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Comments: I believe the Hermosa Project will provide a reliable and significant tax base for public infrastructure and public-school maintenance and operations in Santa Cruz County. This tax base will allow for safe, well designed, and properly operated community services that support a lifestyle that many citizens and tourists appreciate in our part of rural southern Arizona. Moreover, the project team has demonstrated a willingness to engage and work with the community leadership and individual community members in a way that builds trust and an understanding of project goals based on facts and not opinions. Lastly, the ability to locally source critical minerals for the continuation of our way of life in America should not be underestimated. The Hermosa project can provide national security and operational excellence not found in the sourcing of raw materials from other countries.