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March 31, 2015

**Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress, 11th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701**

Chair Bronson and Members of the Board:

On behalf of your 25-member Pima County Bond Advisory Committee, we are honored to present to you our recommendations for a regionally-balanced comprehensive bond package that addresses the community's most pressing needs. Our Committee respectfully requests that the Board schedule a Bond Election for November 3, 2015. We feel the citizens of Pima County will endorse this bond package just as they have done in past elections dating back to 1974. We are both fully committed to ensuring the passage of this bond package, as we are fully supportive of its value to the entire community.

Our Committee has been meeting since 2006 to consider a bond package, with an election originally anticipated to be held in 2008. There was then, and is now, a tremendous unmet need for capital improvements throughout our region. In 2006, we were presented with close to \$3 billion in projects, and have been working since then to narrow projects and programs to an amount that fits within the Board-imposed secondary property tax limit.

The positive community response to a bond package proposal has been overwhelming, to say the least. In 2013, the County received almost 17,000 responses to an online survey it conducted that included almost 6,000 open ended comments. Less than 1% of these responses were opposed to a bond.

The Committee has held over 100 meetings and listened to the impassioned testimony of thousands of citizens and jurisdictional representatives. In the past two years alone, the Committee has held 19 public meetings with attendance ranging from 60 to 320 citizens per meeting, culminating in our March 13th, 2015 vote to overwhelmingly support the \$653 million bond package before you.

The 96 projects we are recommending will protect and preserve some of our most cherished historic, natural and cultural treasures, provide funding for neighborhood improvement and affordable housing programs, make essential improvements to our parks, libraries, and public buildings, build soccer, baseball and other sports fields and provide other important improvements that better our quality of life. We are presenting to you projects that help implement the Board's economic

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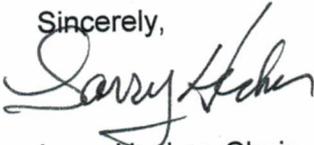
development strategy and provide infrastructure improvements that will make Pima County more competitive when it comes to job creation and retention and business attraction.

We have both served on dozens of community boards and citizens committees. We are so proud of this Committee, and cannot think of one whose members have devoted as much diligence, independence, scrutiny and hard work as these members. Your appointees are conscientious watchdogs who understand their responsibilities to you and the taxpayers.

And finally, we feel that we must commend all the County staff, as well as staff representing the cities and towns, who have devoted so much time and effort to this project. You have excellent employees throughout the various departments that have done a tremendous amount of good work. But in particular, those staffing the Bond Advisory Committee have been exemplary ensuring that the Committee was well informed and has had the information needed to evaluate each project and that the input received from the taxpayers is promptly communicated.

Again, it has been a great pleasure chairing the Bond Advisory Committee over the last nine years. Please accept this bond package in its entirety and present it to the voters of Pima County on November 3rd, 2015.

Sincerely,



Larry Hecker, Chair



Carolyn Campbell, Vice-Chair

Cc: Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator
Diana Durazo, Special Staff Assistant to the County Administrator

Attachments:

Project list and amounts
Criteria for project inclusion

Bond Advisory Committee's Recommended 2015 Bond Package 3.13.15			\$653,264,863
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ID		Libraries and Community Facilities	BAC 3.13.15
		Libraries	
FM	35	Southwest Branch Library Land Acquisition	600,000
FM	45	Sahuarita Branch Library	7,500,000
FM	51	Flowing Wells Branch Library Expansion	3,100,000
FM	48	Joyner-Green Valley Library Expansion	1,000,000
N	1	Southeast Branch Library at UA Tech Park	6,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	18,200,000
		Community Facilities	
PR	18	El Pueblo Center Improvements	2,000,000
PR	42	Quincie Douglas Center Expansion	1,000,000
PR	11	Clements Senior Center Expansion	4,500,000
N	3	YMCA Community Center at the UA Tech Park	6,000,000
N	6	Sahuarita Food Bank and Multi-Agency Community Service Facility	300,000
		SUBTOTAL	13,800,000
		TOTAL	32,000,000

