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**Floodprone and Riparian Land Acquisition**

**Positive Comments**

- 1) When developing new public parks, please consult with nearby residents and seek their input, as was NOT done in the Pima County Support for a new softball park on Camino de la Canoa south of Green Valley. 2) Limit baseball park nighttime lighting due to issues with astronomy observatories. 3) Do all possible to preserve dwindling riparian areas in Pima Couty.
- As a tax paying citizen of Pima county I really support the investigation of Open Space when considering new construction and also the inclusion (%) of low income housing to be available when any new home constuction is built. If you are not aware of how that works check with Boulder Housing in Boulder Colorado, it has been successful there. I also support all conservation efforts to improve riparian habitats and pathways along waterways. As we move forward to ALWAYS use the most energy efficient ways to build and create jobs for our citizens while investing in the future of our environment. It is in our best interest to protect and preserve our natural habitats which in the long run make our cities and natural areas inviting while protection our natural resouces. Invest in our county's future with energy efficiency. It is an opportunity to create jobs, invite tourism and become leaders in the State and Country that others will look to for innovative ideas and solutions. cordially,

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- Emphasize wildlife habitat preservation, such as riparian area protection, education of children and public health services.
- Focus on preservation and acquisition for future generations: open space, riparian areas. Leave them pristine. When developing recreational opportunities focus on demographics that can afford little else. Why on earth would we consider improving facilities at Steam Pump Ranch, for example? Just my two cents.
- I am especially interested in the work that is being done to shift our community model towards No Kill for our animal shelter.(No Kill Pima County Organization) We can do this- other communities our size have accomplished this. A first class animal shelter facility is an imperative. The current facility is a disgrace. We can reduce our shelter volume with a vocal shift in message. The culture of irresponsible pet ownership in this community can only change if there is an attractive reason to do so. an attractive building sends the message that the community cares. I am also an avid Birder. We are the gateway destination for people from all over the world who come to Southern Arizona and spend their money to see birds. Our riparian corridors are the key for the birds. Continue to develop areas like Sweetwater wetlands- how about some water in the Santa Cruz through town?
- I most support projects that maximize open space acquisition and riparian and wildlife habitat and corridors. Secondly: passive recreation, such as hiking, biking, walking, environmental ed, etc. (in places that don't impact critical wildlife corridors. Recreation is not always compatible with wildlife needs in all places.) Thirdly, green-ways and bike/pedestrian and mass transit infrastructure in urban areas, and finally, arts, literacy and community/cultural development/preservation.
- I strongly support improvements in libraries and parks and cultural amenities which serve the older, underserved core of Tucson. Institutions such as the Loft Cinema, adult education and career services downtown, and neighborhood parks serving historic neighborhoods are a priority. I also support any riparian and watershed restoration as well as open space acquisition for conservation and education purposes.
- I think it's vital to preserve natural areas in Pima County. Urban sprawl and with its hopscotch development is leaving us with a decimated desert. Riparian and wildlife areas need our care and money. When these fragile areas are gone--they're gone. It behooves to do all we can as a civilized and conscientious society. If I had wanted a Phoenix-like landscape, I would have moved there.
- I would especially like to see Pima County focus on protections of water and our riparian resources, Habitat protection and associated areas, and community open spaces. All are finite resources here and under continued threat from unlimited sprawl and industrial development.

- Please preserve our open space and riparian corridors; any efforts to offset increasing temperatures and drier conditions as climate change impacts (on wildlife and habitat) our area should also be a priority.
- Prohibit more urban/suburban sprawl. Preserve the historical & riparian areas. Fix what we got before adding anything new, such as roads.
- Stop development within our natural floodplains and restore native riparian species.
- The county is going to be considering approval of development of the Desert Willow Subdivision in the Tanque Verde Valley area in which a large portion of riparian area flood plain north of the development is planned be donated to the county by the developer to be used as a conservation area as part of the project. The area would be a good location to create a natural trail and park area for hiking and equestrian trails for use by local residents, to include flood plain improvements and reforestation of the natural riparian vegetation. Please look into this as a project for consideration.
- There are so many worthwhile projects that need funding that it is very hard to decide which to vote for. One thing that must be preserved is our open space and recreational areas. Our riparian habitats as well as our natural desert areas must be preserved. Outdoor recreation is a major economic benefit to Tucson and Pima County. Billions of dollars are spent in Arizona every year on equipment and fees for camping, hiking, birding, fishing, etc. Local businesses, hotels, and restaurants all benefit from these activities. Our beautiful desert and its surrounding mountains, riparian areas and grasslands is a very special place. Please work to protect and maintain what makes Arizona such a wonderful place to live.
- Top Priorities Land Acquisition and construction of the Loop. Land Acquisition for riparian corridors and flood control: Fairgrounds Wash, Cienega Creek, Black Wash and Brawley Wash. Sonoran Desert Conservation Land Acquisition: Rocking K Ranch, Colossal Cave State Land, Pantano Wash State Land, and Cienega Creek State Land. Transportation Land Acquisition Right of Way for I-19 to I-10 on Pima Mine Rd alignment; R/W for Alvernon, Wilmot, Kolb, Old Vail Rd.
- Use money to purchase open space for wildlife watching. Preserve riparian areas.

### **Negative Comments**

■ Spend money on transportation projects. In regards to drainage projects spend money on projects that make sense. Buying flood prone property at this time does not make sense. Don't spend money on parks and etc. at this time. It does make sense since there are bigger transportation problems that require funding immediately. Repair and/or re-build roadways, repair or replace bridges, and clean-up the medians. Let's have a bond election that is limited in scope - transportation projects and a limited number of drainage projects. Provide a list of the projects that will be funded.

Eliminate parks, cultural resources, libraries, and etc. from the bond election. Think of your budget at home right now. Many people are only spending money on what they can afford at this time. This budget election should adopt the same thinking. Now is not the time to put things on the list that we really can't afford especially when there are bigger transportation problems going unfunded. I would be more than willing to serve on this committee if you additional people. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

### **Archaeological Site Acquisitions: Marana Mounds and/or Cocoraque Butte**

- I would like to say the advisory board for the bond projects to please put the Cocoraque Butte on the Bond. This beautiful land needs to be protected against development for the wildlife that are still there and there is a lot of history there and beautiful petroglyphs people around the world could learn a lot and enjoy seeing this beautiful land. Thank you!
- very interested in a bond program involving cocoraque butte/ marana mountains project.

### **Repair and Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings on County-Owned Ranches**

- It is important that Tucson preserve its cultural historic buildings. Libraries and Museums (especially the Tucson Museum of Art) to be allocated for the old courthouse would be the best choice. Improving existing park areas, (what's going on with El Rio?) bringing back swim pools and closing the Loop for bicycle and walking paths is a way for everyone to enjoy recreational infrastructure. Trail heads on Tumamock would be great. Don't spread the money too thin, please concentrate on Downtown, we need for it to be a beautiful and functional well-planned, fun place/space.
- Please save the cultural heritage of Tucson and highlight the contributions of Hispanic-Americans, African-Americans, Native-Americans, Jews, and women. Continue to preserve historic buildings, open spaces, and green belts. Build bicycle lanes and walking paths. It is also important to help the economic future of Tucson by supporting "Tucson First" buying policies, small businesses, and improved roads, and affordable housing. I love this city, but I am ashamed of our neglected public spaces and buildings, and our poor roads. The corridor from the airport to the central part of Tucson is a blighted eyesore with weeds, litter, and ugly billboards. This is not the introduction we want for our city as international guests arrive. The road to our highly-regarded Pima Air and Space Museum is also a disgrace. BUILD ROADS! Build a downtown hotel!! This should have been done years ago!!! And don't go for cheap. We need an elegant downtown meeting place where we can draw classy events and create a destination type resort that can serve the Gem Show and out of town conventions. We have to save the Gem Show which is unique for a city of this size. It not only brings money to our community,

but it is an educational opportunity for students as well as stimulating possible careers for our young people in mining, assay and analysis of minerals, geology, paleontology, and many other occupations. I was disappointed when the Rainbow Bridge and desert species aquarium were nixed. These are the kind of bold ideas that would have given our city an identifiable focal point that people would want to see. Think: The Golden Gate Bridge, St. Louis Arch, Times Square. You get the idea. We have so much to offer visitors and no one knows about it. Think BIG and in the words of Gabby Giffords, "BE BOLD" in your decision-making. I am tired of people confusing us with the bland urbanization of Phoenix. We can't even fix the rundown infrastructure we already have. Let's get some leadership and get going. There are a lot of us who want to help. I was very active in the American/Israel Friendship League for many years. I guided dozens of Israeli students and chaperones throughout Tucson to see the barrio district, our courthouse, the Desert Museum, Ted DeGrazia's Gallery of the Sun, the oldest Jewish synagogue in Tucson, St. Augustine Cathedral, Old Tucson Studios, Agua Caliente Park, Tumacacori, Tubac, A Mountain, the Historical Society Museum, the Tucson Art Museum, Pima Air and Space Museum, and the Titan Missile Museum. They couldn't believe all our history and culture and they come from a place that has history. Thank you for finally asking us what we want and letting us have a small voice in the process. I wish I could have selected everything. All these projects are worthy.

## **Site Interpretation/Preservation of County-owned Cultural Resource Sites**

### **Positive Comments**

- Areas that have no services but that have been supporting with their taxes the more densely populated areas should have priority this Bond cycle. Colossal Cave Mountain Park needs infrastructure work very badly. There are unsafe situations that the County needs to take a more proactive role in. The Parklands Foundation has almost nothing to do with day to day operations. Time for the County to take on more direct oversight of this beautiful natural and cultural resource so that it reflects the values of Pima County residents and is a place they can be proud of. Investment in splash pads is money well spent as they provide such a safe and fun recreational outlet for children.
- Do not invest in any form of professional auto racing track development. Work on bringing AAA baseball and Spring Training baseball back to the Tucson area. Continue to support preservation of open space, and natural and cultural resources in Pima County. Focus on achievable goals, not pie-in-the-sky development proposals like auto racing: if we can't support minor league baseball, how can something even more esoteric like auto racing be sustained??? Work more closely with the City of Tucson, Marana, Green Valley, Vail, and etc. to reach common goals that benefit the greater community in Pima County. Easily said, difficult to do, but dang it, work on it!

