



# AMADO / ARIVACA COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

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## Community Conversation Results

### Background:

A Community Conversation was conducted in Amado/Arivaca, Arizona at The Cow Palace on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 as part of the Pima County Comprehensive Plan Update *Pima Prospers*. 24 community representatives and residents were in attendance. The overarching theme of this visit was the potential restructuring/closing of the local food bank. This theme was made apparent when participants were split into groups and asked: "What is important to your community, what would make it a healthier community and/or what would you like to improve?" The groups were then asked to prioritize their responses using different colored dots.

### Analysis Methodology:

Results compiled at this community conversation were analyzed according to a predetermined point rating system to minimize analysis bias. The point system consisted in assigning a value to each dot. The value of each dot is provided as follows:

- Green dots = 5 points
- Yellow dots = 3 points
- Red dots = -2 points
- Comments not rated = 1 point

Based on this point system, each comment was translated to Excel tables for tabulation. Each comment was then categorized, and analyzed according to the number of points per entry.



**Results:**

Amado/Arivaca representatives participating in this Community Conversation provided 82 comments related to the County’s Comprehensive Plan Update. When rated and categorized, the three most important issues were Social Services, Economic Development and Jobs, and Public Safety. The chart below outlines the total number of comments, and the total number of points earned by each category.

<b>Amado/ Arivaca / Arivaca Junction Results</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number of Comments</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Social Services	33	430	45.7%
Parks / Recreation	5	37	3.9%
Government / Public Process	5	24	2.6%
Infrastructure	13	109	11.6%
Open Space / Wildlife Habitat	0	0	0.0%
Energy	1	19	2.0%
Water Resources	1	12	1.3%
Land Use	1	7	0.7%
Community Character / Design	1	4	0.4%
Green Building / Sustainable Development	0	0	0.0%
Cultural Resources	1	6	0.6%
Public Safety	8	129	13.7%
Economic Development / Jobs	10	158	16.8%
Communication	2	5	0.5%
Air Quality	0	0	0.0%
Arts /Entertainment	1	1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Social Services

The Social Services category represented over 45% of the total points assigned by the Amado/Arivaca participants. This category had a total of 33 comments. When rated, the highest value within this category was 67 points. The top five rated comments in this category include:



Comment	Points
Amado Food Bank - remain open	67
Provide County seed money for youth development opportunities to leverage other dollars (i.e. CDBG & PCOA)	50
Maintain Amado Food Bank	42
Social center/expand youth center (Amado)	34
Youth education to be more productive i.e. job placement, future for kids, recreation and out of streets (Amado youth center)	27

## Economic Development and Jobs

Economic Development and Jobs represented 16.8% of the total points assigned by the Amado/Arivaca participants. This category had a total of 10 comments. When rated, the highest value within this category was 30 points. The top five rated comments in this category include:

Comment	Points
Economic Development - have to drive to Tucson for services and to shop	30
Local store/market (Amado)	21
Economic Development - businesses	21
Maximize County & local business resources toward helping local youths with their growth & options for making a living instead of selling drugs	17
Workforce training - have to go to PCC or U of A, need opportunities here	17

## Public Safety

The Public Safety category represented 13.7% of the total points assigned by the Amado/Arivaca participants. This category had a total of 8 comments. When rated, the highest value within this category was 55 points. The top five rated comments in this category include:

Comment	Points
Fire department - local and paid	55
Need for sheriff's sub-station to shorten response times and to help with issues related to Border Patrol	17
Public Safety - sheriff response times and animal control	14
Sheriff response time too long - need more resources	14
Help to get a fire district and a fire station	11



**Summary:**

The three most important issues to the participants in Amado/Arivaca were Social Services, Economic Development, and Public Safety. Other important categories discussed at the meeting include: Infrastructure, Parks and Recreation, as well as Government and Public Process. Please see below for a complete list of comments provided at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Community Conversation.



