

Public Comments

Deseret Romero

From: mansur johnson <mansurjohnson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2014 11:47 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: open space bond funding

To: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

Re: Open Space Bond Funding

I'm writing to urge for the maximum bond funding.

Recent studies show 50% of wildlife in the world was lost in the last 40 years.

We need to do our part to allow the wild things to thrive.

Open space and corridors between space is very important.

Thank you.

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From: jon sirkis <jonsirkis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 11:01 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Open Space Funding

Dear BAC Members,

I am writing to urge you to allocate the \$285 million for acquisition of open space as recommended by the Conservation Acquisition Commission.

Since 1976, I have traveled to Pima County at least once a year to hike and experience what remains of the area's natural beauty. Hundreds of thousands of others do same, accounting for a significant portion of the area's economy. I urge you protect Pima County's open spaces, not just so that Tucson and Pima County can have a healthier long-term economy, but also so that our children and grandchildren can experience the extraordinary beauty that we take for granted.

Sincerely,

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From: William Gates <ewilliamgates@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 4:03 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Strongly Support Open Space Funding

Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

As a concerned Tucson citizen, I'm writing to express my strong **support for open space funding**. I am aware that the Board previously voted \$120 million for open space funding, and I feel that this level of support should be kept in the bond package. The economic future of Tucson is tied to the desirability of its surrounding environment, and I feel that we must act now to preserve the city's beautiful setting. Minimizing costly urban sprawl and maintaining Tucson's scenic beauty are top priorities for my family, and many others. I urge you to support open space acquisition and funding.

Thank you,

E. William Gates
Tucson resident

Deseret Romero

From: Sloane Haywood <sloane.haywood@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 11:09 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Bond Funding

Dear Committee Members,

Open space is not only about habitat conservation, it also provides flood control, reduces sprawl, and makes all of us happier and healthier. It is also good for the economy.

In 2011, watchable wildlife opportunities and access to open space contributed 1.4 billion to Arizona's economy. Last year visitors to Saguaro National Park contributed \$41 million to the local economy.

We live in an incredibly diverse, uniquely rich, and fragile environment that ensures all of our best interests. I urge the Bond Advisory Committee to recommend as much money as possible for open space.

**Sloane Haywood
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Deseret Romero

From: Pamela Patterson <pdpatterson@q.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 6:46 AM
To: Larry Hecker; bondinfo
Subject: I support open space lands

Larry Hecker, Chair, and Committee Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

I am writing you today to let you know just how important open space is to me and my family. My family lives in Tucson in large part because we enjoy a quality of life that is reliant on open space, access to hiking trails, bird watching, natural resources parks and beautiful views. We know from the recent surveys, and the voting history of Pima County residents, that they hold conservation of the Sonoran Desert and open space as a top priority. I am writing to ask the Bond Advisory Committee to fully fund conservation and open space land protection - not only for the quality of life benefits, but for the economic benefits as well.

Thank you.

Pamela D. Patterson
Concerned Citizen

Deseret Romero

From: Alan Solot <arsolot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 9:38 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Protection of Open Space

To:

Larry Hecker, Chair, and Committee Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

I am writing you today to let you know just how important open space is to me and my family. My family has lived in Tucson since my father moved here in the 1920s.

Among other things about Tucson, we enjoy a quality of life that relies on open space, access to hiking trails, bird watching, natural resources parks and beautiful views. I believe from the voting history of Pima County residents, that they hold conservation of the Sonoran Desert and open space as a priority.

I am writing to ask the Bond Advisory Committee to fully fund conservation and open space land protection - not only for the quality of life benefits, but for the economic benefits as well.

Thank you.

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Los Descendientes del Presidio de Tucson

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October 8, 2014

Attention: Lawrence M. Hecker, Jr. Chair

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Dear Pima County Advisory Committee,

Los Descendientes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the cultural heritage of the Old Pueblo and the Pimería Alta. We are writing this letter in support of the Raúl M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park.