- I feel the County needs to focus on these three things: 1. Supporting business growth, expansion and/or relocation into the county 2. Repairing county road infrastructure 3. Expanding the Public Health Service footprint 'Soft' programs such as cultural preservation and art projects, are great when the economy is good, but are a waste of resources in our current economy. More effort should be placed in seeking private/corporate donations and sponsorship for these activities, and less effort/resources on County funding for them.
- I support projects that improve our community and neighborhoods for pedestrians and bikes, not the widening of roads for faster and higher volume automobile traffic. I support projects that acquire and develop open nature preserves - the reason most of us want to live in Tucson is the natural environment. I support projects that offer incentives to small incubator local business, not national chains like Walmart, etc. I support projects that honor and preserve our historic and cultural resources.
- The County needs to place a special priority on acquiring properties during the current downturn in property values....specifically properties with important cultural resources and wildlife habitat areas.
- The emphasis for projects should be on preservation of Pima County's historic and cultural resources and provide open space and recreation opportunities. Business interests and developers should be asked to cover more of the cost of transportation infrastructure and training instead of relying on the public to foot the bill for ventures in which they profit.

### **Negative Comments**

- Bond money focused on Pima Animal Care Center now could in the long run save money for the county, particularly if funds can be used for Spay/Neuter programs to stem the flow of unwanted animals. Better visibility of PACC could help promote adoptions. This is a part of Pima County government that has been overlooked and if properly addressed could eventually result in sheltering costs redirected to other areas of need in the county. Not to mention the moral issue of euthanizing 13,000 animals per year. This is NOT a sustainable operation of the county. Current investment in job development can save money for the county in the long run if residents are able to find employment, pay taxes, pay their own way. I think that the county has historically focused considerable funding on open space and cultural resources which were very worthy but now the targets of funding need to change. Transportation funding is important but continued emphasis on auto travel needs to be replaced by more emphasis on multi-modal transportation.

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### Vail Area Historic Sites

- No open-ended comments were received

### Steam Pump Ranch Rehabilitation

#### Positive Comments

[REDACTED] Dear Advisory Committee Members, My family applauds your approach to prioritizing the long list of potential bond projects by soliciting the input of your constituents. Thank you for listening. Clearly, our individual interests and priorities tend to be parochial. Unlike you, we cannot see the larger picture. Nonetheless, we appreciate your willingness to consider our individual needs and interests. Of all the potential projects the one that would impact my family the most is the proposal to update Kriegh Park in Oro Valley. We live in proximity to the Park and utilize the facilities there almost on a daily basis. We know that the dog park is in need of updating and the bathroom facilities are wanting. Parking, given the exciting new Aquatic Center, is likely to be inadequate and the spillage from the approximately 40 year old park lighting is an affront to Arizona's dark sky laws and dramatically limits the enjoyment of outdoor living for neighborhood residents. We also are intrigued by the proposed Steam Pump Ranch improvement and the effort to stimulate business and job creation in the Innovation Park area. You obviously have a very difficult job in selecting Bond Projects for the November ballot. Nonetheless, given your openness to local input I'm confident that you're judgement will be sound. Good luck and thanks again. [REDACTED]

- Steam Pump Ranch has the possibility of becoming a cultural and educational center with some funding.

## Negative Comments

- Focus on preservation and acquisition for future generations: open space, riparian areas. Leave them pristine. When developing recreational opportunities focus on demographics that can afford little else. Why on earth would we consider improving facilities at Steam Pump Ranch, for example? Just my two cents.
- Our children need fields to play on safe, lighted fields. Organized sports for youth or "pickup" games brings our community together, fights childhood obesity, and builds self-esteem. We have enough of the historic venues that are enjoyed by an elite few. For example, steam pump ranch what a dud of a site to benefit a few pro valley businesses. Who are we if not building for our kids?

## Historic Ft. Lowell Park Master Plan Implementation

- Complete the Fort Lowell Park cultural renovations. No parking lot is needed.
- Continue with the Fort Lowell Park Master plan
- Finish Ft. Lowell Project and utilize school properties for community partnerships
- I believe the Fort Lowell Park addition on the west side of Craycroft should be a high priority for funding. This area is very historic, and is in dire need of further renovation before the existing structures are lost to vandalism or worse by fire. This is a significant cultural and historic resource of our community. The existing officers quarters is the last of the seven dwellings that were there from the fort. The adobe structures throughout Fort Lowell Park are in need of stabilization work. The park resources could also be improved with interpretive exhibits. The other bond project that I see as providing a great cost to benefit ratio is funding the Desert Museum improvement projects. The ASDM is a unique and important feature of the Tucson community. It brings in many tourist dollars, and helps place Tucson "on the map". Their efforts bolster the Tucson community at large, and they deserve public funding to continue their goals.
- I believe the historic Ft. Lowell area of Tucson should receive more attention and be a higher priority to the City of Tucson and to Pima County. This is a gem of the "Old Pueblo" and to our heritage. The chain link fences and the overall state of this "renovation" have been at a stand still way too long. The park is in great need of repair. This is a historic site. Lots of history took place here. Get going on this Pima County. Thank you.
- I hope that the work on the Fort Lowell reconstruction continues and funding for the parking as required by City of Tucson. Parking is really needed in this area because of Soccer tournaments and many other Ft. Lowell reconstruction. 1.5 million has already been spent and this is a far more historic project than building a replica of fort downtown - west of I- 10. I even purchased a nationwide membership free entrance to

Abraham Lincoln Library in Springfield,IL for \$70 for a year to support Fort Lowell Museum and received free admittance to seven historic museums and Ft Lowell was one. Other states and are hearing about this project and we need to finish it as a tourist and hometown historical site. Please fund this project fully. A bond was already voted and promised to us. If we vote bonds and Pima Co. doesn't complete them it is likely we will refuse to pass anymore bonds. We need to get what was promised to our area of town.

- I think work on Fort Lowell Historic District is very important, specifically the Adkins Project.
- I was raised in Tucson and left here for 41 years. My parents moved here after the world war in 1949-50 and Ft. Lowell was "always" going to be restored. To my dismay, it still isn't restored and looks exactly the same as it was when I was a child! It's been 60 years and nothing has been done. What a shame to loose something that is very historic of what we have left here in Tucson. Please get this done once and for all. After moving back here in 2007, I find the City of Tucson is behind on just about everything! What's obvious to me and any outsider who moves back here, is that City and County Government has not changed and in fact has gotten worse (if that's possible). You would think that an area with 1,000,000 people would have gotten their act together by now. I moved back here thinking that Tucson had changed because of the large population, but it has not--it's run just like it was in the 1950s. We still do not have the jobs required for it's citizenry because the County and the City have never addressed what's really important--jobs--which brings in a good tax base.
- I'm very concerned about the halt to the renovations and preservation on the historic Officers' Quarters at Fort Lowell Park (Adkins' property) - because of the City's reported requirement of a parking lot. Can we do anything to ensure that this worthwhile project continues to completion? Ann H. Branham, 30-year Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood resident.
- my local swimming pool at fort lowell park is in sad shape and is only open four days per week. this pool should be rebuilt and fully funded so that it can stay open 6 days per week. the park is a treasure for our community and should be fully maintained. the restoration of the fort lowell historic site, including the restoration of army post buildings and the construction of a museum, visitors center, should be completed as soon as possible, as this is a hug historic asset for our city.
- Please finish all improvements scheduled to the Fort Lowell District and Museum
- Restoration of the Atkins parcel in Ft. Lowell Historic District is being held up due to lack of funds to construct a parking lot (due to lack of funds). This is not common sense. Allow the restoration to continue before the vulnerable adobe buildings are irreparably damaged, just don't open it to the public until parking can be afforded and provided.

Tucson needs to preserve its cultural heritage and the historic properties that preserve its character. Too many wonderful properties have been lost forever. This will make it more enticing to visitors and tourism than a bland environment of subdivisions and big box stores.

- Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. Please consider the completion of the Adkins property for Fort Lowell Park as advised by the community group recommended, including the needed hawk crossing. Thank you
- The Zoo is a big area and there is a nice feel to see monies going towards improvements.
- The Zoo is the best family oriented facility which benefits all of Pima County. Having one or two Zoo projects included in a significant way makes the entire bond proposition much more supportable for me. Also, getting Fort Lowell historic projects done, and furthering downtown renovation and construction projects would be my other priorities, although I do not live within Tucson's city limits. Thanks.
- YMCA Community Center at U of A Tech Park is the most important. The second most important is the Old Fort Lowell project.

■ You have many difficult decisions to make - thanks for your diligent work. As a resident and volunteer with the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, of course I am particularly interested in the development of the Adkins parcel and Fort Lowell Park area. Many neighborhood residents have worked long and diligently to be part of the long-range plans for the park and neighborhood, and we hope the bond process can continue to support our efforts. Many thanks, ■  
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### **Ajo Curley School Gym & Town Plaza**

- Please do not forget the folks way out here in Ajo! That is why I picked the Ajo Curley Gym/Plaza, the Ajo Retention Basin Park, and the Desert Senita Clinic improvement items. We are really trying very hard to improve the quality of life here; through a vigorous gardening program to raise more healthy food, through ISDA's revitalization of our town plaza, and especially through our community efforts to save our youth .. the Las Artes G.E.D. program and the "Ajo Works" intern training program. That is why I picked the Pima County Small Business Center and incubator items, hoping that these efforts would trickle over to Ajo.

### **Dunbar School Rehabilitation**

- I feel strongly about expanding libraries, improving walkability, incubating small business (especially downtown), creating skate/bmx parks, neighborhood reinvestment, continuing to work on the Dunbar School renovation and the job readiness work being

done with Literacy Connects. Whew, there are a lot of great projects on this list. I wish you luck making these difficult decisions.

### **Performing Arts Center Rehabilitation**

- A local performing arts center that would be easily accessible for all performing arts groups in Tucson. Affordable for the multitude of groups without a permanent performing arts space.
- I really do hope that a bond project will be approved for the creation of Art of the American West at the old courthouse--we need to have culturally relevant downtown venues, and TMA is one of the jewels in the crown of downtown but it needs more room for its collection and it also needs adequate parking as well as proximity to the streetcar to make it a draw for folks to come downtown who don't do that much--they are hassled by the parking situation, street construction, and so downtown needs every infusion of bond funds it can get to be a downtown city for the 21st century and beyond. Corporations also care about the cultural venues available when they consider moving to a new city/county, including both museums and performing arts spaces, in addition to the quality of the schools and a city and county being favorable to encouraging new businesses.
- It is important for Pima County bonds to be used to their best advantage in leveraging the assets we have and encouraging private investment. Projects must be sustainable. For these reasons, it is very important for Pima County to invest in some of the Downtown projects listed here, including the more "audacious" projects such as the Stravenue and Art Walk Downtown. The modern streetcar has increased private investment Downtown -- we need more reasons for people to use the streetcar and come Downtown, which the Stravenue and the other proposed Downtown investments (including with the Stravenue proposal the rehabilitation of the Performing Arts Center, Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements, Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, Affordable Housing Program, Downtown Legal Services Building Asbestos Abatement and Fire Sprinkler installation, Art of the American West, Tucson Children's Museum, PC Small Business Entrepreneur and Academic Center, PC Small Business Incubator, and the Business Facade/Public Infrastructure Improvements Program). Thank you for conducting this survey and considering my comments.
- Please remember that art and culture have been proven to increase all positive economic indicators for communities that commit to the visual and performing arts. And, please protect the native landscape that defines Pima Community and gives it the character and value we are entrusted to preserve.

