

2013 Pima County Bond Preference Survey – Open ended comments by Project or Category

Job Growth, Education and Workforce Training
Pima County One Stop Career Center
Freedom Park Adult Learning Center
Literacy Connects and Job Path Programs Facility
Pima County Community College Health Education Campus
Marana Cultural and Heritage Park - Economic Development
Oro Valley Business Accelerator
Town of Sahuarita Business Center
City of South Tucson Economic Development Land Bank
Business Neighborhood Stabilization Program
Business Façade/Public Infrastructure Improvement Project
Pima County Small Business Incubator
Sonoran Corridor Highway Improvements between I-10 and I-19
Residential Noise Attenuation Program for DMAFB
Science Park Drive - Rita Road to Pantano Road Improvements
Pima County Small Business Entrepreneur and Academic Center
South 12th Ave Cultural and Culinary Corridor

Pima County One Stop Career Center

- No open-ended comments were received

Freedom Park Adult Learning Center

- No open-ended comments were received

Literacy Connects and Job Path Programs Facility

Positive Comments

- A top priority for me is the Literacy Connects / Learning Seed program. I am a volunteer reading coach at Sopori Elementary School in Amado and have seen first hand how one on one coaching can help struggling readers. Now that Arizona has adapted a policy not to promote children who cannot read at a third grade level to fourth grade it is even more important that struggling readers get the help they need to succeed. Some of the things that make Learning Seed successful are the frequent seminars that prepare volunteers for coaching. The program also provides an excellent library of books coaches can borrow, and used and donated book the children can take home to keep. In order to continue and expand this work, Literacy Connects and Learning Seed need the support of Pima County. Providing an excellent education to our young people should be a top priority for Pima County and supporting volunteer organizations like Literacy connect / Learning Seed is an effective way to accomplish this goal. [REDACTED]
- As a literacy volunteer, I am aware of the need for a permanent facility for Literacy Connects. This organization provides a vital service to the community.

- As both a teacher who utilizes the Reading Seed program with my first grade students and a volunteer with the Women's Literacy Network, I am privileged to see some of the many benefits that Literacy Connects provides to Pima County. A permanent housing for Literacy Connects will enable more services and training to be given to community members. I have seen how just one volunteer from Literacy Connects can change a child's life and make school a place for possibilities for disadvantaged students. I have also been privileged to participate in the Women's Literacy Network, another branch of Literacy Connects, and see both quantitatively and qualitatively how assisting women in literacy changes not only their lives, but also impacts the community and changes the literacy achievement for future generations. I am positive that any additional revenue given to Literacy Connects will enhance the quality of life and fiscal responsibility--both present and future--of numerous Tucsonans.
- As someone who has already benefited immensely from the services that Literacy Connects offers to Arizonans, I believe that building a permanent infrastructure to house their many services and projects would not only help in continuing to provide the so needed services they already provide to a multitude of people, but it can also greatly aid in their efforts to create and provide more services and to reach more Arizonans to provide them with better opportunities for success.
- Certainly I am endorsing the literacy connects project because I think it delivers necessary services to our community that are neglected by other organizations in the community. I also endorse protecting our environment and creating livable habitats for animals in the wild. I also want to support the humane treatment of neglected pets. I also think we need to educate the misguided and ensure that more unwanted pets/animals are released into the community.
- Clearly, all projects in this survey have some merit but not many have (1) community-wide impact, such as economic development coupled with (2) urgency and concomitantly (3) enhances quality of life. Hence top priority should be given to three of the cited above attributes. Of the projects delineated in this survey, one example which has a great deal of merit and community-wide impact plus urgency is the facility for Literacy Connects and JobPath. The link between literacy and jobs is too obvious to need any additional supportive arguments.
- 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!!

