

ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

May 5, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 24114

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES; OPPOSING THE HUSBAY MINERALS' PROPOSED COPPER WORLD MINE AND MINING IN THE SANTA RITA MOUNTAIN RANGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, foreign corporation Hudbay Minerals is seeking to acquire 160 acres of State Trust Land at the western base of the Santa Rita Mountains southeast of Tucson for their Copper World (formerly Rosemont) mining development ("Copper World"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has consistently opposed open-pit mining operations in the Santa Rita Mountains as a threat to the City of Tucson's water, environmental, wildlife and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, decisions by the United States District Court for the District of Arizona ("District Court") in 2019 and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ("Ninth Circuit") in 2022 halted the construction of the then proposed Rosemont Mine on the eastern slopes of the Santa Rita Mountains and the proposed dumping of mining waste on federal lands; and

WHEREAS, Hudbay Minerals Inc., the current owner of the land proposed for Copper World, has shifted its mine processing operations from the eastern slope of the Santa Rita Mountains to the western slope; and

WHEREAS, Hudbay Minerals Inc. alongside their partners Japan-based Mitsubishi Corp., are seeking to develop Copper World as a four to six open pit mine

complex on 4,000 acres of land just south of the City of Tucson to include the Rosemont pit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed mining operations at Copper World threaten to diminish our regional groundwater supply significantly as our state prepares for Colorado River shortages, and

WHEREAS, the Copper World development could significantly undermine regional water quality, risking contamination to our aquifers and to two Outstanding Arizona Waters that are protected by law from degradation, and

WHEREAS, in a time of drought, the Copper World development could undercut critical groundwater resources as the Santa Rita Mountains provide a disproportionately high amount of water for runoff and groundwater recharge for the Tucson basin; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for the Copper World development is recognized for its extraordinary biodiversity and its recreation and tourism value to our region, and

WHEREAS, conservation, watershed protection, climate mitigation, traditional uses by Tribal Nations, cultural and historic preservation, healthy forest management, and other uses of this land contribute significantly to the local, state, and national economies; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2026, the Mayor and Council unanimously voted to oppose the State Trust Land sale to Hudbay Minerals & Copper World to facilitate the expansion and development of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

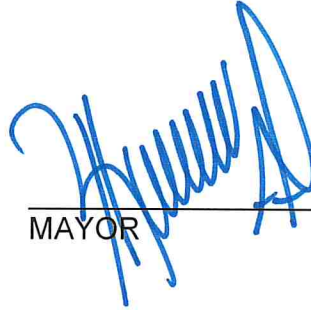
SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council unanimously oppose the development of Hudbay's Copper World Mine, a project that would undermine conservation, watershed protection, climate mitigation, tourism and recreation, traditional uses by Tribal Nations, cultural and historic preservation, healthy forest management, and other uses that contribute significantly to the local, state, and national economies and communities.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Council call on elected leaders representing the region to join in expressing concern and opposition to the development of the Copper World mine in the Santa Rita Mountains and the destruction of valuable environmental, cultural, wildlife and water resources.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and Council direct staff to take the necessary measures to communicate the City of Tucson's opposition to Copper World mine and support for key environmental resources.

SECTION 4. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the City of Tucson that this Resolution become effective immediately, an emergency hereby is declared to exist, and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of
Tucson, Arizona, May 5, 2026.




MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY:



CITY MANAGER

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