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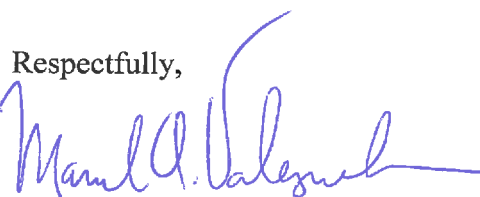
October 2, 2014

Mr. Lawrence Hecker, Chairman
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

This letter is written in support of the Canoa Ranch Project. The Canoa Ranch Project is a historic site that is strategically located in the region between Green Valley and Amado, Arizona. This historical facility has potential to create significant educational, economic, and tourism value to this region of Pima County. For example, as a Board Member of the Sahuarita/Green Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am aware of conceptual plans to sponsor an international rodeo in this area during 2015. Events such as this would add meaningful economic value to the region. Furthermore, the site would further advance the creation of a valuable resource and asset in regards to destinations and resources in Pima County. The historical aspect also creates authentic educational opportunities, as well.

I understand that your committee is charged with making decisions about a multitude of worthwhile projects. I thank you for your review and consideration regarding the potential merits and value of this project.

Respectfully,

Manuel O. Valenzuela, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
Delta Alpha Alpha Chapter
P.O. Box 27305
Tucson, Arizona 85726

October 8, 2014

Supervisor Sharon Bronson
Pima County Board of Supervisors
110 West Congress 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Honorable Supervisor Bronson,

Omega Psi Fraternity Incorporated is proud to provide this letter of support for the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and Buffalo Soldier Memorial. Omega Psi Phi is one of the oldest International Historically Black Fraternities in the world. Some of our distinguished members include Roy Wilkins, Langston Hughes, Vernon Jordan, Earl Graves, Benjamin Hooks and Colonel Charles Young. Pima County, Arizona is home to two Chapters of Omega Psi Phi with a local membership of approximately 500 professionals and retired veterans.

I am writing this letter to express our concern that the Board of Supervisors is considering a Bond proposal that does not support the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and the Buffalo Soldier Memorial. Our children and their families need the Quincie Douglas Center. Our fallen Buffalo Soldiers need a place where people can honor their sacrifices and contributions to Arizona.

While I proudly served as the Presiding Judge for the City of South Tucson, I was able to witness first hand how resources can make or break a community. I also learned how important it is to remember our history and honor our ancestors. Please demonstrate your commitment to the community by placing the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and the Buffalo Soldier Memorial on the Bond.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald A. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being the most prominent.

Hon. Ronald A. Wilson
Chairperson, Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Committee

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:24 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Bond Package Renewal

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Anne McElmurry <nunpower@aol.com>
Date: October 8, 2014 at 1:40:04 PM MST
To: <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: Re: Bond Package Renewal

Dear Nicole,

Please consider restoring funding for the Quincie Douglas Project and support for the Buffalo Soldier Memorial! We need to remember and take care of our poor. The economy is pinching the life out of the needy of our city. Don't turn your back on Projects that address the needs of our poor.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Anne McElmurry
Educational Coordinator of Project YES

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 7:13 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Funding for QUINCIE DOUGLAS PROJECT

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary F Stoutean <maryapple@aol.com>
Date: October 8, 2014 at 6:08:13 PM MST
To: <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: **Funding for QUINCIE DOUGLAS PROJECT**

Please restore the \$1 million funding for the QUINCIE DOUGLAS PROJECT and add an additional \$250,000.00 to support the Buffalo Soldier Memorial.

Thank you,

Mary

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 5:06 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Funding

To BOS and BAC

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: <dfaison1@cox.net>
Date: October 8, 2014 at 4:55:48 PM MST
To: <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: Funding

Dear Ms. Nicole Fyffe,

I am writing to respectfully request restored funding for the Quincie Douglas Project, and an additional \$250,000 to support the Buffalo Soldier Memorial. I would gratefully appreciate you sharing my request with the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Thank you.

Dr. Delores Faison.
(520) 296-2319.

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 5:10 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Support for restoration of budget item for South Park Neighborhood

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: G L Smith <trailstone@aol.com>
Date: October 9, 2014 at 1:34:47 AM MST
To: <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: Support for restoration of budget item for South Park Neighborhood

G.L.SMITH
7739 E. BROADWAY #195
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85710

October 8, 2014

I would like to support the reestablishment of the bond money budget item that included funding for a Buffalo Soldier monument and development of the Quincie Douglas project.

