

Additional Comments/Letters

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Email bobmellon@hotmail.com	
Address	
City Tucson	
State AZ	
Zipcode 85701	

Message Subject Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal

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Response requested No

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Last Name	Carnie
Email	darincarnie@gmail.com
Address	730 N. 6th Avenue
City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85705

Message Subject Please Approve the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Comment Please continue your diligent work to approve the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal. Tucson will benefit greatly by allowing more pedestrian traffic; to create a more live-able and safe environment for kids and community. Thank you for all your hard work to make Tucson even greater than it is now.

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City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85719

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Last Name	Russell
Email	mrussell@dakotacom.net
Address	3437 E. Bunell St.
City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85716

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Last Name	Parks
Email	daniel.parks92@yahoo.com
Address	3344 E Bellevue St. #C
City	Tucson
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Zipcode	85716

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City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85719
Message Subject	bond proposal
Comment	I support this proposal.
Response requested	No
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Heliodoro T. Sánchez, Ed. D.
Superintendent

June 16, 2014

Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Hecker:

Introduction

Over many years of collaboration, the Director of the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning has developed a working relationship with the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation staff. The Cooper Center shares a boundary with the Tucson Mountain Park which allows the Center staff to expand and enhance outdoor learning opportunities beyond the Center's perimeter. Currently the use of the Center is limited to certain times of the year due to a lack of cooling/heating systems in the cabins and other camp buildings. Additionally, the dated facility does not allow for sustainable practices that meet the goal of living lightly on the land. A facilities master plan for the Cooper Center was created through a student project by the UA Architecture Department which would result in an updated 'green' facility. By updating the Cooper Center, Pima County Natural Resources as well as other organizations could expand their programs to the Center site and offer an experiential learning opportunity within close proximity to the urban Tucson area.

History of the Cooper Center

Camp Cooper, named after Herbert Cooper, a TUSD administrator in the 1950's, has gone through many changes in the past 60 plus years, but it has always been a place where Tucson students experience and learn about the great outdoors. In the mid-60s TUSD expanded the nature study curriculum to include an outdoor educational experience which resulted in the need for basic facilities at the Center. To support outdoor learning experiences for students the district built a bathroom/storage building, amphitheater, large ramada, cookout grill, and concrete slabs for tents. The foundations for future cabins were built in 1972, and in the mid-70s the new, bare cabins were transformed into kitchen, classroom, office and sleeping areas.

On May 13th, 2008, the TUSD Governing Board voted in favor of a valuable new partnership between the University of Arizona and the District. While TUSD maintained ownership of the property, the University's Department of Teaching and Teacher Education hired staff to run the day-to-day operations and educational programs and renamed the site the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning. This partnership continues to evolve, resulting in additional opportunities for community organizations, UA Departments and students, students across southern Arizona, and others to utilize this unique setting in the Sonoran Desert as an outdoor learning lab.

Morrow Center – 1010 E. Tenth St. – Tucson, AZ 85719 – (520) 225-6060 – Fax (520) 225-6174
Governing Board

Adelita S. Grijalva; President, Kristel Ann Foster; Clerk, Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks, Cam Juárez

Need for Funds

TUSD has experienced, along with other school districts nation-wide, a loss of funds to support education, especially enrichment programs that enhance the curriculum and excite students about learning. The Cooper Center is a unique resource in the Tucson community; the only 'camp' type learning environment that has the potential of touching thousands of urban students due to its proximity to schools and the University. To maximize the Cooper Center's benefit to the community and beyond requires funds to up-date and expand the current facilities. An infusion of capital dollars would move the renovation of the Cooper Center forward in a timely fashion resulting in a desert 'gem' to support outdoor learning to those in our schools, community, and others visiting and learning about the Sonoran Desert.

We would appreciate your support for including the Cooper Center for Environmental Learning on the 2015 Bond agenda. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Sánchez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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From: Mark Irvin [mailto:mark@markIrvin.com]
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To: Nicole Fyffe
Cc: Elaine Becherer; McCusker Fletcher
Subject: Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape



June 17, 2014

Nicole Fyffe
County Administrator Office
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Tucson, Arizona 85701

Via Email To Nicole.Fyffe@pima.gov

Dear Nicole:

I support the proposed upgrades in and around the Tucson Convention Center being considered by Pima County's Bond Advisory Committee. I think you know that I serve on the Rio Nuevo Multi-Facilities District Board as its Secretary. I have been on the Board since it was reconstituted by the State of Arizona over 4 years ago.