## Habitat Protection Priorities & Associated Lands

- Due to the complete waste of monies dedicated to the "Rio Nuevo" project, I feel the County Bond monies should be used somewhere other than "downtown". The Literacy Connects will have a direct impact on county lives as will the expansion, improvements of all county parks, zoo, etc. The quality of life in Southern AZ needs to be upgraded to attract new business (desperately needed) that will create new jobs that will improve our home. Additionally, the fact that we KNOW we have a monsoon season and continually struggle with our lack of improvement in the infrastructure of our roads is mind-boggling! Let alone the absolute ridiculous amount of time it seems to take to get any type of road improvement completed compared to other metropolitan areas. WE NEED TO IMPROVE and we need to do it now. Habitat protection, neighborhood reinvesting and improvements are the way of the future. Good luck!!
- Habitat Protection needs to take priority. Easy to do now, impossible to do later.
- I would especially like to see Pima County focus on protections of water and our riparian resources, Habitat protection and associated areas, and community open spaces. All are finite resources here and under continued threat from unlimited sprawl and industrial development.
- I would like to let the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee know that above all programs that promote and focus on helping public improve their literacy, helping people find job, community open space, Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands, Neighborhood Reinvestment and Affordable Housing need the most attention in our county. These programs provide the most benefit to the county and to the well being of people living in the county.
- Investing in Pima County is our responsibility. We must care for our people, as well as the land that makes this region a wonderful place to live, work, and raise our families. Investing in a home for Literacy Connects and Job Path will help create a space where people feel safe to learn, and are treated with respect and dignity as they build the skills needed to contribute to the community at large. Many people who depend on Literacy Connects and Job Path are people who may otherwise fall through the cracks and become a drain on city and county resources. An investment in a building for these organizations benefit us all. But we must think broader than a single space for people, we must also consider affordable housing, neighborhood reinvestment, habitat protection and open space to create a livable place for us all.
- It is a shame to put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Open Space program and not maintain the infrastructure that was put in for public access by dismantling the Open Space maintenance crew. The County is losing out on thousands of dollars of Habitat Protection Committee (HPC) funds through Arizona Game and Fish for habitats

the County owns. Why should we vote for more Open Space when you are not even maintaining what you purchased in the last Bond.

- It is essential to complete the acquisition of habitat protection priority parcels, especially those that contribute to critical wildlife linkages. We have not yet accomplished our scientific or community goals and should not drop the ball now. Opportunities will vanish and we will have left a brilliant plan unfinished and incomplete. For our quality of life and our children's future, continue the acquisition of as much as is possible of HPPS. Thank you!
- It's important to keep as much open land as possible for both the people who live here as well as the birds and animals with whom we coexist. Tourism is one of the most significant sources of income for Pima County and the birders are the people who spend the most money. In order to encourage this source of funding, we need to have open space and habitat protection. A minimum of \$120,000,000.00 should be allocated to this.
- Please include Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package as both these programs are committed to working for the betterment of Pima County to provide the necessary training of children to succeed in school and train and educate adults for a second chance which will improve our current and future workforce and economic growth for our community. Both of these organizations are hampered by the lack of facilities to better support the work they are doing. I urge you to support these very important facility program for Literacy Connects and JobPath as they have worked collaboratively for several years to achieve and support our most critical assets the people of Pima County. I also believe and feel strongly that in addition to Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility that other programs should also be included in the bond package to improve Pima County, which includes Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. Thank you for your commitment and work and to make the above programs a part of the bond package to improve Pima County.
- Please prioritize bond money to go to Natural Area Conservation, Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands and Community Open Space.
- The best way to incorporate the immigrants and get that they love the USA is that they learn so soon English -almost immediately that they arrive to this country. For them, the English language is the tool to understand better the new place where they are living; it is the best tool to learn their rights and responsibilities; it is the best tool to get better jobs; it is the best tool that they can use to raise their quality of lives, their families, their friends, their neighborhoods. English is the chain to build a nation with the same dream, the American Dream "the opportunity for prosperity and success, and an upward social mobility achieved through hard work" -James Truslow Adams. Because we can do more

together for a better USA; these are my priorities for 2014: Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility Community Open Space Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands Neighborhood Reinvestment Affordable Housing Sincerely, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] immigrant

- We are particularly interested in Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands and Community Open Space. Thank you for asking!

## Community Open Space

### Positive Comments

- Acquiring lands to preserve open space and native Sonoran Uplands habitat is critically important in an era of increasing sprawl. Anything less than \$120million is insufficient for the task. Please fully fund open space acquisition and continue to uphold the strong reputation Pima County has gained for proactively protecting our unique species and ecosystem.
- Acquisition and preservation of open space and wildlife habitat is a critical priority as Pima County becomes more and more overbuilt. Prices will rise, so we should fund the purchase of these lands NOW. If Pima County loses its unique biological diversity, open space and access to wildlife, we will become just another collection of suburbs - it would be distressing to see this happen, since it will NEVER be reversed. I do NOT support the removal of the Rillito Race Track to be replaced by soccer fields. Rather, expand and improve existing facilities, and create the opportunity to attract regional sports competitions such as the Sports Park at Ina and I-10. Upgrading existing community sports and recreation facilities is also important, rather than building new ones. The creation of a velodrome would definitely help cement Tucson's stature as a biking mecca, and I support that. Tourism facilities are also an important component of the County's economic development: improvements to our major attractions such as the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum are also essential. Thank you for asking for community input!
- Acquisition of open space is very important and requires much more than \$120 million to be sufficient.
- Acquisition of open space is vitally important for preserving and protecting wildlife and connected ecosystems and an amount less than \$120 million for open space is insufficient.
- Acquisition of open space protection is crucial and any amount less than \$120 million for open space is insufficient. Thank you.
- Acquisition of open space protection is extremely important and any amount less than \$120 million for open space is insufficient. We need a trail head at Sahuarita and 83 too.

- Acquisition of Painted Hills is an absolute MUST. The area serves as a gateway to the Tucson Mountains from two major roadways, including the most used to access Gates Pass and tourism facilities west of the Tucson Mountains, Speedway. Please allocate money to acquire these parcels. Likewise, land around Catalina State Park--a connection corridor to the Tortalita Mountains is urgently needed. along with animal corridors and open space that permanently connect the Tucson Mountains with the Tortalitas and Silverbell Mountains--all urgent considering the urbanization of these areas, the way freeways/major roadways (current and future) slice these areas and make animal movement nearly impossible.
- affordable housing, food bank support, open lands sustainability and funding for improvements for the poorer communities in tucson are imperative.
- All these projects actually are quite deserving. I am, in general, for maintaining what we already have in place, acquiring open space or similar sites that will otherwise be lost forever and funding a few long term, ongoing projects like San Xavier's east tower.
- Allow a meaningful amount of funds for open land acquisitions.
- Any project that supports, improves, and expands our county's open space is a high priority for me. The natural beauty of our area and our ability to access it easily brings in millions of dollars per year. Additionally, access to local parks, libraries, and recreation facilities for children and teens helps with delinquencies. Thank you for the ability to provide input!
- As a tax paying citizen of Pima county I really support the investigation of Open Space when considering new construction and also the inclusion (%) of low income housing to be available when any new home constuction is built. If you are not aware of how that works check with Boulder Housing in Boulder Colorado, it has been successful there. I also support all conservation efforts to improve riparian habitats and pathways along waterways. As we move forward to ALWAYS use the most energy efficient ways to build and create jobs for our citizens while investing in the future of our environment. It is in our best interest to protect and preserve our natural habitats which in the long run make our cities and natural areas inviting while protection our natural resouces. Invest in our county's future with energy efficiency. It is an opportunity to create jobs, invite tourism and become leaders in the State and Country that others will look to for innovative ideas and solutions. cordially,  

- As an urban dweller I highly value open spacesfor the people of Pima County as well as the habitat and corridores needed by our wildlife.
- As our urban areas become more crowded, open space will become more important for maintaining the mental health of our population.

- As valuable as most of the submitted projects are, during this time of nascent economic recovery, the focus should be on projects that 1) enhance job development and educational preparation for jobs, and 2) that provide expansion of public open spaces that county residents can enjoy without spending money. The Bond Advisory Committee should favor projects meeting these criteria.
- Bond project money should be used to help preserve what makes Tucson unique (historic architecture and sites, open space and views) and when possible reuse/readapt existing structures to meet current community needs.
- Community spaces (to gather and play) and open/natural spaces (to preserve and admire our environment) are vital to our area.
- conserve open space and wildlife corridors; preserve archaeological sites and develop interpretive centers for children and the public; invest in local agriculture projects, conserve water and promote rainwater harvesting
- Conserving undeveloped land should be a top priority in maintaining residents' quality of life.
- Continuing a strong program of land acquisition for conservation purposes should have high priority
- Do not invest in any form of professional auto racing track development. Work on bringing AAA baseball and Spring Training baseball back to the Tucson area. Continue to support preservation of open space, and natural and cultural resources in Pima County. Focus on achievable goals, not pie-in-the-sky development proposals like auto racing: if we can't support minor league baseball, how can something even more esoteric like auto racing be sustained??? Work more closely with the City of Tucson, Marana, Green Valley, Vail, and etc. to reach common goals that benefit the greater community in Pima County. Easily said, difficult to do, but dang it, work on it!
- Downtown and the surrounding downtown neighborhoods need additional open space and recreational facilities. The continued development of downtown makes this a good time to do this before all the space is gone.
- El Rio Neighborhood Center is heavily used by Westside Residents. Joaquin Murrieta Park is also heavily used and needs many improvements. We need more Open Space Parks for families and children. More Parking is needed at both El Rio and Joaquin Murrieta. Improvements to the grass need to be made. The pool could be much better at Joaquin Murrieta. We need to complete the riverparks as promised to the voters in past Bond elections. The County has made many promises about the Santa Cruz Riverpark (South of 22nd to Valencia) and yet nothing has yet to be accomplished. The public would be more likely to pass bonds if they had faith that the Pima County Board of Supervisors would implement them and make sure they are actually built. In the past, the County has been slow at implementing the Bond Projects to the detriment of

some important projects. This must not happen again. The BOS has the power to amend any Bond Project, even after an election; by simply holding a public hearing and passing an ordinance amending the Bond as passed by the voters. This is an important tool for our elected officials to be able to complete projects; however, this County Administrator and Board of Supervisors has abused this power many times.