- Financing a permanent home for Literacy Connects should be a high prior. Literacy Connects provides effective and cost effective (mostly volunteer labor) to improve literacy throughout the county. Funding for completion of the multi-use river trails should a high priority.
- For me, literacy acquisition touches on solutions to many issues in Pima County. So, the most important place to focus, in my opinion, is supporting a place for Literacy Connects and Job Path to do their work. Second in importance, is community commons, since this is a disappearing phenomenon across our country. This encompasses schools, parks, libraries, community-available sports and cultural facilities and infrastructures. It's hard to know where to focus, however, our less fortunate communities suffer the most from lack of communal gathering places. The Loft is part of the cultural commons which must be preserved. This is the only place in Tucson where movies which aren't block-busters but more particular in focus and depth can be found. The movies at the Loft give a broader perspective out of which to interpret life. These movies, as I said, usually aren't blockbuster movies but inform from other viewpoints.
- Hello to all of you on the Advisory Committee, I cannot imagine what a difficult yet fulfilling task lies ahead of you all in finalizing projects to improve quality of life in this city. I grew up in Tucson, and after ten years of exploring other parts of the country I found I'd left my heart here. My name is [REDACTED]; I met my husband here and will soon give birth to our daughter and raise her here in central Tucson. I am excited by the prospect that your committee will help my family because you listen to our needs. It is my personal opinion that what my city needs in order to be successful is access to job training and proper education for adults and children alike. A solid education perpetuates a cycle, much like a lack luster education does. If we can provide adults with access to literacy skills and job training, then those adults find happiness and personal fulfillment while contributing to their city, through a job they could not perform without the ability to read and write, expressing ideas that can create positive and lasting change. All children are influenced by their parents; if they see a mother or father who has worked hard to improve the quality of life for themselves and the whole of their family, they are far more likely to follow a path beholding to those values. Naturally, those values bleed into the rest of the society they live in. All people have hardships, and in cases where these mothers and fathers bear the weight of personal shortcomings with alcohol or drug abuse as an escape from reality, it will be tenfold a weight on their kids. If we can offer the opportunity to at least improve the educational aspects of their lives, it will be easier to build the confidence to master the next challenge and the next, whilst all the time improving the self esteem of the parents, the life of and influence on the child, and the whole of the community today and tomorrow. I am a volunteer coach with Reading Seed, and I work with second grade students to improve their reading and writing skills, which I hold as a solid key to success. I have very intelligent and imaginative second grade students who do not even know their alphabet; if these students aren't given the tools to conquer the alphabet, they will be lacking the foundation needed to learn all other subjects and miss out on the information that makes learning so amazing. They will be missing out on the opportunity to make decisions and have opinions that blossom from information gathering. It is immoral to deprive children of solid education, and it seems our current system is failing some of those children for reasons I cannot comprehend. Until we can

fix our education system, why not focus our efforts on the help that can come from volunteer sources like Literacy Connects, and an educated parent who is involved in their own learning as well as that of their second grader who has been struggling with their ABCs? One of the second grade girls I am talking about, named Maya, carried such a heavy load of self doubt due to falling behind in her literacy skills. When we first met she was shy, unable to read, constantly calling herself stupid, and afraid to even attempt certain books because there were more than three sentences on the page. Her fear of failure was a huge roadblock in our interaction and had a serious impact on how she viewed herself. I worked very hard to curb all of these items that contributed to her low self esteem, and by the end of our year I saw vast improvement in all these areas, as well as a lot more smiles and jokes from her. Once we tackled some of her literacy issues her self doubt began to melt and I was allowed to see the real Maya, with such a gorgeous personality hiding behind her quiet fears, and a new found love of learning previously stifled by strong self doubt. During one of our sessions, she blurted out, "What is Autism?", because Maya had overheard her mother saying sh

- I am in favor of raising money from bonds to help Literacy Connects and other job training programs that will help our population be better prepared to be responsible citizens, capable of working and contributing to society. and one who cannot read is deeply disadvantaged in so many ways. the reasons to support Literacy connects and whatever other job training programs there are, is tantamount to the success and viability of our state, and our nation.
- I am most heavily in favor of the education and training area, specifically a permanent location for Literacy Connects and the jobs program. The current Literacy Connects building is very overcrowded, especially since the merger two summers ago with other reading programs. There is a close link between literacy and job training, and together they form the best chance for improving our local economy and giving our citizens a path out of poverty.
- I am particularly interested in the collaboration of Literacy Connects and JobPath, which both have the mutual goal of lifting people out of poverty by focusing on literacy and jobs. This seems like an excellent symbiotic working partnership. A larger building would seem the fine choice for accommodating the excellent work done by these two non-profit organizations. Thanks to all of you who work so hard to make our community a better, healthier and productive place to live and work. I honor you.
- I am particularly supportive of the project for Literacy Connects and JobPath. They have demonstrated an effective collaboration, not only between the two agencies but with additional organizations that support literacy and other job-readiness skills, and provide important services that will have a positive impact on the economic development and quality of life in Pima County.
- I believe that what Pima County should invest in is the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility. This would allow residents to access skill training and education in one location.
- I feel especially strongly about the option for a shared facility for Literacy Connects and JobPath. We have a large population of adults who need these supports that I believe have been proven to have high success rates.
- 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.