Comment ID	Comment	Green Dots	Total Green	Yellow Dots	Total Yellow	Red Dots	Total Red	Total Rate	Category
1	More activities for community members		0		0		0	1	Arts / Entertainment
2	Internet access		0	1	3		0	4	Communication
3	Access to County website for job training/search/services		0		0		0	1	Communication
4	Signage along I-19 to show as Amado/available services/identify local attractions		0	1	3		0	4	Community Character / Design
5	Support for cultural resources - continue to assist in preservation and maintain Arivaca Old School and Canoa Ranch	1	5		0		0	6	Cultural Resources
6	Economic Development - have to drive to Tucson for services and to shop	4	20	3	9		0	30	Economic Development / Jobs
7	Workforce development (Amado)		0		0		0	1	Economic Development / Jobs
8	Job opportunities for youth including summer work projects - need more information on opportunities in this part of the County	2	10		0		0	11	Economic Development / Jobs
9	Workforce training - have to go to PCC or U of A, need opportunities here	2	10	2	6		0	17	Economic Development / Jobs
10	Economic Development - businesses	1	5	5	15		0	21	Economic Development / Jobs
11	Economic stimulus	1	5	1	3		0	9	Economic Development / Jobs
12	Economic support - comprehensive economic development plan (Amado i.e. internet services)	2	10	1	3		0	14	Economic Development / Jobs

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13	Maximize County & local business resources toward helping local youths with their growth & options for making a living instead of selling drugs	2	10	2	6	0	0	17	Economic Development / Jobs
14	Local store/market (Amado)	4	20	0	0	0	0	21	Economic Development / Jobs
15	Programs for youth - jobs (JTED) and summer jobs	2	10	2	6	0	0	17	Economic Development / Jobs
16	Use of solar and wind power - need alternative energy	3	15	1	3	0	0	19	Energy
17	Use of gas tax money - if it's increased, how will it be used/distributed? (use money for road maintenance)	1	5	1	3	2	-4	5	Government / Public Process
18	Public Outreach - rural communities want more information on services and programs available	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Government / Public Process
19	Town Council - leadership to share opinions with County (Amado)	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	Government / Public Process
20	Work to make Amado townsite a census designated place	2	10	0	0	0	0	11	Government / Public Process
21	Sharon Bronson has been of great help in establishing youth center minimum rent (private owned) - drew community together	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Government / Public Process
22	Arivaca Road flood control issues - urgent maintenance needs	1	5	1	3	0	0	9	Infrastructure
23	Ajo interchange - concern about impact on response times & travel	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	Infrastructure

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	times to Tucson								
24	Street lighting	1	5		0		0	6	Infrastructure
25	Maintain roads for tourism (Arivaca) and to maintain connections to 286, lake, refuge and local communities	1	5	2	6		0	12	Infrastructure
26	Safety Issues - roads/walkways		0		0		0	1	Infrastructure
27	Maintain right-of-ways		0		0	2	-4	-3	Infrastructure
28	Roadway improvements and maintenance	2	10		0		0	11	Infrastructure
29	Public Transit (Green Valley)		0	1	3		0	4	Infrastructure
30	Public transportaion options	3	15		0	1	-2	14	Infrastructure
31	ADA accessible sidewalks	1	5		0		0	6	Infrastructure
32	Public Transportation - shuttle to Green Valley/Tubac/Tucson and more runs	1	5	4	12		0	18	Infrastructure
33	Public transportation	1	5	3	9		0	15	Infrastructure
34	Public transportation opportunity along/between Sahuarita and G.V. (north-south corridor)		0	3	9		0	10	Infrastructure
35	Resource planning - help with land use and education		0	2	6		0	7	Land Use
36	Need more parks, playgrounds, ball fields (aside from Green Valley recreation)	1	5	2	6		0	12	Parks / Recreation
37	Community park		0	1	3		0	4	Parks / Recreation
38	Maintaining public pool staying open		0	1	3		0	4	Parks / Recreation
39	Baseball field, basketball, NHBHD center indoor	1	5		0		0	6	Parks / Recreation

