality workers at lower cost.
- New residents setting up household stimulate the economy
- Attracting and Holding Retirees & Retirement income
- Attracting visitors: building a sustainable visitor economy
- Traditional exports do not explain local economic vitality

## ***Even relatively modest damage caused by the Rosemont Mine to the attractiveness of the region to new businesses, residents, retirees, and visitors could easily cancel out more than the number of new jobs created by the Rosemont mine***

- 22,770 travel industry jobs vs. 406 mine jobs
- Loss of only 0.05% of travel industry jobs = 1,139 jobs lost