- I feel that it is very important to fund Literacy Connects and Job Path efforts. Both organizations fulfill a need in the community that helps individuals and the community. Money is well spent when teaching children and adults how to read so they can become productive members of the community. Helping people realize their potential through reading and in finding jobs only strengthens our community. Please consider these two very worthwhile organizations when deciding where to direct public funds. Thank you.
- I give financial support to Literacy Connects, the Loft Cinema, and a variety of environmental/conservation organizations, locally and nationally, among other organizations. Leveraging support via the Pima County Bond, together with private fund-raising, is a win-win. I know you have a difficult job choosing, as there are many needs and worthwhile projects, too many to research before making my selections! I tried to stick with things that match my interests and concerns, and about which I have some familiarity or knowledge. Thank you for your hard work.
- I have been a volunteer for Literacy Volunteers of Tucson (now Literacy Connects) for 10 years, serving as a tutor and Executive Board officer and member. I have seen first-hand how this program reaches people that society and our educational systems ignore. This is fundamental educational help for those people that work the hardest to better themselves when society has failed them. Make this a top priority!
- I have worked with Literacy Connects for years in conjunction with local schools. They do important work with extremely limited resources to help children and adults with English literacy in our community. I consider literacy to be a basic skill that citizens need to help us develop into a more viable community. Literacy is necessary for basic safety, educational and employment advancement, and is the foundation of a healthy society. I would love to see them get a facility where they can continue their work without worrying about a roof!
- I hope you will consider funding the proposed new facility for Tucson's Literacy Connects program. Their programs reach several thousand children and adults each year, helping improve their prospects of finding better opportunities in employment and opening up worlds to them through being able to read, write and express themselves. JobPath trains 400 participants annually for living wage jobs and helps place graduates in local workplaces. I can think of few programs in Pima County that have as positive an impact on our communities.
- I just want to voice my vote for Literacy Connects and the work they do for our community. I continue to be impressed by their efforts and achievements and hope that Pima County does all it can to support their endeavors. I also want to make a point regarding water conservation: Where are all of the water harvesting projects? Monsoon season always makes our water loss more evident. How many thousands of gallons of water have we lost to run-off? What is Pima County doing to harvest this water? THANK YOU!
- I strongly support Literacy connects and all work on the Pima county River Parks and Loop. I would also love to see a Hippo exhibit at the Zoo.

- I strongly support the Literacy Connects project. As we all know, reading is an essential skill that will help build a strong foundation for a successful life. When our citizens have the opportunity to reach their full potential our community will be strong.
- I strongly urge you to focus your efforts on education and job training. The Literacy Connects and Job Path projects address both. I'm not affiliated with neither but in my work as an educator I've had a chance to see first hand the return on our investment these programs give our communities. Affordable housing is another huge concern. Without your active support to this area, working families like mine will never have access to home ownership.
- I think the a bond project for Literacy Connects would be a tremendous service to enhancing literacy in Pima County. This organization does a tremendous outreach, all without government monies. It has been very successful. Promoting literacy and education here should be of utmost importance to help attract businesses here. Also, I didn't see anything about sustaining the almost-dry pond at Agua Caliente Park. This is a beautiful and peaceful park, and the water has attracted a great number of birds and wildlife over the years. It would be a shame for one of our few water sources disappear.
- I think the Literacy Connects and JobPath new building project is vital to the community. Tucson needs literacy & arts programs and support for job seekers. Our economy depends on these factors.
- I think the most important project in this list is the one focusing on the new building for Literacy Connects that also has the jobs component. One of the greatest enhancements our community needs is more people to have functional English skills and to be able to obtain jobs that support them and their families. The more we assist these people to be able to make a decent wage the more our economy and our whole county benefits. To make a decent wage people need to be functional in English and learn how to get and keep a good job. Also, this is one of the most important things for our democratic government. We need people who can read and understand the issues in our local area and nationally and people who can become informed voters. If we improve English literacy, we improve people's ability to become citizens and their ability to become informed citizens. I believe this particular project can make the greatest contribution to our society, economically, governmentally, and from a humanitarian perspective. Many other projects are worthwhile, but this is the most important one.
- I would like to say that Literacy Connects is a viable program that works in helping to alleviate illiteracy in our adult population. It has an immediate and long lasting impact on the economy of Southern Arizona. 22 million working adults are illiterate here in the US. I don't have the exact figures for Pima County but I know of the pain and lost opportunities these adults go through. Literacy Connects also has a sister program working in libraries, and classrooms helping young students. When people can't read, they can't get good jobs, their children suffer as well. The economy suffers as a whole. Without an educated, talented society, it is difficult to attract large business interests that would help our economy grow. We need to invest in the literacy of our youth and adults for a better economy. Literacy Connects has been working from a small building that is inadequate for the number of people with a need for their services.