The proposed upgrades being contemplated by the County enhances the District's goal of finding partners to improve the Central Business District. The area in and around the TCC is very important to the District. We are spending just shy of \$8,000,000 to renovate the TCC Arena. Fletcher McCusker and I are spearheading those improvements on behalf of the District.

These improvements will be complete in December of this year. It will all be NEW, NEW, NEW! New concession stands, new restrooms, new seats, new lighting, new sound system, new signage, new video boards (inside and out), new ceiling grid system and a recaptured and repurposed breezeway and south lobby with a soon to be announced museum. All of these improvements will enhance the fan experience. That has been our driving goal.

Activity breeds activity. Likewise, the City of Tucson has spent about \$1,000,000 since the renovations started to assist the District in making the Arena a better fan experience. They have also addressed any deferred maintenance issues and made other significant improvements. Prior to the project even starting, the City of Tucson added all new elevators and escalators to better serve the Arena. In a further show of support, the City of Tucson has provided a project manager, who works for the District on this project, but at no cost to the District. It has been a very cooperative and long overdue efforts. Soon this will be a community asset that Tucson will be proud.

The changes to Leo Rich and the Music Hall fit well within the new Entertainment District. Having them both upgraded goes well with our efforts to improve all of those venues even though only the TCC and the Arena are properties owned by the District. Not only are ADA issues being addressed in all these venues but so are issues related to improving the overall fan experience.

As you know, the scope of work at the Music Hall includes renovation of the existing 75,000 SF theater with new fixed seats, house lighting, theatrical sound, lighting, and acoustics, data and power, replacement of HVAC systems, new carpet, paint, interior and exterior signage, new video displays, complete restroom and dressing room renovations, new doors and hardware, IT infrastructure for patrons and events, new sound booth equipment and finishes, new roof, new lobby passenger elevator, ADA renovations, and an environmental assessment and abatement.

The Leo Rich Theater scope of work is not quite as involved but includes renovation of the existing 5,500 SF theater entrance and lobby. Renovations to the entrance and lobby include new doors and hardware, interior and exterior paint, windows, additional data and power, PA sound system, lighting and acoustics, finishes and carpet, interior and exterior signage, video displays, ADA renovations, and an environmental assessment and abatement.

Also, the entrance and lobby of both the Music Hall and Leo Rich would be renovated to address ingress and egress issues and also how to engage the Eckbo Landscape as programmable and revenue generating space for events.

Replacement of security and monitoring system would also be included as a part of the renovations for the Music Hall, Leo Rich, and the Eckbo Fountains and Landscape. Renovations to all three facilities will also improve energy and water efficiency thereby reducing operating costs and greenhouse gases. Including the Eckbo Fountains in this 3-part plan is key.

Eckbo Fountains are a historic preservation project that would provide an historic rehabilitation to both restore and rebuild a mid-twentieth century modern landscape unique to Tucson and Arizona. Renovations would include a restoration of the approximately 5.75 acres which encompasses existing fountains, water features, landscapes, site lighting, site furniture, hardscape, walkways, and finishes. System replacement associated with the landscape including mechanical rooms, mechanical and electrical equipment, irrigation, site lighting for wayfinding and safety as well as accent lighting, and plumbing would be included in the project scope. Renovations would also address the immediate health and safety issues associated with ponding water and empty fountains.

These 3 projects, and the TCC and its Arena are all intertwined. Not only would the renovation provide a "sense of place" for our community it would also have a huge economic impact and increase usage of all these venues. This is exactly the type of work and partnerships envisioned by the recent Urban Land Institute Study. All of these projects are key to the newly created Entertainment District.

Thank you for allowing me to weigh in. I appreciate the opportunity to provide any other information or input needed.