Neighborhood reinvestment needs to take place all over Tucson; especially around Downtown. Infrastructure Improvements need to be made to the inner-city ASAP before we have more Sinkholes like the big one that opened up in the middle of Speedway a few years ago. We need to invest some Bond money to improve the look of Pima County from I-10 and I-19! Driving through Pima County one only sees garbage an un-kept landscaping, grafitti. This is not a place anyone wants to pull off of the freeway and get some gas, or something to eat; much less stay aty one of our hotels. This is very serious and has everything to do with why our economic development efforts are failing. You can't see our beautiful resorts or Sonoran Deserty from the Freeway. You do witness lots of industrial and run-down old hotels. We need to change this image and quick! Overall, we need to reinvest in the infrastructure we already have before it all crumbles away. We need to make our cities and counties look nice, with native landscaping; great public art that is heavily influenced by local residents and the economic development fill follow. If we have improved streets and neighborhoods, great parks and community centers; people will notice and the positive development will follow. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments.

- First - BIG THANKS for allowing the publics' input. I appreciate the leadership & effort put forth by Pima Co for open space for family recreation, habitats & protection of AZ Sonora species. -The library system is very good, more books & longer hours would be awesome. -In spite of the City of Tucson's stubbornness, I think a regional Parks & Rec system for ALL of Pima Co would result in better restrooms, water parks, pools and sports fields. Rather than OV, Mar, CTuc, Sah, etc each having their own. -Protect mature trees. Require parking lots to have more trees/shaded parking -Encourage permeable hard surfaces & ban asphalt/concrete (contributing to the heat island/hot nights) -Require all retail/nonprofits in Pima County & municipalities to charge 10 cents for a plastic bag. Drive customers to bring their own bag, decline the plastic bag for the magazine, etc. -Get garbage companies to coordinate commercial recycling so that all businesses are recycling plastic, cans, etc -Have recycling at the airport, parks, museums - EVERYWHERE -Increase partnerships with nonprofits to provide urgent care to homeless & near homeless; decreasing the spread of disease, earlier prenatal care, increasing early treatment of diabetes, etc thanks for caring!
- First, Thanks for the opportunity to provide public input. More trails and open space please. Why would I want to spend tax dollars to sound proof peoples houses? They

knew there was an airport there when they bought. The price and value of their home reflects the location. If they want their house quieter either move or pay for it themselves. JB

- Focus on preservation and acquisition for future generations: open space, riparian areas. Leave them pristine. When developing recreational opportunities focus on demographics that can afford little else. Why on earth would we consider improving facilities at Steam Pump Ranch, for example? Just my two cents.
- Funding requests for open space acquisition and protection as well as pedestrian safety and comfort improvements should be approved at the \$120 million and \$50 million levels respectively.
- Habitat priorities and associated lands, and community open space should be the board's priority if they want to protect the quality of life in the county. Sprawl, infrastructure costs, traffic jams and other issues associated with growth on valued lands does not contribute to the quality of life for residents, and certainly discourages visitors to our community.
- Hard Choices. For the long term benefit of the area, acquisition and stabilization of an open space plan should be a high priority.
- Having lived in Tucson for over 36 years, I have seen much growth in Pima County including control of the libraries to building of many parks and recreational facilities. As a biologist and conservation minded I am in favor of protecting our natural resources and cultural areas. I am a strong supporter of land acquisition for the purpose of protecting endangered plants and animals and also preserving and protecting archeological and historic sites.
- I agree with the letter in the paper today (Friday) that there should be a way to SHARE Rillito Park for EVERYBODY. The current soccer use is great for the kids but the organizations using those fields make thousands off the soccer families through coaching fees and dues and they can afford to pay for their use of those fields (at least enough to recoup the cost of maintenance and electricity.) It would be wonderful to have some walking/biking tie-in to the park and when there's no horse racing (most of the year) allow walkers and bikers to use the track. Personally, I think the horse people should pay their own costs also--they are all millionaires and hardly anyone outside of them uses that track or goes to see the races. It would be nice for Pima County to stop kowtowing to the big money business interests and continue the old plan to preserve more open space that all of us can use. Also, when there are possible other sources of funding, like the wealthy communities of Sahuarita, Marana, and Oro Valley, let them pay for their own improvements.
- I am very concerned that consideration is still being given to taking away Rillito Race Track. This Race Track is historic and of great value to the Tucson/Pima County

Community. Our family has been active in horse racing since 1970 and we attend every race day. Hundreds/thousands of fans enjoy horse racing and look forward each year to the race meet. Soccer fields are everywhere and if we need more then look at all the open space available throughout Pima County. Why does it make sense to destroy our beautiful landmark??? The Kino Sport area has many fields and throughout Tucson dozens of open fields are available for soccer. This doesn't even include all the public schools in our area that have fields available. Why destroy something to get more fields. Look at all the other options and I am certain that a better solution is available.  
Concerned Citizen [REDACTED]

- I believe conservation of open spaces is extremely important because of the impact we have wrought on native wildlife. Therefore, additional support for the Tucson Wildlife Center's mission of rescue, rehabilitation and release is critical and deserves more funding. I have rescued raptures and taken them to the current facility. They help heal some of the damage we impart on nature and wildlife.
- I believe continuing to purchase properties for open space is a priority.
- I believe it is especially important to purchase lands that are critical habitat for the species covered under the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. The unique beauty of the Sonoran Desert and its inhabitants is a continual tourist draw and an irreplaceable benefit for residents. Species impacted by fragmented habitat may never recover, so it is vital that we protect these areas as soon and as comprehensively as possible.
- I believe land acquisition for conservation should be a very high priority overall, arguably the highest. Acquiring land is a unique opportunity - once it's developed, it's off the table so an investment in land is an investment in the future. I only voted for a few of the park projects because I simply am not familiar enough with most of them to set priorities. I do consider parks and recreation to be an important area for improvement. Thanks for putting out this survey to get public input.
- i believe putting bond money toward the acquisition of open space is imperative to Pima County. Protection of our precious desert and it's wildlife habitats is what keeps tourists and citizens moving to Tucson. They want to participate in the beauty of this part of the country. If we do not protect open space we have lost our identity. Thank you for this survey.
- I believe the preservation of our open lands and the increase of them is of the highest priority.
- I do believe that the Brawley Wash restoration is of utmost importance to retain open lands and improve those we have.
- I do not agree with the County Administrator's recommendation of a decrease from the \$120 million that was tentatively recommended for open space protection -- if anything,

it should be increased. We need to acquire these lands while we have the opportunity -- otherwise, the opportunities may be lost.

- I feel it is very important to continue acquisition of open space in Pima county! We must resist the forces that would have us look like Maricopa County! Pima's natural area resources are unique and it is imperative that we protect them. Anything less than \$120 million is not adequate to meet these goals!
- I feel preserving our desert and open spaces is very important in the face of deep pocket developers blading our irreplaceable desert.
- I give high priority to Pima County's acquisition and preservation of endangered wildlife habitat and lands linking county wildlife migratory corridors.
- I know that this is difficult work,, and I thank you for doing such a thorough job. Many residents think that paying a few percent marginal taxes, or supporting a bond issue is similar to being flayed alive by Satan himself. However, I feel that a rising tide lifts all boats. By investing in our own local facilities, recreation areas and open space, we are creating the kind of Pima County that attracts businesses from outside the county, state, and nation. We elect our public servants to have a modicum of vision and plan for our future in ways that we cannot . We need county leaders that do the right thing, regardless of political pressure. If we wanted to live in tax-free ignorance and be run by a bunch of Tea Party morons, we would move to Maricopa County. Thanks.
- I most support projects that maximize open space acquisition and riparian and wildlife habitat and corridors. Secondly: passive recreation, such as hiking, biking, walking, environmental ed, etc. (in places that don't impact critical wildlife corridors. Recreation is not always compatible with wildlife needs in all places.) Thirdly, green-ways and bike/pedestrian and mass transit infrastructure in urban areas, and finally, arts, literacy and community/cultural development/preservation.
- I moved to Tucson 30 years ago specifically because of its beautiful open spaces and opportunities for recreation and culture. I hope we can maintain that beauty. Justin
- I strongly support improvements in libraries and parks and cultural amenities which serve the older, underserved core of Tucson. Institutions such as the Loft Cinema, adult education and career services downtown, and neighborhood parks serving historic neighborhoods are a priority. I also support any riparian and watershed restoration as well as open space acquisition for conservation and education purposes.
- I strongly urge open space acquisitions especially in the Tucson Mountains.
- I support open space acquisition, linear parks, green infrastructure projects, complete streets and small business incubation.
- I support the acquisition of land, and projects that would protect as much natural open space as possible. For the amount of vacant, old, and dilapidated buildings and development there is around Tucson, it seems logical to focus on renovating those areas

before expanding. Our landscape is what brings people to the unique desert, and if we continue to bulldoze it, or allow mines to come in and turn it into vast wastelands, we will be losing what brings people (and their money) here in the first place.

