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County made right decision on building permits

Of all the decisions the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors have made over the years, suspending building permits - all building permits - in the vicinity of military installations in the

county was perhaps the least defensible. All because of a lawsuit brought against the county by Attorney General Terry Goddard, whose basis for the entire action was to prohibit the county from

issuing residential housing building permits in high-risk potential areas.

The county lost the lawsuit, and now that they have lifted the moratorium on building permits, the super-

visors must call in experts - hopefully, at minimal cost - to help them come up with a solution to their situation. They still must find a way to placate those property owners around the military

facilities without defying state statutes. If this had been done in the first place, this additional action would not be necessary and a "fair compensation" issue would never have been raised.