They have had to turn some people away or schedule them for later classes because of the lack of space. They need a better equipped, larger facility.

- I would really like to see bonds awarded to education organizations and programs such including organizations like Literacy Connects and School District Partnership. I would also like to see bonds go to employment programs that prepare people for the job market and help people find jobs in the community. I appreciate all of the hard work you all are doing. The task that you all have been dealt with is not an easy one. I wish you all the best!
- I'm a volunteer for Literacy Connects; I tutor children in the Reading Seed program and an adult in the Literacy Volunteers program. The growth of my students has been stunning! A building that could house all of Literacy Connects so that there would be more space for tutoring and so that resources could be shared would be so valuable! I hope that you will strongly consider this option. Literacy is vital, and it would be amazing to have a center that families could use to improve their reading, writing, and communication skills. My hope is that everyone in the program will learn to read well enough to be able to graduate from high school or at least get a GED and obtain employment. Thanks so much for your time and attention.
- I'm involved with Literacy Connects with both Literacy Volunteers of Tucson and Make Way for Books. Both educational programs ultimately make for better citizens. Finding a home for the Umbrella group of Literacy Connects would be public funds well spent.
- I'm particularly interested in seeing Literacy Connects projects funded. Without proper investment in promoting a competent and trained workforce, our community will continue to stagnate. For too long, we've emphasized attracting low-paying jobs in this community and have been satisfied with an undertrained, under-educated workforce. We need to start emphasizing the importance of education and steer our youth into acquiring knowledge that will result in their qualifying for better paying jobs. Then the challenge will be to attract strong businesses that offer higher paying jobs so our trained youth won't leave us.
- 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 imperative that Literacy Connects and JobPath have a building that enables them to continue the important work they do for our community.
- It is of the utmost importance to fund the Literacy Center. Without the ability to read, what use will career centers or job centers be?
- Knowing of the the work being done at Literacy Connects of Tucson, I feel that they deserve a great deal of credit for helping educate adults & children in the areas of language and being able

to train for employment. They work tirelessly to assist people of all nations to become better citizens of this community and this country.

- Literacy Connects and Job Path are programs that cause a paradigm shift for people. Literacy provides a solid foundation for a better future, and having a designated space for Literacy Connects would allow programs to have a further, lasting reach. Thank you.
- Literacy Connects and Job Path serve residence countywide. Literacy Connects serves our community to help individuals become literate in grades k-3, as well as adults. Job Path helps link needy adults to job training opportunities to get jobs. Both programs are critical to Pima County.
- Literacy connects building.
- Literacy connects is a fantastic organisation. One that unlike many other causes in this list seeks to invest in a future culture of Tucson. Empowerment and literacy are powerful tools that help people distinguish themselves from their environment and imagine and start a path toward the life they would have for themselves, not merely the life they were dealt. Having their own facilities would boost their professionalism and help them cultivate a new image for the now unified non profits that have merged. this image and visibility would be an incredible push for their literacy movement.
- Literacy Connects is a program that brings together so many people and changes so many lives for the better. The changes in people's lives are not only dramatic, they are long lasting, and they are changes that resonate throughout Pima County. Please support Literacy Connects.
- Literacy connects is a very helpful program, I think education have to be on the top of priority. In fact they have volunteer teachers that do an excellent job with students and really make a change in their lives and that helps to improve everybody around them.
- Literacy Connects is an awesome organization that deserves Pima County's support. It strengthens families and makes them better able to succeed.
- Literacy Connects is supporting our kids who are struggling to learn to read in school because they are missing the foundation at home. Anything we can do to support Literacy Connects better promote our kids is the best investment we can make. Everything else is important but secondary. Thanks.
- Literacy Connects reaches thousands of children & adults to learn to read and write, increasing their self confidence & the ability to express themselves. Job Path trains hundreds of participants each year, enabling them to make a living wage. I believe that these two organizations would be even more effective if they were brought together in one location. The shared resources would be able to offer more services & programs.
- Literacy connects very important. [REDACTED]
- Literacy Connects, particularly Reading Seed, provides a valuable service to the community needs a permanent home. Making sure that our "at risk" kids are reading @ grade level by third grade is one of the most important indicators of future success. If kids get the education they need to contribute to the community, there's less poverty and crime and we all benefit.
- Literacy is essential to our future prosperity. Please support the efforts of Literacy Connects and Job Path.