ID		Museums and Tourism	
FM	107	Tucson Children's Museum	5,000,000
FM	109	Pima Air and Space Museum Cold War Hangar	4,000,000
FM	77	County Fairgrounds Building & Infrastructure Improvements	3,000,000
N	7	County Fairgrounds RV Park and Infrastructure Improvements	3,000,000
N	10	Old Pima Co. Courthouse Restoration, Jan. 8th Memorial, Tucson Museum of Art	25,000,000
N	11	Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum-Exhibits and Facility Expansion	8,000,000
PR	80	Canoa Ranch New Museum/Orientation Center & Improvements	10,000,000
N	13	Reid Park Zoo African Expansion Phase II	8,000,000
N	14	Southern AZ Regional Orientation Center	18,000,000
N	21	Downtown Community Theaters & Historic Cultural Landscape	23,500,000
N	22	Temple of Music and Art	900,000
FM	79	Colossal Cave Mountain Park Improvements	3,000,000
N	12	Old Tucson Expansion by Arizona Sonora Western Heritage Foundation	3,000,000
		TOTAL	114,400,000

ID		Historic, Cultural and Natural Area Conservation	
		Historic and Cultural Resources	
HP	111	Steam Pump Ranch Rehabilitation	2,000,000
HP	125	Ajo Curley School Gym, Town Plaza & Other Historic Buildings	1,300,000
HP	108	Site Interpretation/Preservation of County-owned Cultural Resource Sites	2,000,000
HP	115	Historic Ft. Lowell Park Master Plan Implementation	4,000,000
HP	126	Dunbar School Rehabilitation	1,500,000
N	15	Mission San Xavier East Tower & Façade Restoration	2,500,000
		SUBTOTAL	13,300,000
		Natural Area Restoration	
PR	262	Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project	1,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	1,000,000
		Floodprone and Open Space Land Acquisitions	
FC	2	Floodprone and Riparian Land Acquisition	5,000,000
OS	2	Open Space Acquisition Program	95,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	100,000,000
		TOTAL	114,300,000

ID		Parks and Recreation	
		City of Tucson proposals	
PR	4	Udall Park Expansion	4,000,000
PR	5	Jacobs Park Recreation Center	4,000,000
PR	20	Reid Park Improvements	2,000,000
PR	29	Purple Heart Park Expansion	1,500,000
PR	267	Sentinel Park - A Mountain Park Improvement Project	1,500,000
PR	34	Urban Greenways City of Tucson/City of South Tucson	10,000,000
PR	19	Freedom Center Expansion and Pool Improvements	2,500,000
PR	28	Lincoln Park Improvements	1,500,000
PR	35	Regional Sports Fields and Lighting	12,000,000
PR	201	Oury Pool Renovations	1,500,000
PR	220	Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion	6,000,000
PR	14	Silverlake Park Expansion	2,300,000
PR	46	Kennedy Park Improvements and Expansion	2,500,000
N	24	Murrieta Park Improvements	5,000,000
N	55	Jesse Owens Park Development	1,000,000
N	56	Buffalo Soldiers Memorial	250,000
N	57	Fort Lowell Park Improvements	2,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	59,550,000
		Town of Marana proposals	
PR	213	Marana Cultural and Heritage Park	14,000,000
N	60	Marana Pool Renovation	3,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	17,000,000
		Pima County proposals	
PR	103	Rillito Park	1,500,000
PR	109	Flowing Wells Park Skateboard Park and Improvements	1,250,000
PR	237	Flowing Wells District Park Expansion	500,000
PR	273	Kory Laos Freestyle Memorial BMX Park	1,300,000
PR	138	SW Regional Sports Tournament Complex	25,000,000
PR	13	Esmond Station Regional Park	6,800,000
PR	137	Canoa Preserve Park	3,250,000
PR	140	Willie Blake Park	350,000
PR	280	Flowing Wells High School Track Improvements	1,000,000
PR	116	Lawrence Park Improvements and Pool	3,500,000
PR	277	Pima County Softball Tournament & Recreation Park at Sports Park	3,200,000
PR	96	Model Airplane Parks	1,000,000
PR	278	River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide	10,000,000
PR	281	Public Natural Park Trailheads	3,750,000
N	25	Kino Sports Complex Repurposing and Expansion	2,300,000
N	26	County-wide Splash Pad Program	4,200,000
N	27	36th Street Natural Resource Park	480,000
N	28	Agua Caliente Park Pond Restoration	1,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	70,380,000

