

Additional Comments/Letters



RURAL/METRO FIRE

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June 18, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee

Rural Metro Fire Department and Southwest Ambulance strongly endorse the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility grants our public safety personnel additional opportunities to attend needed classes on disaster preparedness, public safety, and community resilience. This new facility is a foundational step in fostering a sustainable, disaster resilient Pima County.

The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. Our department works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms, including a large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of classes and events that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona—this places our local community in a position of unnecessary risk and exposure.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate collaboration amongst local, state, and Federal stakeholders which will have a direct, positive effect on Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

On behalf of Rural Metro Fire Department and Southwest Ambulance, I ask that you approve this project and vote yes to the requested funds.

Very Respectfully,

Jonathan McMahan MS CFO MiFireE
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**RAYTHEON MISSILE SYSTEMS
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June 17, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee

The Raytheon Fire Department strongly endorses the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery of emergencies within our community.

The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. Our department works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and team work amongst our agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Raytheon Fire Department asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.

Thank you

Thomas E. LaSure
Fire Chief
Raytheon Fire Department

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE

FIRE DEPARTMENT



June 18, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee

The Pascua Pueblo Fire Department strongly endorses the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery of emergencies within our community.

The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. Our department works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and team work amongst our agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Pascua Pueblo Fire Department asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.

Thank you

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Pascua Pueblo Fire Chief



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June 18, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee:

The Northwest Fire District strongly endorses the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery of emergencies within our community.

The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. Our organization works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's Firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms, including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and team work amongst our agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Northwest Fire District asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.

Thank you,

NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT

Michael J. Brandt
Fire Chief





June 17, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee,

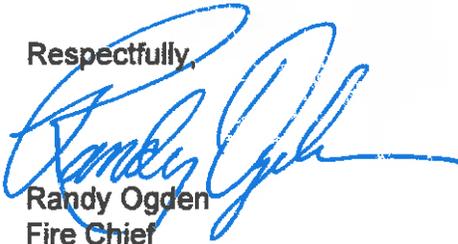
Please allow the Mt. Lemmon Fire District to support the construction application of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. The new facility will allow MLFD personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery of emergencies within our community.

The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. The Mt. Lemmon Fire District works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and team work amongst our agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.

Respectfully,



Randy Ogden
Fire Chief

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Fire Chief Randy Karrer

June 17, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee

The Golder Ranch Fire District strongly endorses the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery of emergencies within our community.

The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. Our department works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's Firefighter I & II training.

With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and team work amongst our agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Golder Ranch Fire District asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.

Thank you,

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Randy Karrer
Fire Chief
Golder Ranch Fire District

Mission

Assess and respond to the needs of the fire service community.

Vision

Honor the Past ~ Embrace the Present ~ Engage the Future



June 17, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee:

The Greater Tucson Fire Foundation (GTFF) strongly endorses the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery of emergencies within our community. The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. Our department works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and team work amongst our agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The GTFF asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.
Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Ridings".

David Ridings
Vice Chairman

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation

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June 17, 2014

Mr. Lawrence M. Hecker, Jr., Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Request for consideration – Public Safety Academy – Multi-Purpose Facility

Dear Mr. Hecker:

The Drexel Heights Fire District requests the Bond Advisory Committee endorse the use of Pima County Bonds to enable the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy (PSA) facility. When funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery for emergencies within our community.

The Drexel Heights Fire District routinely utilizes the facilities at the Tucson Public Safety Academy for both classroom and live fire training. In addition, the regional fire training committee that was created by the Pima County Fire Chiefs Association has utilized the PSA facilities to host numerous classes including those for leadership as well as Hazardous Materials training.

The new multipurpose training facility will support the needs of Tucson, Pima County including its area fire districts, and Southern Arizona. In addition to those functions mentioned earlier, Pima Community College utilizes the existing PSA facilities for their fire and police academy and related programs. The Drexel Heights Fire District works closely with Pima College to ensure our current employees have access to educational programs and degrees that meet our mission. In addition, the District requires a supply of fully trained and certified candidates to fill both vacancies as well as newly created positions.