- Literacy is key in elevating individual and household incomes in Arizona. The work of Literacy Connects is unparalleled; a permanent home for this organization would mean even greater impact on our community. Please make literacy a top priority and consider giving Literacy Connects/JobPath.
- Literacy is such an important issue for us here in the greater Tucson area where so many of our residents read poorly; have poor math skills and low paying jobs as a result. A few years ago, 5 local literacy groups came together to form a new organization called Literacy Connects. The largest of these 5 groups is Literacy Volunteers of Tucson (LVT), an organization that has been working to improve the literacy level for over 50 years. For the past several years LVT has been housed in a building on Speedway Blvd that is too small for its needs. LVT desperately needs a new bigger and better building. As a volunteer for LVT these past 2 years I have seen first hand the good works done by this organization. Please consider funding a new building for Literacy Connects.
- Literacy Volunteers of Tucson should be a priority for improvement. As a volunteer for this organization, I know that it has outgrown its current facility, and it provides a much needed service to Tucson.
- My greatest concerns are finding a bigger, permanent location for Literacy Connects, and to increase affordable housing. I have been a Literacy Volunteer of Tucson for over a year, and many of our clients have difficulty paying their rent. Literacy Connects' current facility is far too small to accommodate all the services we would like to offer. Thank you for allowing me to have a voice in this election.
- My volunteer work and association with Literacy Connects over a two-year period has convinced me that it is one of the most positive and productive community endeavors I have ever heard about or been part of. The change this organization makes in people's lives, including giving them the ability to be independent, contributing members of society, is truly awe-inspiring.
- Nothing that the county can do supersedes the importance of education and the ability to read thus supporting Literacy Connects, I think, is the most important action that the county can do to improve everything into the future.
- Please build a new home for Literacy Connects!
- Please consider funding a building for Literacy Connects and Job Path. These vital programs offer the community the additional resources we need to break the cycle of illiteracy and childhood poverty in our community!!
- Please consider funding Literacy Connects. Literacy through all age groups is imperative to a successful future!
- Please consider the expansion of Literacy Connects and JobPath. Teaching people how read/write and earn a living wage is extremely important to our communities growth. Thank you.
- Please focus on health and education, with a broad perspective. Particularly to provide basic education, health care service, and safe exercise options for low income children and families. This includes supporting Literacy Connects, urban health centers, and trails/parks and transportation systems that promote exercise and health. Tucson continues to fall in its cultural

offerings. Our Mexican heritage should be supported with centers and spaces to allow for celebrations and exhibits. And The Loft Theater is becoming a strong beacon of community engagement and cohesiveness through diverse film and conversation. It deserves support to thrive and grow.

- Please fund the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs facilities. Thank you.
- 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 support affordable housing, open space preservation, neighborhood reinvestment, and the Literacy Connects and Job Path proposal.
- Please support Literacy Connects and JobPath
- Please support Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility. They are an amazing organization tackling adult-illiteracy issues in Tucson and they make a tremendous difference to the community, helping students to become more productive members of society. Additionally, please fund pedestrian and crosswalk improvement projects. I was hit by a car as a pedestrian in a crosswalk on 4th Avenue in February 2011, I sustained injuries but luckily I recovered. I also know another person who was hit by a car as a pedestrian in a crosswalk in January 2012 by the University. This is a huge issue that needs to be focused on.
- Providing funds and support for the literacy connect and reading seed programs should merit very high consideration as improving the reading skills of our children. A child with better reading skills becomes a asset for the community instead of a possible future liability.
- 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.
- Support Literacy Connects and Job Path programs please
- Thank you for this opportunity to give input on the Bond. I am writing to urge your support of the funds to renovate or construct a facility for Literacy and JobPath. We have a significant problem with our literacy rates in our community. Literacy isn't just about reading and writing, it is associated with crime, economics, poverty, etc. Having a centrally located facility for these two much needed organizations will save money allowing more funds to go directly to clients rather than rent, maintenance, etc. We need to look at efficient and effective ways to bring