Town of Sahuarita proposals			
PR	181	Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex /YMCA	14,000,000
Town of Oro Valley proposals			
PR	217	James D. Kriegh Park Upgrades	3,000,000
PR	218	Naranja Park Improvements	10,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	13,000,000
Pascua Yaqui Tribe proposals			
PR	228	Lawrence Hiaki Pathway	500,000
Other Organization proposals			
PR	231	Arizona Velodrome Center - Kino Campus	3,500,000
FM	92	Ajo Community Golf Course Improvements	320,000
N	35	First Tee of Tucson Youth Golf & Life Skills Center at Crooked Tree Golf Course	800,000
		SUBTOTAL	4,620,000
		TOTAL	179,050,000

ID	Neighborhoods, Affordable Housing, Public Health, Justice & Law Enforcement		
Neighborhood Reinvestment & Affordable Housing			
CD	1	Pima County Affordable Housing Program	20,000,000
CD	2	Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program	25,000,000
N	36	Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements	14,400,000
N	37	South 12th Avenue Cultural and Culinary Corridor	3,178,500
		SUBTOTAL	62,578,500
Health			
FM	97	Pima Co. North Clinic Relocation & Expansion	4,000,000
FM	84	MHC Healthcare, Flowing Wells Family Health Center	3,000,000
N	38	Pima County Office of Medical Examiner Expansion & Remodel	15,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	22,000,000
Justice & Law Enforcement Facilities			
N	58	Pima County Jail Annex at Juvenile Detention Center Complex	5,000,000
FM	108a	Vail Sheriff Substation	3,000,000
		SUBTOTAL	8,000,000
		TOTAL	92,578,500

ID	Flood Control		
FC	58	El Corazon - Santa Cruz River: Rillito and Canada del Oro Confluence	7,000,000
N	45	Cemetery Wash Drainage Improvements	2,000,000
N	46	Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Drainage Construction	1,936,363
		TOTAL	10,936,363

ID	Job Growth, Education and Workforce Training		
FM	1	Pima County One Stop Career Center	6,000,000
N	47	Banner University Medical Center South Campus Expansion	18,000,000
N	48	Innovation/Technology Building, UA Tech Park at The Bridges	20,000,000
N	49	Science Park Drive at UA Tech Park	10,000,000
N	51	Sonoran Corridor Highway Improvements	30,000,000
N	52	Oro Valley Business Accelerator	15,000,000
N	54	JobPath Program Facility	1,000,000
N	59	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Land Acquisition Program	5,000,000
		South Tucson Retail Tax Base Expansion Redevelopment Project	5,000,000
		TOTAL	110,000,000

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Criteria for Project Inclusion
Revised June 14, 2013

- Broad demonstrated support by public
- Has regional public benefit
- Partnerships
- Other funding sources or matches
- Education and workforce training
- Advances Board adopted principles of sustainability and conservation
- Previously authorized large-scale bond projects or programs that are now short funding
- Phasing of large projects
- Impact on operating and maintenance costs for governments and commitment to fund these ongoing costs
- Project or program is a capital improvement, not a repair or maintenance project

Criteria below would apply to the entire bond package at the end of the process and not to individual projects:

- Advances Board adopted principles of economic development and basic employment growth that will attract more jobs to the community.
- Advances the following nine principles that represent the shared values identified in the Imagine Greater Tucson process: accessibility, educational excellence, environmental integrity, good governance, healthy communities, higher education, broad-based prosperity, quality neighborhoods, and regional identity.
- Regional or jurisdictional balance