- I think it is vital that the County fund acquisitions of private land in order to further conservation of open space and key lands with critical conservation qualities. Ultimately, this should be the most important goal to the future of Tucson and its surrounding communities.
- I think open space protection should be a high priority and hope that Pima County will commit at least \$120 million for this purpose. Thank you.
- I truly appreciate Pima County's continued expansion of open spaces. The future of continued clean air and water and the protection of the beautiful creatures and vegetation of our Sonoran Desert must remain a top priority. Future generations will thank you for your foresight. Please allocate as much money as possible in the preservation of our environment. Thank you!
- I urge prioritization of improvements in the areas of the county that have low-income demographics, libraries, Pima Animal Care Center, and open/natural space.
- I urge the board to keep the Bond Advisory Committee's recommendation for open space acquisition at \$120 million. Open space and the desert habitat are important factors that give Pima County its unique character, one of the reasons we moved here in 2006.
- I value the acquisition of open space and sites of historical archeological significance in particular. Conserving these lands and sites for current and future generations is extremely important and any amount less than the \$120 million recommended by the BAC for acquisition of important lands such as these is insufficient.
- I was born in Tucson in 1932 have lived in the Tucson Mountains for many years. I have seen so much land abuse by developers that destroy what people need and many tourists come to Tucson for: beautiful scenery and enough open space that people and the desert can breathe freely. The open space ordinances have not been enforced. In the Sweetwater subdivisions, builders illegally counted privately owned property around the subdivision as open space in their application, plus they dumped scraping for flat lots into the washes they were supposed to leave natural and destroyed the desert plants and habitat for birds and animals. Please prioritize saving what community open space we have left, make the open spaces and hiking trails accessible to the public, and save as much of the flood plains around all the rivers from development. Thank you for this survey and asking for comments.
- I would especially like to see Pima County focus on protections of water and our riparian resources, Habitat protection and associated areas, and community open spaces. All are

finite resources here and under continued threat from unlimited sprawl and industrial development.

- I would like to let the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee know that above all programs that promote and focus on helping public improve their literacy, helping people find job, community open space, Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands, Neighborhood Reinvestment and Affordable Housing need the most attention in our county. These programs provide the most benefit to the county and to the well being of people living in the county.
- I would like to see programs for public open space purchase and purchase of wildlife habitat areas with connectivity for wildlife and some public trails and trail heads. Thank you.
- I would like to tell the Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) how crucial acquisition of open space protection is and that any amount less than \$120 million for open space is insufficient. As you may recall, the County Administrator has recommended a decrease from the \$120 million that has been tentatively recommended to the voters by the BAC for acquisition of important biological lands. Additionally, I would like to share my strong objection to any mining development in the Santa Rita Mountains, and would like to see ranchers pay more a "fair share" for the PUBLIC lands they use/abuse. Thank you.
- I would love to see any river-bank improvements mimic what has been done along the Arroyo Chico in the Miles/San Antonio neighborhoods where possible. Allowing community access, restoring a more natural slope, and developing quality park and open space as part of any project to the degree feasible. I have been to the Arroyo Chico park many times with my family since its recent improvement to walk along the path in the evening, listen to birds and crickets, and play in the grass, and we don't even live in the neighborhood. And I heard that the Army Corps of Engineers originally wanted to erect a razor wire and chain link fence around the whole thing! Please use that park as a standard for all urban river-bank improvements in the future.
- I'm 54 and have lived here all my life. Tucson has grown too large and lost its' desert character. Without the Sonoran desert, Tucson is nothing. Any project should take the preservation of the desert into account. We don't need to attract low income problems to our town by providing low income housing and other tax payers' burdens to low and no income people.
- improve parks. acquire more open spaces
- In general, I support any and all improvements or expansions of park and recreational and open space lands. I favor assistance for low income housing and improvements for health care. I take this opportunity to add a specific recommendation for the development of a velodrome at Kino athletic facility or anywhere in Tucson. I speak as one who has attended velodrome races many times, and at many sites, including

overseas, since we had a family member who was pretty good at the sport. I point out that there will be some economic boost if one is built. First, bike shops will sell "track" bikes, since typical road bikes are not suitable (or permitted ) on velodromes. Next, velodromes are big attractions for serious bicyclists. In San Diego, they had Friday night racing, then on Saturday night racing at the Encino velodrome near L.A. then Sunday afternoon at Dominguez hills. I predict a lot of riders would come from Phoenix to race, and stay overnight, eat burgers, etc. once this is built. And these races are easy to watch, since you can see the entire race from your seat, or hanging over the fences along the track. FUN! No, perhaps not as important as open space, but I hope we get a velodrome. Thanks for reading, [REDACTED]

- Increase open space land funding. It is critical to do it now while these parcels are still available.
- Investing in Pima County is our responsibility. We must care for our people, as well as the land that makes this region a wonderful place to live, work, and raise our families. Investing in a home for Literacy Connects and Job Path will help create a space where people feel safe to learn, and are treated with respect and dignity as they build the skills needed to contribute to the community at large. Many people who depend on Literacy Connects and Job Path are people who may otherwise fall through the cracks and become a drain on city and county resources. An investment in a building for these organizations benefit us all. But we must think broader than a single space for people, we must also consider affordable housing, neighborhood reinvestment, habitat protection and open space to create a livable place for us all.
- It has been extremely difficult to prioritize among the many worthy and important projects listed. I have personally supported those projects that preserve and protect our macro resources--land acquisition to protect archaeology and natural resources that will be valued for generations to come--as well as projects that assist underserved folks in the community and create a destination for tourists.
- It is crucial that acquisition of open space protection not be any amount that is less than \$120 million for open space.
- It is imperative that we preserve open space as we continue to develop our land. The desert way of life will disappear along with the animals and plants characteristic of this special place we call home. If we continue to disregard and pave over open space and land, we will destroy all that is special about the desert. I urge the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee to take a strong stance in favor of the preservation of open space here in Pima County.
- It is important that we continue to preserve open space, because once it's gone, it cannot be recovered. The \$120M recommended for this bond is the minimum that should be allocated, not the maximum.

- It is important to the quality of life in our county to preserve habitats, watersheds and open space in the Vail area. The time is now, while these areas still exist, and we must preserve sufficient land for these purposes.
- It would be very nice to see you use the available funds to buy and preserve open spaces. The sprawl of Tucson seems to make it less attractive and overwrought with an added volume of facilities that have to be maintained. The development in the downtown area and these lists are living proof.
- It's important to keep as much open land as possible for both the people who live here as well as the birds and animals with whom we coexist. Tourism is one of the most significant sources of income for Pima County and the birders are the people who spend the most money. In order to encourage this source of funding, we need to have open space and habitat protection. A minimum of \$120,000,000.00 should be allocated to this.
- Jobs programs are the bailiwick of the private sector, not government. We need help with roads, open spaces and quality of life issues.
- Land conservation bond amount needs to be at least 120 million dollars. :-)
- Lets focus on the pedestrian and preserving open space!!!
- Make obtaining land for conservation your highest priority. As Tucson grows, this will at some point cease to be possible. Control buffelgrass on Pima County lands, especially in saguaro areas if you want to save them.
- Many of these projects are either not necessary or have unwanted side effects that people living near them or impacted by the projects will have no ability to say no to once passed by those that vote when they discover what these projects really mean and do. Therefore, would like most of these projects dropped or seriously reduced in scope. Of course you are counting on folks voting for their pet projects without regard for other projects that people may not want once they figure out what all that means. Some of these projects could be accomplished by fund raising by folks that want them (like the hippo thing)not through bonds. The few projects that deal with maintenance of facilities rather than expansion (like Quincy Douglas) can be defended as taking care of infrastructure of the community. And as for more soccer fields that is just another sport like football that bashes the brains out of the youth. Why is the city/county being involved in and encouraging sports that help destroy young minds or at the least cause brain problems later in life. And caring for, maintaining, buying up open space that protects the tourist trade, a big source of income for the community as well as protecting our watersheds for future water recharging and natural flood management is just common good sense for the future of the community. Personally, seriously consider voting NO on these bonds due to so much waste and hidden agendas within it.

- More emphasis on bicycle paths and creating bike-friendly streets, please. My main wish for bond projects: wildlife and ecological conservation, open space.
- My number one priority is acquisition of open space, to be left as open space and not developed.
- My priorities are Open Space acquisition and conservation, neighborhood reinvestment and affordable housing. I strongly support the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan goals and priorities. Open space acquisition and conservation is a very important priority. Please commit the maximum amount of funds to this group of projects. Open space preserves important habitat, supports wildlife and provides climate change mitigation benefits. The economic impact of Open Space and other public lands is huge for our area. Ask Visit Tucson how many people come here for the natural beauty of the Sky Island region. In addition, we need that Open Space buffer zone as the climate heats up. There are some areas of Pima County that have more resources to devote to community needs, while other parts of the county have limited resources. The areas with limited resources should receive priority for bond funds.
- Need more protected OPEN SPACE, It brings folks to Tucson and is the most economic and jobs driver. Natural open space is not being made any more, and not reproducible later
- No more road improvements!! We're sick of all the construction and increased traffic noise once the roads have been widened, and many of the new road configurations are flatly ridiculous, disrupt existing traffic patterns, and increase driving time. Focus on improving quality of life through parks and open spaces.
- Not in favor of using bond money for road improvements (unless they deal with pedestrian and bicycle improvements). Also not in favor of using bond money for flood control. Both transportation and flood control could be funded with other monies (such as federal and state) or already have a lion's share of public money committed to them. Communities such as Green Valley need to incorporate and stop being a drain on the county without any obligation to govern themselves. Not in favor of any bond projects in communities that seek to take over (ie, steal) County-wide funded infrastructure. In times of money shortages, we should be using bond money to pay for improvements to quality of life and protection of our environment and open space. Not in favor of county funding more soccer fields - private partnerships or partnerships with school districts could be made for improvements to this sport. Why invest in historical preservation if no intention of maintaining it once it is in place? It is worthy of our funding, but only if it is done with long term commitment or with private partnerships to maintain. Would like to see our bond money spent helping the less advantaged in our community instead of building infrastructure that we will not maintain or operate properly.

- Obtain land in and around the cities for open space and wildlife movement through urban areas. Repave a lot more roads that have deteriorated.
- On the last page of the survey there is a "Comment" section. Please write a few sentences in that section about how much you value the acquisition of open space and that any amount less than \$120 million for open space is insufficient. As you may recall, the County Administrator has recommended a decrease from the \$120 million that has been tentatively recommended to the voters by the BAC for acquisition of important biological lands.
- Open public lands are so important in order for humans to live in harmony with wildlife, flora and fauna; improving protections of these properties would be an important priority.
- Open space ! This is the only thing where we will either preserve it or lose it - now. The \$120,000,000 is not nearly enough. If its not paved - buy it now, figure it out later. Thank you.
- Open space acquisition and protection are high priorities. There should be at least \$120 million available for acquisition of ecologically important lands.
- Open space acquisition for implementation and protection of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan should be our first priority for bond projects. It has to be done now, or the Plan will not work. Otherwise, all the time, energy and money already invested will be wasted.
- Open space acquisition should be a priority. It is not something that can be put off because when it's gone to development it is gone forever. Land prices are still low so now is the time to do it before development pressures to continue the sprawl heat up.
- Open space and protection of water resources are of critical importance. There was no option to indicate expansion of library print and e book resources, another area of concern. Thank you.
- Open space and wildlife habitat, and Pima Animal Care improvements are of utmost importance.
- Open space bond money needs to be reserved for the Santa Rita Mountains Regional Park when we defeat the Rosemont Mine scheme and purchase the mining claims to preserve the Santa Rita and Patagonia Mountains forever and a day. Thankyou for this survey!
- Open space projects and green ways are my focus
- Open space, conservation of and access to the natural world that we inherited, and preservation of endangered species (plants and animals) is extremely important at this time, as is reduction of our carbon footprint. Giving in to Pressures to overdevelop and over-utilize resources (especially water) in this fragile desert region are pressures that actually threaten quality of life for future residents in these times of serious climate

change. Every action that we might take today should be measured beforehand by understanding its long-term effects on quality of life in a truly sustainable fashion. With respect to the overall quality of the human environment, when we make a mistake, it often has negative effects that are irreversible or extremely difficult to correct. Now is the time to get it right.