organizations together and this is a great opportunity. In addition, the current space is appalling and inadequate for the need/demand. I will vote for this bond and do all that I can to get others to vote. I appreciate your support. Anne

- 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]
- The Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility would prove to be an immensely important fixture within Pima County. It could provide a stable environment that could improve the everyday lives of all who enter it. By providing literacy and job help to those who are in desperate need of it, in turn allowing more individuals to succeed in these hard times. Reid Park Zoo and Reid Park are also vital parts of this community. Despite the zoo's small size, I have heard from countless people that it is one of the most beautiful and well maintained zoos they have ever seen. The keepers clearly love their jobs, the animals, and the people of Pima County and they deserve every bit of help that they can be given.
- The Literacy Connects Center is so important. Thanks,
- The literacy connects project is vitally important.
- The Literacy Connects/JobPath project is going to bring a new level of enrichment to the Tucson community. Education effects everything from self esteem to family relationships to civic responsibility to the workforce. Please place a priority on this project.
- The merger that created Literacy Connects was an important first step in unifying our community literacy services, but they need a building to bring the full vision into reality. Partnering with Job Path is a logical partner for this building and it will strengthen the bridge for adults between these two highly complimentary organizations. The benefits of this central "literacy hub" will benefit Pima County for many, many years.
- The most worthy project is the Literacy Connects and Job Path Programs Facility. Literacy is so important. Many people have poor literacy skills, which affect their health, their ability to get a well-paying job, and their quality of life. Literacy Connects is a wonderful group of literacy-related programs. Since I moved to Tucson in 2001, I've volunteered for two of the programs - Literacy Volunteers where I tutored in English language acquisition and Reading Seed where I've been a reading coach for second graders. It will be great when the various programs in Literacy Connects can be in the same facility rather than scattered around the city. And having the Job Path Programs in the same building will be even more convenient as they often serve the same population. I'm so excited that this is a possibility!!

- There are so many worthy projects to fund. The Literacy Connects project is dear to me and any projects that deal with education are so important in our community. I would also like to see a revitalization of the downtown corridor creating a beautiful and inviting city center like so many communities have across the country. Having recently visited Santa Fe, NM and San Antonio, TX it is easy to see what a vibrant downtown can look like. Tucson is nowhere close and I would love to see that happen. I have lived in this community for over 50 years and there is so much potential.
- Tucson, for many reasons, has many citizens and children who struggle with literacy and have trouble finding employment. However, most have a desire to improve themselves and their situation. What better way than to consolidate Literacy Connects and JobPath and their hundreds of volunteers and excellent programs in a highly visible location where their programs can work together with a synergistic effect to improve the citizens of Tucson who come to them for help?
- 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]
- While many of these priorities are very important, I would encourage you to keep the basic hierarchy of needs in mind when spending the county's dollars. Fund projects first that deal with health and community connectedness. If people are isolated and cannot be active and be proud of their community easily all kinds of ills are perpetuated. Public health, basic literacy (it's hard to imagine a more worthy investment than the Literacy connects which has a proven track record, touches so many lives with hundreds of volunteers - if you can't read, you can't contribute to a healthy life or society), the things that encourage activity for the most...and community beauty, connectedness and appreciation of heritage. When prioritizing consider the benefit to the MOST people. While I love model airplanes as much as the next person, I don't think that narrow a focus is a good expenditure of limited funds.

Negative Comments

- It makes no fiscal sense for public bond money to be used to fund private businesses such as the Loft (which I support and am a member), Job Path (which is a scam, in my opinion -- no one ever looks at their ROI: Return On Investment, and Literacy Connects (to which I donate). They need to do a better job of fundraising and grant writing on their own!