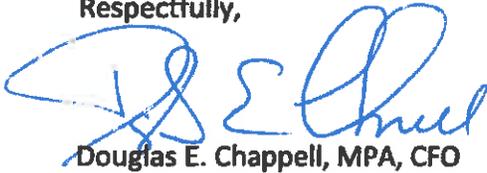
With the addition of these new facilities and larger classrooms, including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Tucson Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host an even larger variety of courses and programs needed by our personnel. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not available to our employees in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and will build team work amongst our agencies and their personnel which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Drexel Heights Fire District strongly supports this project and asks that you and all members of the Bond Advisory Committee support this project for inclusion in the 2015 bond election. The support of the Bond Advisory Committee will once again demonstrate the support for our first responders and the safety of our communities.

Thank you for your support and consideration of this extremely worthwhile project.

Respectfully,



Douglas E. Chappell, MPA, CFO
Fire Chief / Administrator

c: Sharon Bronson
James Critchley

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"Our Family Helping Your Family"

June 17, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee

The Avra Valley Fire District strongly endorses the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery of emergencies within our community.

The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. Our district works closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and team work amongst our agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Avra Valley Fire District asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.

Thank you

Brian Delfs
Fire Chief

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Larry Hecker, Chairman
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St.
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June 18, 2014

Re: TCC Ekkbo Improvements, Tucson Visual Arts Complex – site acquisition

Dear Mr. Hecker,

For 15 years, the Downtown Tucson Partnership has been actively involved in advocating for the revitalization of downtown Tucson.

Our Board of Directors, consisting of 41 members representing downtown property owners, businesses, cultural organizations, neighborhoods and area stakeholders, have consistently argued that good urban design principles are the key to the creation of a vibrant and successful urban center.

At the heart of these principles is the belief that Downtown Tucson's best strategy for a successful renaissance lies not in the transformation of our urban core into a corporate business district, but to adopt the mixed-use "urban village" model, which encourages investment in a diversity of public and private spaces to facilitate a strong sense of community - successfully developed by regional municipalities such as Portland, Austin, and San Francisco.

A recently completed Urban Land Institute report that focused on the Tucson Convention Center area agreed: "Successful revitalization of downtown will require a strategy appropriate and scale and type for Tucson's market and goals. Identifying development opportunities, including residential, office, hotels, and retail will be paramount to Tucson wider downtown development strategy."

This "live-work-play" philosophy, strengthened by the imminent arrival of the Modern Streetcar, and Downtown's close connection to the University of Arizona, has already begun to transform the east end of downtown. Since 2008, over 200 new businesses and projects totaling \$360 million of private investment have opened in the greater downtown area with the bulk of the investment occurring in Downtown's east end.



The activation of the Tucson Convention Center area with improvements to the TCC Arena, Ekkbo fountains and Music Hall, the purchase and repurposing of La Placita, and the integration of new housing, retail, cultural facilities, and programmable open space, is seen as essential if the successes of the east end of downtown are to be realized by the west side.

The Partnership supports efforts that contribute to the development of the cultural, economic, and community enrichment of this vital area of downtown.

Sincerely,

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Michael Keith, CEO

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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 Eckbo Landscape, the Music Hall, and the Leo Rich Theater is vital to bringing new employers to the area. Employers want to hire the best and brightest and these employees want cultural diversity in an urban setting. The restoration of these buildings and landscape areas adds to the cultural diversity as highlighted in the Urban Land Use Study of Downtown Tucson. The preservation of these architectural elements as well as the reintroduction of water to this area will provide a destination for employees to take their families. This attraction will aid with recruitment to both employees and their families to the Tucson area.

We urge the inclusion of the TCC Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape in the plans for the proposed 2015 Pima County Bond Election. Rehabilitation of this magnificent space will make a significant positive contribution to the image of Tucson's business community, drawing visitors and investment to our central city

Sincerely,



Anne Lawrence



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Ed Wilkerson
CEO / Fire Chief

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June 17, 2014

Dear Pima County Bond Selection Committee,

The Mountain Vista Fire District (MVFD) strongly endorses the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Tucson Public Safety Academy. If funded, the new facility will allow our public safety personnel more opportunities to attend needed classes for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery of emergencies within our community.

The new multi-purpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima Community College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. As MVFD continues to build out our organization, we plan to work closely with Pima College to encourage our current employees to further their education as well as hire from the list of students graduating from the college's Firefighter I & II training. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms, including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that our agency will have an opportunity to participate. Having a large multi-functional training facility is a benefit to the fire service community as a whole and is certain to be useful to others as well. Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will also help to facilitate communication and teamwork amongst our agencies, which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

The Mountain Vista Fire District asks that you support this project by voting yes to the requested funds.

Respectfully,

Earle Ruhnke, Sr.
Board Chairman

Ed Wilkerson
CEO/Fire Chief