Have spent time on both for more than 8 years as a lecturer with the Speakers Bureau of the Arizona Humanities Council. Have talked and educated hundreds of folks about the Buffalo Soldiers all over the state of Arizona. Ft. Huachuca and Phoenix have statues of a soldier and Tucson is long overdue for a tribute to the Buffalo Soldiers. Some lived in the South Park Neighborhood during its early days and hung their uniforms in there tents there. They were commemorated with such a scene at the Arizona Historical Society when South Park was an exhibit there under the leadership of Dr. Harry Lawson. The vision still remains of that uniform on a hanger in one of the tents in South Park Neighborhood.

This old historic neighborhood deserves attention and identity the merits historical enhancements that preserve its history.

I worked on a grant to provide the library with statues of two women who lived there: Quincey Douglas and Mrs. Margaret Campbell. Mrs. Campbell was Arizona's first African American novelist and lived in an underground apartment in the area.

This neighborhood has a rich history and deserves financial support to preserve and distribute its history with visible confirmation like a Buffalo Soldier statute and support of projects related to the Quincie Douglas Center.

Sincerely,
Gloria L. Smith, Ed. Sp.

GLORIA L. SMITH, Former lecturer and coordinator in Black Studies Program of University of Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 5:09 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: I SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Winston and Marie Williams <marwin1961@msn.com>
Date: October 8, 2014 at 9:13:30 PM MST
To: <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Cc: Marie Williams <magnetlady7@msn.com>
Subject: I SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2014

TO: NICOLE FYFFE

FROM: MARIE WILLIAMS

**RE: I SUPPORT RESTORING FUNDING FOR THE QUICIE
DOUGLAS PROJECT AND**

**AN ADDITIONAL \$250.000 TO SUPPORT THE
BUFFALO SOLIDER MEMORIAL.**

**AS A COMMUNITY PERSON WHO CARES AND
BELIEVE THE PIMA GOVERNMENT
 WILL DO THE RIGHT THING.**

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 11:04 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-10-09 11:03 AM Submission Notification

Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-10-09 11:03 AM was submitted by Guest on 10/9/2014 11:03:52 AM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

Name	Value
First Name Cindy	
Last Name Ayala	
Email cindysfamily@cox.net	
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State AZ	
Zipcode 85713	

Message Subject Bond monies for Quincie Douglas

It has come to my attention that the Bond committee is looking for funding to *finish* the Quincie Douglas Project. I was asked for our neighborhood, Pueblo Gardens to write a letter of support for this. We can not in all good conscientiousness, agree to do this. When Quincie Douglas came about, there was monies available to start as well as finish the project. If there is no more money, my question is, "WHERE DID IT GO?" Putting another bond on the board for this project that was already allocated for, is NOT acceptable. The voters agreed once and the monies were made available, and for your committee to come back a few years later asking for yet another Bond for finishing this project is absurd. Your committee needs to follow a paper trail to find out just where the monies went, and WHY they were NOT used for this project. No, Pueblo Gardens is not going to support this request. Sincerely, Cindy Ayala, Pres. Pueblo Gardens N/A

Response requested Yes

Referred_Page <http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?pageId=7625>

Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

October 8, 2014

Daisy M. Jenkins
13240 E. Deep Well Road
Tucson, AZ 85749

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress Street, 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Subject: Funding for Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center and Buffalo Soldier Memorial

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I write this letter to urge funding of \$1M for the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center expansion and \$250,000 for the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial.

The Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center is a key resource for young people and adults in South Tucson and regionally. The Library, Computer Lab, Youth, Teen and Senior programs meet a tremendous community need. To provide a historical perspective, the neighborhood center is named after Ms. Quincie Douglas, who was an outstanding Tucson citizen and a Black community leader. She worked as a domestic until 1964, and retired after suffering a stroke. Not to be deterred from serving the community, in 1965, Ms. Quincie Douglas received \$24,000 from the Tucson Committee for Economic Opportunity and started L.I.F.T.S (Low Income Free Transportation Service), which was taken over by the city six years later and renamed Special Needs Transportation Service. Today, the service is known as Van Tran.

For over two decades the Buffalo Soldiers bravely served in the mountains and deserts of Arizona and New Mexico. They are recognized nationally with the elite status of the Tuskegee Airmen for their dedicated military service to our nation. They continue their outreach and mentoring to young people and schools across Southern Arizona encouraging academic achievement and good citizenship. These Black soldiers left a lasting legacy and deserve to be recognized along with other brave military heroes in our region.

My concern is that by failing to fund these two initiatives, the Pima County Board of Supervisors is in essence showing disrespect and disregard for major contributions by the Black community, both historically and presently. Please know that the positive benefits of funding these initiatives is not isolated to the Black community but will be felt across the City of Tucson and Pima County.

Thank you for funding these two important community initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,


Daisy M. Jenkins