Pima County Community College Health Education Campus

- A health education campus for the county would serve many purposes including workforce development, industry, and healthcare

- As a native of Tucson, I am very proud of Pima County. The work that you have completed in the roadways in NW Tucson is remarkable. Thank you for your vision and seeing this project through completion. With a growing aging population, healthcare will continue to be a priority. What you accomplished with the Behavioral Health Pavillion is quite commendable. The next important and critical step is to leverage the relationship with UAMC-South Campus and develop a Pima County Community College Health Education Campus. Please, take us to the next level that makes Pima County and Tucson a leader in the nation by expanding and enhancing the existing facilities and clinical operations at UAMC - South Campus. With this, Pima County will take a great leap forward in education and workforward training space for nursing, allied health professions, resident physicians, and EMS base hospital. This will also provide critical support for programs offered by the UA Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP! [REDACTED]
- I support strongly the Pima County Community College Health Education Campus!!

Marana Cultural and Heritage Park - Economic Development

- No open-ended comments were received

Oro Valley Business Accelerator

- I think an Oro Valley business accelerator is quite crucial to not only Oro Valley, but the southern Arizona region. The development of the Naranja Park infrastructure is also very important and will likely bring in state and national tourism just like the new Aquatic Center has begun doing. Thank you for allowing county residents to submit comments.

Town of Sahuarita Business Center

Positive Comments

- None

Negative Comments

- The City of Sahuarita does not need to have a business incubator. It is an excuse by some employees to waste money. If a business person saw a way to make money by setting up an incubator, they would. The county does not need to waste money on a fancy government building for business people who are too cheap to pay market rents for office and storage space.

City of South Tucson Economic Development Land Bank

- No open-ended comments were received

Business Neighborhood Stabilization Program

- No open-ended comments were received

Business Façade/Public Infrastructure Improvement Project

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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.

Pima County Small Business Incubator

Positive Comments

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- I've recently moved from Austin Texas and am thrilled to see the incubator project on the Bond. I have been self employed for 25 years and have seen how Austin has launched 1000's of businesses. Tucson has that laid back feel as well as the U of A, there is that potential here to be a launching pad for new and innovative ideas. Be well and thank you! [REDACTED]

Negative Comments

- Take on commitments that benefit the largest number of people. I can't always say, even for projects I really like, if they are the most widely used. For example, how many people benefit from a model airplane park? How many benefit from a Small business incubator? As many as benefit from a Pima College program? Also take on projects that create a more humane city: that means taking good care of the animals in our care: PC Animal Control and Reid Park Zoo. It also means taking care of our least able citizens: children, elderly, veterans with problems.

Sonoran Corridor Highway Improvements between I-10 and I-19

Positive Comments

- Houghton Road and Sahurita Road are in really poor shape. The Sonoran Corridor project is needed to prevent future jobs from going to Alabama.
- I am especially interested in the Sonoran Corridor. It will spur economy by allowing more aerospace and defense companies to take root in Tucson. It's good for jobs and it's good for the town. Thank you!
- I consider the Sonoran improvements for the Aerospace Corridor to be critical.
- I feel that the creation of jobs in this area is vital to help stimulate growth and improve the quality of life in this area. One way to accomplish this would be through the creation of the I-10 to I-19 corridor which would allow for the expansion of Raytheon which is a key employer in this area.
- I know that the Sonoran Corridor Highway will have a direct impact on creating and keeping jobs in the county!!
- I would like to strongly show support for the Sonoran Corridor project to enhance our business community prospects and Airport access. Our current freeway I-10/I-19 options allow limited and difficult travel options which creates traffic bottlenecks which could be eased. Also Raytheon has been forced to move work to other locations due to encroachment issues which this plan will alleviate. Makes good business sense.
- Infrastructure improvement is key to economic development. There should be more options there. For example, the Sonoran road between I-10 and I-19.
- It is a no-brainer that the Sonoran Corridor is a crucial project to continue fostering jobs, and perhaps more importantly, preventing Raytheon Missile Systems from leaving Tucson down the road.
- Please elevate I10-I19 project as a priority. We need to start improving access within the Tucson area. A beltway would be ideal and would improve traffic flow from all areas by opening up freeways and highways to residents instead of the current slow intercity driving! Thank you!
- Please fix the roads, we need a bypass around Tucson and from I-19 to I-10.
- Please focus on infrastructure projects, with special attention to road projects that will support the Aerospace employment center around Raytheon. Support the improvement of I-19 to I-10 connectivity. thanks for your consideration.
- Please place the Sonoran Highway Corridor project as a top priority. Aerospace and Defense is clearly a substantial economic driver for Southern Arizona. Having the infrastructure, and room for businesses to grow and take root, is extremely important for the long-term viability of this region. Thanks for your time.
- Sonoran Corridor Highway Improvements between I-10 and I-19” to provide infrastructure for development of the Aerospace & Defense Corridor; which will benefit aerospace and defense businesses along the corridor, including Raytheon, and provide increased regional employment opportunities in Tucson.