- Open space/habitat lands acquisition to complete the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan is my number one priority. \$120 million is already an inadequate amount, way down from what was recommended. It should be no less than \$120 million at an absolute minimum, and should actually be more! Open space and our beautiful, biologically diverse surroundings are a huge boost to our economy--tourism generates \$2.5 billion a year in southern Arizona. This is an investment that will pay off many times over in the future.
- Open spaces needs a minimum of \$120 million please.
- Open spaces, cultural and historical investment, investment in the arts, walkability and sustainability!
- Painted Hills should be preserved forever. No amount of money could replace the natural beauty which currently exists, especially replacing open space with development.
- Pima County needs to continue acquiring natural conservation properties, to insure that wildlife corridors and the Sonoran Desert environment are preserved for all county residents, present and future.
- Please add bicycle path improvements to the list! There were none. Also more natural open space and wildlife habitat acquisition, not enough on the lists!
- Please allocate \$120 million for acquisition of open space protection. It is our greatest asset. Thank you for your hard work on these issues. [REDACTED]
- Please dedicate at least the \$120,000 previously discussed to preserve open space and address environmental quality for the Tucson area. Thank you!
- Please do more in western Pima County, such as protecting the Ajo Scenic loop by acquiring private and mine company lands or adding conservation easements along its route. This loop is important for Ajo tourism, wildlife, and open space conservation.
- Please do not budget less than \$120 million for open space acquisition. The acquisition of biologically important lands is my number one priority! Anything less than \$120 million for this purpose is simply insufficient. Thank you.
- Please finish the Loop and its connectors! I am pro investment/revitalization in the Barrio Ochoa/South Tucson/south of 22nd Ave area. I am pro bike routes, walkability, open space, and education.

- Please focus on PRESERVING undeveloped land - we don't need more buildings. Fix and repair existing ones and encourage businesses to open in empty storefronts instead of opting for new construction.
- Please include as much funding as possible to conserve open natural areas and space for natural plants and wildlife.
- Please include Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package as both these programs are committed to working for the betterment of Pima County to provide the necessary training of children to succeed in school and train and educate adults for a second chance which will improve our current and future workforce and economic growth for our community. Both of these organizations are hampered by the lack of facilities to better support the work they are doing. I urge you to support these very important facility program for Literacy Connects and JobPath as they have worked collaboratively for several years to achieve and support our most critical assets the people of Pima County. I also believe and feel strongly that in addition to Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility that other programs should also be included in the bond package to improve Pima County, which includes Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. Thank you for your commitment and work and to make the above programs a part of the bond package to improve Pima County.
- Please invest in the arts and culture of Tucson, invest in open space and archaeological sites, invest in parks and community centers! Please! The whole city is in need of your thoughtful leadership! Thank you.
- Please preserve natural open spaces in Tucson and surrounding areas, including protection of Wildlife Habitats. Also as a community Tucson is working hard to become a NO-Kill Community for shelter pets. Please support much needed funding to educate, administer medical care, rescue and re-home these animals, as well as practice TNR with feral populations. Thank You
- Please preserve our open space and riparian corridors; any efforts to offset increasing temperatures and drier conditions as climate change impacts (on wildlife and habitat) our area should also be a priority.
- Please prioritize bond money to go to Natural Area Conservation, Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands and Community Open Space.
- Please protect existing green belts and try to acquire more of them. The desert is disappearing, and with it all the charm and appeal of our Pima County. Development is not worth it, especially if the value and appeal to potential customers is destroyed in the process.
- Please put a high priority on Community Open Space, Habit Protection, and Natural Area Conservation. I was born her in the 1930s and there has been so much needless

destruction of beautiful places and so much fragmentation animal and bird pathways that we are losing or endangering many plants, animals of all kinds and birds that I used to see when I was young. I'd like my great grandchildren to have something left to enjoy about Tucson and Pima County.

- Please remember that art and culture have been proven to increase all positive economic indicators for communities that commit to the visual and performing arts. And, please protect the native landscape that defines Pima Community and gives it the character and value we are entrusted to preserve.
- please save our open spaces
- Please save our wild life and open spaces for the future. We need both to survive.
- Please save the cultural heritage of Tucson and highlight the contributions of Hispanic-Americans, African-Americans, Native-Americans, Jews, and women. Continue to preserve historic buildings, open spaces, and green belts. Build bicycle lanes and walking paths. It is also important to help the economic future of Tucson by supporting "Tucson First" buying policies, small businesses, and improved roads, and affordable housing. I love this city, but I am ashamed of our neglected public spaces and buildings, and our poor roads. The corridor from the airport to the central part of Tucson is a blighted eyesore with weeds, litter, and ugly billboards. This is not the introduction we want for our city as international guests arrive. The road to our highly-regarded Pima Air and Space Museum is also a disgrace. BUILD ROADS! Build a downtown hotel!! This should have been done years ago!!! And don't go for cheap. We need an elegant downtown meeting place where we can draw classy events and create a destination type resort that can serve the Gem Show and out of town conventions. We have to save the Gem Show which is unique for a city of this size. It not only brings money to our community, but it is an educational opportunity for students as well as stimulating possible careers for our young people in mining, assay and analysis of minerals, geology, paleontology, and many other occupations. I was disappointed when the Rainbow Bridge and desert species aquarium were nixed. These are the kind of bold ideas that would have given our city an identifiable focal point that people would want to see. Think: The Golden Gate Bridge, St. Louis Arch, Times Square. You get the idea. We have so much to offer visitors and no one knows about it. Think BIG and in the words of Gabby Giffords, "BE BOLD" in your decision-making. I am tired of people confusing us with the bland urbanization of Phoenix. We can't even fix the rundown infrastructure we already have. Let's get some leadership and get going. There are a lot of us who want to help. I was very active in the American/Israel Friendship League for many years. I guided dozens of Israeli students and chaperones throughout Tucson to see the barrio district, our courthouse, the Desert Museum, Ted DeGrazia's Gallery of the Sun, the oldest Jewish synagogue in Tucson, St. Augustine Cathedral, Old Tucson Studios, Agua Caliente Park,

Tumacacori, Tubac, A Mountain, the Historical Society Museum, the Tucson Art Museum, Pima Air and Space Museum, and the Titan Missile Museum. They couldn't believe all our history and culture and they come from a place that has history. Thank you for finally asking us what we want and letting us have a small voice in the process. I wish I could have selected everything. All these projects are worthy.

- Please support affordable housing, open space preservation, neighborhood reinvestment, and the Literacy Connects and Job Path proposal.
- Please support Open Space as VALUABLE! Just because Open Space doesn't bring money to an investor doesn't mean it's not valuable to people and a community. Part of the beauty of living in Pima County is to be able to still have access to open space areas, see wildlife, and take advantage of the therapeutic nature of the outdoors.
- Please try and protect and preserve as much of the desert/ open space around Tucson, as you can! Thank you!
- preservation of open space is important to keep the natural beauty of our desert. Developers should not be allowed to continue constructing housing in traditionally scenic areas & animal corridors. Funding should be increased, not decreased.
- preserve our cultural heritage and historic buildings which are assets to our community. spur economic development. preserve and maintain the open spaces that make this county so unique.
- Protecting natural open space, preservation of the Sonoran desert treasures (plants, wildlife & culturally significant locations), should be top priority for these bond projects.
- Purchase the Kelly Ranch/Desert Springs property next to Catalina State Park and keep it open space
- Save natural open space.
- Save open space and watershed areas. Do not concrete channelize the Santa Cruz. It will look like Los Angeles and become a useless river.
- Strong support for natural open space, trails and protecting what makes this county unique from others in the county. Don't need more roads or cementing of the rivers.
- Support continued expansion of walking and multiuse paths, including "The Loop". Trailheads and additional access points to open space are also needed. Support programs such as Job Path and Literacy Connects, and other constructive anti-poverty programs.
- Thanks for providing the opportunity to express our preferences. We hope preferences for the preservation of open space, natural parks, and hiking prevail.
- The acquisition and preservation of open space and natural areas is essential to ensuring Pima County remains a beautiful, healthy and attractive place to live and work. By allocating as much of the recommended \$120 million as possible to preserving biologically rich lands, we will be making an investment in the future of our communities

by protecting that which makes Pima County healthy, unique, and an ideal place to raise a family.

■ The best way to incorporate the immigrants and get that they love the USA is that they learn so soon English -almost immediately that they arrive to this country. For them, the English language is the tool to understand better the new place where they are living; it is the best tool to learn their rights and responsibilities; it is the best tool to get better jobs; it is the best tool that they can use to raise their quality of lives, their families, their friends, their neighborhoods. English is the chain to build a nation with the same dream, the American Dream "the opportunity for prosperity and success, and an upward social mobility achieved through hard work" -James Truslow Adams. Because we can do more together for a better USA; these are my priorities for 2014: Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility Community Open Space Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands Neighborhood Reinvestment Affordable Housing Sincerely, ■  
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- The county must fund many of these items ensuring a quality lifestyle for current and future residents. Maintaining and preserving our Sonoran desert ecosystem is one of the most important. Minimum bonding levels of 120M should not be reduced.
- The county needs to acquire as much open land as possible before it disappears forever. Especially areas of unique or important wildlife concern. Needless to say, all the projects presented in this survey are important and worthwhile. It really is somewhat unpleasant having to choose. It's a very different United States than the one I grew up in thanks to the fact that rich people are richer than ever and don't pay taxes anymore.
- The emphasis for projects should be on preservation of Pima County's historic and cultural resources and provide open space and recreation opportunities. Business interests and developers should be asked to cover more of the cost of transportation infrastructure and training instead of relying on the public to foot the bill for ventures in which they profit.
- The most important use of bond funds is the acquisition and protection of open space. Because once it's gone there is no recourse for bringing it back. Part of what makes Pima County special and a desirable place to live is the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert - unique in the world! There needs to be at least \$120 million in funds for this project. Thank you for reaching out to the community for input.
- The open space budget should not be cut.
- The proposed Canoa Ranch Historical Mueseum is a financial disaster in the making. It will never be able to be self supporting & will be a constant drain of County funds to subsidize it. This is just another small clique using their political connection to foist a doomed project onto the backs of the County taxpayers. The Center for Performing Arts in Green Valley is another project that is asking for a subsidy to keep it in operation.