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40	Land (donation) for rec. center for all ages/youth/senior citizens - possibly Longhorn Grill	2	10		0		0	11	Parks / Recreation
41	Public Safety - sheriff response times and animal control	2	10	1	3		0	14	Public Safety
42	Sheriff response time too long - need more resources	2	10	1	3		0	14	Public Safety
43	Need for sheriff's sub-station to shorten response times and to help with issues related to Border Patrol	2	10	2	6		0	17	Public Safety
44	Help to get a fire district and a fire station	2	10		0		0	11	Public Safety
45	Fire District - lacking a fire district	1	5	2	6	1	-2	10	Public Safety
46	Confusion over services - fire (with employees is desired) and emergency		0		0		0	1	Public Safety
47	Medication recycling/health supplies		0	2	6		0	7	Public Safety
48	Fire department - local and paid	3	15	13	39		0	55	Public Safety
49	Help for aging community	1	5		0		0	6	Social Services
50	Support for multi-generational families		0		0		0	1	Social Services
51	Hot meals for homebound citizens and seniors		0	1	3		0	4	Social Services
52	Senior home care	1	5		0		0	6	Social Services
53	Community center/park and an education facility	2	10	2	6		0	17	Social Services
54	Community Center	2	10		0		0	11	Social Services

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55	Community center for group activities and planning		0		0		0	1	Social Services
56	County support of Amado youth center - continue	2	10	1	3		0	14	Social Services
57	Social center/expand youth center (Amado)	3	15	6	18		0	34	Social Services
58	Education/vocational training	1	5		0		0	6	Social Services
59	Trade schools		0		0		0	1	Social Services
60	Youth education to be more productive i.e. job placement, future for kids, recreation and out of streets (Amado youth center)	4	20	2	6		0	27	Social Services
61	Tutoring program for youth		0		0		0	1	Social Services
62	Food insecurity - access to quality food		0	1	3		0	4	Social Services
63	Maintain Amado Food Bank	7	35	2	6		0	42	Social Services
64	Amado Food Bank - remain open	6	30	12	36		0	67	Social Services
65	Hot meals "Meals on Wheels" - provide through Food Bank for senior citizens and disabled	1	5		0		0	6	Social Services
66	Community garden to help supply food bank	1	5	3	9		0	15	Social Services
67	Access to information on public services		0		0		0	1	Social Services
68	Social Services	3	15	1	3		0	19	Social Services



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69	Clothing Bank	2	10	2	6	0	0	17	Social Services
70	Social infrastructure	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	Social Services
71	Diaper bank	2	10	1	3	0	0	14	Social Services
72	Provide County seed money for youth development opportunities to leverage other dollars (i.e. CDBG & PCOA)	5	25	8	24	0	0	50	Social Services
73	Implement other food bank services (Amado) - closed down (see it continue - other services), DES - help applications, jobs and access	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	Social Services
74	Fire district to encourage food bank volunteers - services and support for non-profits - support - station to become system	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Social Services
75	Teenage pregnancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Social Services
76	Emergency services	1	5	1	3	0	0	9	Social Services
77	Maintain health clinic (Amado)	2	10	1	3	0	0	14	Social Services
78	Home repairs for low-income homeowners (mobile homes and site-built) - Homeowner's Insurance currently required by County's program but many families cannot afford the insurance (provide assistance to get insured)	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	Social Services



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79	Library services (Arivaca) - continue to keep our library	1	5	0	0	0	0	6	Social Services
80	Library		0		0		0	1	Social Services
81	Multi-facilities room for many job placement/research online public computers/training/pocket library - deal with unemployment	3	15	0	0	0	0	16	Social Services
82	Water use restrictions vs. availability	1	5	2	6	0	0	12	Water Resources