- The County should concentrate and give priority to projects that: Create Jobs (i.e. Sonoran Corridor logistics project) Improve conditions of our roadways Mitigate street flooding Promote youth activities
- The I-10/I-19 Sonoran Corridor Economic development project should be a top priority. I feel it would provide among the best returns on investment with the greatest impact on both the area economy and as a result all aspects of the community.
- The proposed Aerospace Parkway from Rita Road to I-19 could be a major game changer for the future of this region and seems worthy of a significant economic investment by the people of Pima County.
- The Sonora Corridor project is essential to the future of Pima County. I applaud the County's vision and strongly support the effort.
- The Sonoran Corridor project is the most important item in all this, from a safety standpoint and the traffic on the Hughes Access Road, to keeping Raytheon "whole" to the economic development piece that should open up.
- The Sonoran corridor project would help to keep needed jobs here in Tucson as well as offer future businesses a place to build. Raytheon and the Tucson Airport are vital to the Tucson community and we need to do what is necessary to keep the jobs here and support their growth. Additionally, the corridor would provide an alternative route for hazardous materials between I-10 and I-19; avoiding the downtown Tucson area.
- The transportation projects should be at the top of the list. The Sonoran Corridor Highway improvement project is critical to our community.

Negative Comments

- I am 100% opposed to a new big highway/freeway to serve the southeast and proposed new private prison in SE Tucson. Road money should be used to repair existing roads and widen only when really needed. We could also use more money for public transit. I did not see transportation as one of the survey classes.

Residential Noise Attenuation Program for DMAFB

Positive Comments

- 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.

Negative Comments

- 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

- Measure for sound attenuation is not extensive enough to vote on. This measure does not address the entire list of neighborhoods that are impacted by the expected db level of the new F-35 Strike Force Jet. How can we address one neighborhood and not another one that is less than 50 feet away.
- Spending money on Residential Noise Abatement is a misuse of public funds! DMAFB has been here much longer than ANY of the residential areas. Everyone that purchases a house in the area are told about the base and the noise. THEY DECIDED TO BUY THE HOUSE ANYWAYS!!! Now they want to complain about the noise and get someone else to pay for it. We have already wasted enough money on this!!!!

Science Park Drive - Rita Road to Pantano Road Improvements

- No open-ended comments were received

Pima County Small Business Entrepreneur and Academic Center

- I support the investment in bringing culture and entrepreneurship to our downtown through the STRAVENUE /ART CORRIDOR and the Small Business Entrepreneur & Academic Center projects. I have been a homeowner and business owner in Tucson for nearly 20 years and finally see efforts and dollars spent on downtown. These two projects will help to bring new audiences and new ideas to our city.
- In the category of "Job Growth, Education & Workforce Training", I wanted to mark the choice of "Pima County Business Entrepreneur and Academic Center", but the description of the item below it blocked the box. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input.
- 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.

South 12th Ave Cultural and Culinary Corridor

- I would like to see the burial grounds known as Tucson Greyhound Park be converted into a semi pro soccer field. It would bring families to that community to patronize all the mom&pop restaurants and no dogs would die ever again. I would like to see PACC do more surprise investigations of Tucson Greyhound Park and hold them accountable for dogs that are still being dosed with steroids and not coming into heat. Racing greyhound blood is smeared all over

Pima County. I would like PACC to remove old dogs before they get sick and place them in commercial kennels and from there adoption groups can adopt them out...a special fund for old dogs. I would like backyard breeders to get out of dodge, make it a misdemeanor, check business licenses and dog licenses and enforce it. I would like to see pets not sold in pet stores. Go to a shelter and adopt. Pet stores support puppy mills. I love the bicycle trails even though I don't ride a bicycle, I love that Pima County is known as a bicycle riding town. I hope 12th Avenue corridor can be developed into a cultural and culinary place sort of like Olivera Street in LA