And they want more money to be wasted by adding to the facility. It should never have been approved originally as the citizens in the area are not interested in it. Despite the glowing reports of consultants & a small clique of politically connected people, this facility will never be able to survive because the local taxpayers are not supporting it with their attendance. And please quit spending tax dollars on open space that in most cases developers & ranchers can't find private investors to buy. **FIXING OUR INFRASTRUCTURES SHOULD BE YOUR MAIN PRIORITY !!!!!** We taxpayers do not have unlimited funds for you politicians to throw away. If this were your money, I'm sure you **WOULD** spend it more wisely.

- The quality of life in Tucson depends on habitat preservation and continuity and open space. This will drive infill and consolidation of infrastructure. Libraries are important, but I could not identify which projects are best. Job creation is important, but only if they sustain the employee and his family. Rillito Racetrack should be kept as a track, not converted into soccer fields. It is a place of historical importance in horse racing.
- The Rillito race track facility should be converted from horse racing to an open space facility. The community needs are extensive for open space and the horse facility is under utilized.
- There are so many worthwhile projects that need funding that it is very hard to decide which to vote for. One thing that must be preserved is our open space and recreational areas. Our riparian habitats as well as our natural desert areas must be preserved. Outdoor recreation is a major economic benefit to Tucson and Pima County. Billions of dollars are spent in Arizona every year on equipment and fees for camping, hiking, birding, fishing, etc. Local businesses, hotels, and restaurants all benefit from these activities. Our beautiful desert and its surrounding mountains, riparian areas and grasslands is a very special place. Please work to protect and maintain what makes Arizona such a wonderful place to live.
- There is a great need for more parks and open space. This should be a priority. Many of the parks and open areas should be kept in natural vegetation with trails and interpretation Protection from vandalism needs to be planned & provided. Noise abatement please! Plan to reduce flooding within the city - plan more water catchment areas, parks & green areas Wiser landscaping for beauty and low water use.
- These are tough decisions based on need in each area of town. Most proposed projects appeared needed or of benefit to the community. I would like to see more open space purchased for preservation and in town parks created.
- Too many of these are parks and places with which I'm not familiar so I cannot make a sensible statement or vote about them. Basically, Pima County needs to put necessary funds where most needed. That means preserving our history, saving open lands/habitat wherever possible, building and repairing city infrastructure, such as

roads, roads, roads. I'm a tree hugger and would not vote a single dime for new development. What we have now, though, needs to be cared for, enhanced where possible and preserved for the future. Also, the outlying towns, particularly Ajo need to be kept in the mainstream of things. Wish I had better comments to make. Really appreciate the survey and hope that only good things come from it. David Danby

- Tucson has expanded rapidly since I have lived here. I am afraid that the open space and the natural desert will be overwhelmed by our commercial interests. Please do all you can to preserve the natural beauty of this part of Arizona
  - Tucson needs more open green space and natural parks, not just sports parks.
  - Use money to purchase open space for wildlife watching. Preserve riparian areas.
  - We are particularly interested in Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands and Community Open Space. Thank you for asking!
  - We have missed many opportunities to preserve Tucson's desert and natural open space. It's important that we act on this now and the next few years, before more of our natural resources and wildlife are gone or beyond preservation. Thank you.
  - We need all of the money possible for preservation of open spaces and development of the Catalina Regional Park.
  - We need open spaces. Reid Park is becoming one giant developed area. The zoo and other developed areas of the park are taking over valuable green and grassy space that children, adults and dogs need for running, jumping and just plain lounging. The grassy areas at Reid Park, and other metro area parks, are largely set aside for baseball and soccer. The average joe can't access the grassiest and best-kept areas of our parks.
- We need to be doing a lot more for both domestic animals and wildlife. Our continuous expansion into the desert is pushing wildlife into more contact and conflict with humans - where they will ALWAYS lose. Where are they supposed to go?! We need to buy more land specifically to preserve wildlife habitat throughout the county. Nature is irreplaceable - once it's gone, it's gone! Personally speaking, I don't want to live in a concrete and asphalt jungle, county or world, for that matter. The "pound" needs a lot more money invested in it - not only for the conditions for the animals but also to develop more programs and events to promote adoption. Perhaps the better behaved animals could be making visits to elementary, middle, and high schools on a frequent basis. Senior centers as well! Animals are a gift to us, why can't they be promoted to the population as that?! Pima County, as with all others, will ALWAYS need more than it has. The natural world and animals are limited and ALWAYS will be. I really feel that we need to get our priorities straight NOW to preserve the wonders of this world for future generations - I think that we owe that to them. Sincerely, ■  
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- We need to buy more open space for wildlife!!

- We truly have a literacy and education crisis in this community, that affects adults and children. It is no wonder Tucson is the 6th poorest city of its size in the nation. While we need to invest in infrastructure and recreation as well, addressing issues of literacy and poverty must take priority at this time. The proposal to create a literacy and training hub for Literacy Connects and Jobpath, along with funds for affordable housing, open space and neighborhood investment simply make good sense. With high stakes testing of third grade reading levels starting this year, our community must act now to prevent a further slide into poverty and low literacy levels. Thank you for soliciting our input and for all of your hard work on the bond! Sincerely, [REDACTED]
- When money is tight, I think we should focus on things that are the responsibility of the County. Parks, Libraries, Open Space, Health care.
- While I think many of these projects are important, for me the number one top most priority is that amidst all of this development and expansion we continue to designate funds towards protecting and preserving what natural beauty we have left here in Tucson and the surrounding areas. That's what draws many here, and that's what kept me here. Thanks!!
- With ever increasing subdivision development the need for Open Space acquisition is imperative. We need to continue the Sonoran Desert conservation plan, especially for protecting wildlife corridors. Thus anything less than the \$120M originally proposed should be considered.
- Yes! I would stress that the priority on any building projects concentrate on using already-existing structures and making improvements, upgrades to those buildings, which might save money in the long run and not eat up existing open land. The other option would be to demolish buildings no longer reasonably sound and build a new structure there. We must save as much open space as possible -- space that is in its natural state and is so necessary to the native wildlife we have usurped and threatened for too long. We owe it to them. Of course, large spaces are the best solution for our existing wildlife -- if we are to maintain the beautiful desert and way of life we were originally known for, and respect our fellow non-human residents. They are a very necessary part of our desert life and we depend on them, as well. However, small pockets of space can also provide areas for wildlife, especially birds, butterflies, small rodents, etc. Some areas can be improved and more desirable to the wildlife with the inclusion of native wildflowers (and this also includes so-called weeds which should be protected and respected), trees, etc. It IS reasonable, viable and important. So much of our lovely desert has already been devastated and as much as possible we need to build and grow within our already-established boundaries and use what now sits empty and neglected. That is progress! Thank you.

- Yes, although I am a resident of Maricopa County, I often travel to the Tucson area and other parts of Pima County for recreational purposes. I hope that open space land purchases will be fully funded in the upcoming bond issue. 120 million is not too much. Thanks
- You should ask if people feel than can afford another tax....very little preservation of historic and cultural open space was a choice.

### **Negative Comments**

- Be responsible and focus bond \$entirely on job creation and infrastructure improvements. We have spent enough on open space for the next 50 years.
- Bond money focused on Pima Animal Care Center now could in the long run save money for the county, particularly if funds can be used for Spay/Neuter programs to stem the flow of unwanted animals. Better visibility of PACC could help promote adoptions. This is a part of Pima County government that has been overlooked and if properly addressed could eventually result in sheltering costs redirected to other areas of need in the county. Not to mention the moral issue of euthanizing 13,000 animals per year. This is NOT a sustainable operation of the county. Current investment in job development can save money for the county in the long run if residents are able to find employment, pay taxes, pay their own way. I think that the county has historically focused considerable funding on open space and cultural resources which were very worthy but now the targets of funding need to change. Transportation funding is important but continued emphasis on auto travel needs to be replaced by more emphasis on multi-modal transportation.
- Focus on economic development and community infrastructure and beautification. We have enough open space.
- Given that the County is constantly riding the capacity to bond, it should focus this round of bonds to reduce economic development barriers (improve infrastructure for development), eliminate spending on open space and focus on core needs of streets and public safety. Get out of the business of acting like another city and quit asking City residents to fund all the perimeter needs. Finally, allow the private sector to put more funds in the local coffers so localities can do their jobs better. Frankly, I can see spending any more money on bonds until the tax rates can be reduced. If I see one open space issue on this bond, I will vote no.
- I appreciate you're trying to do good works, and I hope all goes well with new projects which have potential benefit. I nearly listed support for transportation improvements, but after watching the railway in downtown Tucson develop into something so wasteful and mostly useless I decided against it. Please look out for the arts and sciences whenever you can. Please keep developing open space to a minimum. If something new

must be built, use land with empty/disused buildings and leave wildlife habitat alone whenever possible.