Sincerely,



Mark C. Irvin, CCIM, SIOR
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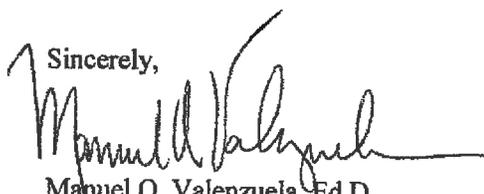
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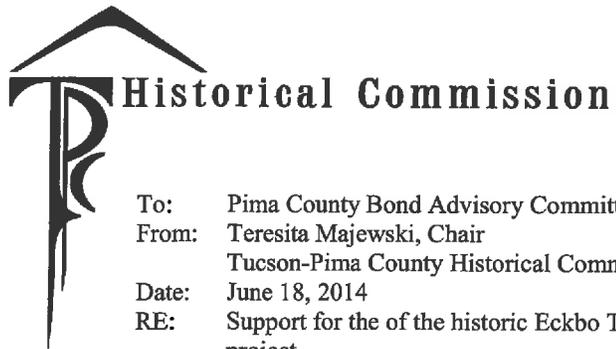
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in regards to Sahuarita School District's current involvement with Pima County JTED in the area of program development. The Sahuarita School District has been working with multiple stakeholders in the regional area, including major business interests, higher education, Chamber of Commerce, and the Pima County JTED, to identify workforce needs, and to work collaboratively in developing high quality, high skilled programs to meet those needs.

Currently, we are working purposefully in the development of the new Industrial Technologies Program. Specifically, this program will provide students with 21st Century skills in support of workplace readiness to meet the growing needs in the current and emerging industrial interests in this region. The foundation of this program is general training in the areas in Heavy Equipment Operation, Electrical Power Transmission, Diesel Mechanics, and Robotics/Precision Manufacturing. The advanced pathway, which is currently being developed, will provide a more specialized training that will be aligned with industry certification standards. We have been cooperating with Pima Community College in support of this program development, as well.

At this time, there are multiple sections of the Foundations course that are being offered at both Sahuarita High School and Walden Grove High School for the 2014-15 school year. Meanwhile, the efforts are ongoing to develop the space, curriculum, and facilities needs to provide the students with more specialized and authentic learning experiences that are required in the advanced elements of the program. This program concept has been strongly supported by all partners in this initiative. It is hoped that this will exemplify effective practice in regards to regional planning, program development, and leveraging our respective assets to the development of a unified plan that intentionally meets the needs of this community in regards to workforce investment, economic development, and quality job opportunities for the people who live here. If I can provide additional information, or be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Manuel O. Valenzuela, Ed.D.
Superintendent



To: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
From: Teresita Majewski, Chair
Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission
Date: June 18, 2014
RE: Support for the of the historic Eckbo TCC landscape rehabilitation as a proposed 2015 bond project

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission strongly supports the inclusion of the rehabilitation of the historic Eckbo TCC landscape in the proposed 2015 bond election. This remarkable plaza is a unique example of the work of one of the greatest American landscape architects of the twentieth century, and, of those still intact, it is not only the largest, but also the most representative of Eckbo's design strategy. As such, it is an irreplaceable Tucson treasure.



Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson

Attention: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

I am writing on behalf of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Tucson, to offer our strongest possible support for the preservation and development of the Eckbo fountain complex and adjacent amenities.

Garrett Eckbo is arguably the most important 20th Century U.S. landscape designer and is not only acclaimed as a shaper of place in the architecture world, he is a significant social theorist with a deep commitment to social justice. His Southern Arizona worker housing complexes alone are a testament to this commitment and offer supporting projects that lend context and credence to the TCC fountain complex. MOCA brought in one of the world's most important landscape architects, Laurie Olin, and Mark Treib, an important architectural historian, to tour the complex and both agreed that it is among Eckbo's most significant work and not only needs to be saved, but celebrated and activated.

In addition to preserving this significant work of art, properly stewarding and developing the fountain complex will significantly contribute to the economic development of downtown. All around the world there are significant examples of important, beautiful and historic fountain complexes serving as anchors in urban spaces for community congregation, culture, urban vibrancy and of course, economic development. This is not a risky move. It is time-tested, all around the world and a guarantee of significant impact with the attendant commercial activity the fountain will generate.