- I feel we have acquired enough open space, it is past time to take care of what we already have. Our roads are in terrible condition which costs all residents money for added repairs. I am for projects that do not involve expansion, let us be fiscally responsible for what we already have. While this can not be done overnight, if we start somewhere, well that is a start. I do not feel that bonds are necessary to complete some projects, we have more bonds in our county than all the other counties in our state put together, that is a fact. The Board of Supervisors would look much better in the public's eye if they make due with what they have, residents have been doing this since 2009, please do join in! Thank You, Respectfully, [REDACTED]
- I think we have spent enough money on land conservation projects and environmental issues now we need to spend money on things that attract business and tourism. I also think we need to make a major investment in overall transportation infrastructure to attract business.
- It is a shame to put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Open Space program and not maintain the infrastructure that was put in for public access by dismantling the Open Space maintenance crew. The County is losing out on thousands of dollars of Habitat Protection Committee (HPC) funds through Arizona Game and Fish for habitats the County owns. Why should we vote for more Open Space when you are not even maintaining what you purchased in the last Bond.
- Last bond election had plenty of open space money. This time reduce the percentage allocated to open space, more for parks.
- Money is limited, and should be directed towards bond projects where a larger number of people with limited resources will benefit the most. "Pet projects" like purchasing more open space, saving dilapidated buildings, or designating areas as having historical value, only increases the value to the property owners, and will not benefit the majority of county inhabitants. Privately held property should be maintained by the owner who is benefiting from the ownership. Pima County is not in business to increase their wealth.
- Parks, parks, parks!!! Our parks are falling apart and there are not enough of them. Bond projects should focus on correcting this deficiency. Proposals regarding open space are way too fuzzy. I would support land acquisition for Tortolita Mountain Park - but not an open-ended ticket to spend money as directed by the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection.
- Pima County Government seems to insist on spending money on everything, including the luxuries before fully funding and taking care of the necessities. I suppose some would argue what the necessities are and would also include as necessities what I would

call luxuries. This failure to take care of the public necessities, of spending taxpayer money on luxuries before ALL public necessities have been taken care of has got to stop NOW. And what are the necessities? Police and fire protection. Road maintenance, improvements, and road building. Bridge repair. Sewer line repair and other utility infrastructure maintenance and repair. Those things MUST be fully addressed first before you even think about anything else. Only then can you prioritize money for the luxuries. Also, the County must STOP spending money to save the desert and save so-called historical ranches and ranch land. That's NOT the business of Pima County. That has got to STOP NOW. All the open space and excessive park spending has got to STOP NOW. We don't have the money. You are bleeding the taxpayer dry. Keep up the present County spending patterns, and you will turn Pima County into Detroit #2. The City of Tucson is rapidly going toward Detroit's fate, for the City Council just wants to spend and spend like there is no tomorrow. STOP THE SPENDING, NOW!!!

- Please look at projects that will have a positive impact on existing businesses and true economic growth in the area. The Kino Stadium proposal is one that has the potential to bring additional revenue to the area and especially businesses that serve that area. We also need to look at services that the private sector can provide and give them the incentives to provide those services. Arizona and Pima has enough publicly held land. I understand that acquisitions may need to be made for certain projects, but it may be time to look at consolidation of some of the parks, selling the properties, and using the funds to make the improvements on the remaining parks and rec areas. Sometimes less is more. More properties in the hands of non-government related industries would also mean more taxes which could be used to fund other needed improvements.
- The Ajo taxpayers need not be burdened with more taxes for non-profit entities such as ISDA and the Community Health Center, who managed to run a taxpaying business out of business with their government funded pharmacy. Taxes were added to Ajo properties when ISDA purchased a private company who was paying property taxes and then those taxes were spread on the Ajo properties because ISDA was non profit. No property taxes should go to the upkeep of the Plaza in Ajo nor the Park as ISDA was aware the park was there when they bought all the downtown area and now wants the taxpayers to keep it up. Not good planning on their part nor should any of their projects be funded by Pima County taxpayers. I am totally opposed to Pima Co acquiring any more lands or ranches within the county and again taking them off the tax roles and putting the burden on the taxpayers. I have no objections to funding libraries and road improvements. Noticed that Ajo Community Golf Course was on your list and they are no longer a non-profit entity (they lost their non profit status years ago according to the IRS ruling) and-it is not up to Ajo taxpayers to fund a small group of

people in order for them to play golf. Their property belongs to you (Pima County) and you do not get any proceeds from their revenue.

- The county needs to include a bond program that will start repairing the existing roads that are shot. This program is already 20 years behind the times. As an example, River Road from Oracle to Orange Grove is deteriorating far in advance of its original life expectancy. Quit granting money to the City of South Tucson for unstated reasons. Open Space land acquisitions do NOT pencil out as a benefit to the community. Get the horse track out of town. 50 years ago it used to be just that! The stands are a fire and building safety hazard. Tear it down and save the Jockey change room behind the stands for a "historical" building.
- Tighten up the truth in bonding so the supervisors and administrator can't use the money for their pet projects like happened with the last two open space bonds. Tens of Millions of allocated truth in bonding funds were funneled from the Tortolita area.

### **Canoa Ranch Historic Interpretive Center**

- No open-ended comments were received

### **Mission San Xavier East Tower Restoration**

#### **Positive Comments**

- All these projects actually are quite deserving. I am, in general, for maintaining what we already have in place, acquiring open space or similar sites that will otherwise be lost forever and funding a few long term, ongoing projects like San Xavier's east tower.
- Even though I live in Pinal County, I visit SAm Xavier del Bac whenever I have guests. Along with the Desert Musuem they are our 2 top sites. Please vote to preserve the Mission. Thank you, [REDACTED]
- I am very happy to see The Loft Cinema located under "Libraries, Community Facilities, and Museums". The Loft has always been a very important part of my life growing up in Tucson, and I feel it is as integral in our community as The Desert Museum, San Xavier Mission, and many other wonderful Tucson heritage sites.
- I don't see any recreation, parks, libraries on the Tohono O'odham Reservation at San Xavier or at Sells. Need road improvements on Camino de Oeste between Ina road and Pima Farms Raod. Need road improvements on Pima Farms Road between Camino de Oeste & Cortaro Farms Road. Need community park, recreation facilities & library in Pima Farms Road area between Cortaro and Camino de Oeste. Need to expand rec facilities at Denny Dunn Park.
- I moved to Tucson, AZ in 1974 from Iowa. I attended the U of A and worked at TMC for 25 years. When visitors from out of town come, I make sure we visit what I consider our treasures. One is San Xavier Mission and the other is AZ Sonora Desert Mueum. I have added an additional Tucson treasure and that would be the Loft Cinema. I started

taking my grandson to movies there ten years ago when he was thirteen. We went to documentaries that were more entertaining than any action movie. He learned so much about the world from these films. The Loft shows films from nearly 70 different countries. It collaborates with many different departments at the U of A plus many community organizations. Since becoming a nonprofit, it has improved the facility itself, has become a unique arts organization and has helped beautify Speedway which Life magazine once called one of the ugliest streets in America. It truly deserves your support.

- I would like to see some funds to the San Xavier Indian Reservation. Funds are needed for construction of a storm water drainage that BoR is engineering. Also a bike and skate park, sites have already been selected. [REDACTED]
- Please strongly consider proposing the allocation of bond funds to save the historical, cultural center of San Xavier.
- San Xavier mission is a huge tourist draw for Pima County. Thousands visit each year. Pima County needs to help restore the east tour. The Mission is priceless.
- The county planning is not doing enough to protect and maintain many of the historic sites that make Tucson unique. Tucson used to be a showcase destination filled with fascinating activities and sites to see. History is all around us; whether it be DMAFB, Old Tucson, the Pima Air and Space Museum or San Xavier Mission all have something to offer and all are Pima County. Allocation for bond projects requires vision for the future, not just a glimpse towards what seems to be a quick manner to spend funds. In comparison to areas from other states, Pima County is becoming a destination that is poorly maintained in the eyes of visitors and potential residents; this saddens those of us that have always made Tucson are home. Thank you
- The Mission is in Great need for completion of restoration. Please consider how important this wonderful monument is to tourism and how many visitors make it their first stop.
- There are many needs that have to be addressed and with a successful bond election the county can address many of them. I want to speak up for San Xavier Mission. It is probably the corner stone icon of Tucson, Southern Arizona and possibly all of Arizona, with the exception of the Grand Canyon. The very modest request, compared to so many others, should be recognized and respected for a very realistic approach to a very important and critical need. The Mission is one of the few items on the list of requests that will benefit everyone directly and indirectly in Pima County.
- We need to be focused in our efforts. I travel a great deal and am constantly amazed at the preservation and restoration efforts in Europe. San Xavier is an iconic symbol for Tucson. It needs all the love and attention we can give it.

- Yes. The Mission San Xavier project is extremely important. This structure is the true "icon" of Pima County and due to the number of tourists visiting it each year, it deserves support from the county! To let the last piece of its restoration go unattended to would be a CRIME.

### **Negative Comments**

- 1. Public money should not be spent on welfare ranchers that destroy the land, create dust and flood problems, and drain the economy. When the county buys conservation land, the residents, buildings, and cows should be permanently removed, not enshrined as part of Arizona's destructive rancher-worship myth. If a family wants their "historic ranch" preserved, let them pay for it or find their own investors. My father owns "historic" property in Virginia, but we aren't asking any government entity to buy it, pay for its upkeep, tell us how wonderful we are, or sacrifice infrastructure projects that benefit the whole community on the altar of our family "heritage". 2. If people insist that their kids must play ball on a water-sucking, mosquito-infested lawn, let them buy the land, build the field, and pay for its water and upkeep. County parks and school grounds should have natural desert vegetation or desert-appropriate landscaping and be usable by everyone for walking, biking, community gatherings, etc. The whole "park = ball" tradition is inappropriate in Tucson, especially when public money is being spent. 3. Too many of the options that the survey offered for economic improvement projects are for buildings to be built, programs to be started, businesses to be "incubated" or "attracted", and other things that will never see the light of day. How about using the existing office buildings that have been vacant for years? What about a moratorium on urban sprawl in neighborhoods like Corona, which has a decade's worth of finished houses that have never been sold or occupied, continuous building/bulldozing with no end in sight (and no flood control on Houghton Road), and 8,000 people with no grocery store or public transportation into town? 4. Why is the county building anything for the UA, the Desert Museum, San Xavier Mission, and other entities that have their own sources of funding? 5. Pima Animal Care needs more than a new facility. No matter how much space they have, they'll fill it up with animals because they (and the county) refuse to educate the public and would rather warehouse-and-kill than change the culture. Make lessons on responsible animal care (including the importance of spay/neuter for population control) mandatory for county school children every year in health class (not just a single token visit from an animal rescue organization). Work with vets and rescues to offer free walk-in spay/neuter/vaccination services with expanded hours and, if possible, transportation (existing clinics, even when free, have limited hours and require scheduling so they're useless for many part-time workers and people with newly-rescued strays). Offer free dog training for people who adopt dogs and

puppies, and discourage the "dog-as-weapon" mentality that pervades southern Arizona. Dissolve PACC's financial entanglement with the Southern Arizona Humane Society. PACC should set an example for other shelters in the transparency of its finances, euthanasia/adoption rates, staff turnover, mission and policies, etc. that will ideally lead to regulations requiring all other shelters and rescues to provide these things.

### **Honey Bee Village Site Interpretation and Preservation**

- No open-ended comments were received

### **Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project**

- The Altar Wash project is just going to get more difficult and more expensive to remedy as the years go by. Money used now will prevent worse problems in the future