On behalf of the MOCA community, we strongly urge you to support the project and we will do everything we can do ensure the future success of this project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne-Marie Russell', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anne-Marie Russell, Executive Director
Museum of Contemporary Art, Tucson

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 11:16 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Support for Eckbo Landscape Rehabilitation Funding

From: Jeffery, R Brooks - (rbjeffer) [mailto:rbjeffer@email.arizona.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 10:59 PM
To: bondinfo
Cc: Helen Erickson
Subject: Support for Eckbo Landscape Rehabilitation Funding

Attention: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

As a preservation educator and advocate for the preservation of Tucson's rich architectural heritage, I wish to offer my full support for Pima County Bond funding for the proposed rehabilitation of the Eckbo Landscape at the Tucson Community Center.

R. Brooks Jeffery
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TCC Today

June 18, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Tucson, Arizona

Re: **Downtown Community Theaters & Historic Cultural Landscape**

Dear Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

The renovation of the Music Hall and the Leo Rich Theater as well as the restoration of the Eckbo Landscape will yield benefits for Tucson and Pima County. I endorse the recommendation that a \$28M component for this purpose be included in the November 2015 Pima County Bond Election.

This revitalization of this too-long-ignored community resource is a key component of Downtown Tucson's economic viability and magnetism.

As the Cultural Campus of the Tucson Convention Center (TCC) is renovated and restored, bookings at the Music Hall and Leo Rich Theater will increase; tourists and citizens will seek out the Eckbo landscape; and in turn, more and more people will want to live and recreate in Downtown Tucson.

The economic benefits will be these:

- \$23-36/patron spending beyond ticket price
- Immediate impact when producing organizations buy materials, supplies, advertising, etc.
- Downstream impact when new jobs are created and employees spend wages on housing, food, clothing, and entertainment
- Business and Corporations have one more reason to relocate to Pima County

The additional community benefits will be these:

- A Downtown Tucson park for neighborhood residents of all ages to enjoy views, shade, water and community engagement
- An outdoor venue for performances and events
- The ecological benefits of trees – e.g. better air quality and lowered asthma rates
- A showcase of Tucson's Mid Century Modern Architectural heritage

TCC Today's goal is to promote this restoration and to leverage funds from government, businesses, NGOs, and philanthropists. We are collaborating with many entities including: COT, PAG, DTP, ULI working group, TSO, AFCM, THPF, and TCC. The inclusion of the Downtown Community Theaters & Historic Cultural Landscape in the November 2015 Bond Election will be a substantial lever for additional, incremental support.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Karla Van Drunen Littooy
Founding Member
TCC Today

Deseret Romero

From: Betty Villegas <bjvillegas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2014 11:42 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Attention Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

The TCC Today group has been working hard with TCC staff and others in the community on improving the TCC plaza along with the Echo landscape, Music Hall, and Leo Rich. Two theatres most used by Pima County residents and non-profit organizations. The deferred maintenance of these buildings and the plaza need to be addressed, and the proposal to have them included in the next bond issue is strongly supported by TCC Commission.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing the inclusion of this potential project in the 2015 bond issue.

Sincerely,

Betty J Villegas
Chair, Tucson Convention Center Commission

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~~ Martin Luther King, Jr. ~~



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June 18, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Tucson, Arizona

Re: Downtown Community Theaters & Historic Cultural Landscape

Dear Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

The restoration of the Garret Eckbo landscape is critical. This urban landscape is an important piece of modern landscape architecture that has significance for Tucson, Arizona, and the United States. "Garret Eckbo (1910-2000), author of *Landscape for Living* (1950) and *The Landscape We See* (1969), published . . . projects in Pencil Points magazine (now Progressive Architecture) in 1938. These were acknowledged as the first modern gardens published in the United States. He became the founding partner (1964) of the landscape architectural firm Eckbo, Dean, Austin, and Williams (later known as EDAW). Continuing as a professor (eventually emeritus) at the University of California at Berkeley, his practice and numerous scholarly articles provided leadership for the profession for almost half a century." (Johnson, Lauri Macmillan. 2001. "United States," *Encyclopedia of Gardens: History and Design*, edited by Candice Shoemaker, Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers).

The restoration of the Eckbo project, the Music Hall, and the Leo Rich Theater will reinforce Tucson's cultural identity within the historical context that was inspired by modern architecture and art. This will improve the collective revitalization efforts and growing identity for Downtown Tucson. It will help to attract new businesses, new residents, local and distant visitors, thereby increasing overall business economic vitality.

Sincerely,

Lauri Macmillan Johnson
Director and Professor,
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School of Landscape Architecture and Planning