When La Canoa Ranch was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and dedicated on March 2, 2013, four of our current Board Members were present. They were Alberto Elias Sr., Tito Carrillo, Raúl Ramírez and me. Congressman Grijalva was the keynote speaker and shared how his family came to La Canoa as braceros during WWII. He was born in Arizona in 1948 and lived on the ranch until he was five year old when the family moved to Tucson. We share this heartwarming story with you, because it is one of the many stories that needs to be told with the completion of the Master Plan, especially the Interpretive Center and Museum.

Other stories that interpret the land and its people include: Hohokam and their descendents farming the land; Padre Kino visiting indigenous villages in the area in the 1690's; Juan Batista de Anza and 240 Spanish colonists camping there on their way California; granting of the 1820 Land Grant to Tomás and Ignacio Ortiz by the Spanish Crown; changes of national boundaries after Mexico's Independence and later after the Gadsden Purchase; passage of 40 years to resolve ownership of the land; sale of land to Frederick Maish and Thomas Driscoll that ushered Anglo ranching in 1875; incorporation of the Canoa Ranch Company by Levi Manning in 1910 and expansion of holdings and buildings; Phelps Dodge's ownership that changed land and water rights; Fairfield Homes plans to develop 300 acres; and finally Pima County's purchase of the land in 1997.

As you can see, these stories attest to the importance of funding this project that enriches our history and that of Southern Arizona.

Sincerely,



Annie M. Lopez
President of Los Descendientes

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From: **Mary Ellen Barnes** <377bar@comcast.net>

Date: Thu, Oct 9, 2014 at 11:09 AM

Subject: Arizona's open space

To: 

Larry Hecker, Chair, and Committee Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

A native Tucsonan, I have seen Arizona's open space diminish to an alarming degree. My children live in Tucson and enjoy the advantages that undeveloped areas can offer: desert hikes, horseback riding, birdwatching, and unobstructed views of spectacular sunsets. Equally important is the preservation of wildlife corridors. For Pima County residents conservation of the Sonoran Desert and open space as a top priority. Please ask the Bond Advisory Committee to fully fund conservation and open space land protection to ensure our quality of life.

Thank you.
Mary Ellen Barnes

Mary Ellen Barnes - Author:
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From: **Dr. Loren Freshwater** <BBear82@comcast.net>

Date: Thu, Oct 9, 2014 at 9:35 AM

Subject: Protection of Open Lands

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hecker,

My wife and I wholeheartedly agree with your views on the preservation of our open space.

We have lived in Arizona since 2004 and even though our senior status (ages 88 and over) limits our use of the hiking trails, we continue to enjoy bird watching, the parks and most important, the beauty of our gorgeous state.

In 10 years we have seen over development of our open lands despite valiant efforts by Open Land Trusts to help prevent further development and preserve the beauty of our land.

Thanks for your continued views on this subject and hopefully your committee can help bring this matter to the Pima County Board at their next meeting, under their Historic, Cultural, and Natural Area Conservation.

Sincerely

Dr. and Mrs. Loren R. Freshwater

Deseret Romero

From: Jeff Kelly <jeff@thefreshwatergroup.com>
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 1:23 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open space protection

Dear Mr. Hecker,

I would like to take a moment to lend my support for the protection of Tucson's open spaces and conservation lands. I have lived in Tucson for nearly 25 years and thoroughly enjoy the beautiful views, open spaces, quality of life and natural resources afforded to us here. I am writing to see if the Bond Advisory Committee might consider fully funding conservation and open space land protection which will essentially benefit all of us from a quality of life perspective. Also, please consider the healthy economic impact this will have on Tucson well into the future.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this.

Best regards,

Jeff Kelly

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Deseret Romero

From: David Freshwater <david@thefreshwatergroup.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 6:58 PM
To: bondinfo
Cc: Diana Freshwater
Subject: FW: Land and Water Conservation

Larry Hecker, Chair, and Committee Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
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Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Larry,

Open space and land conservation are important to my family and me. Like most Tucsonans we relish the hiking, bird and wildlife watching and the vistas surrounding Tucson. But equally importantly, I am a Tucson businessman. Through our various companies my partner and I employ well over 300 and plan to add another 200 employees in our Tucson office within the next 18 months. We are a quiet company, going about conducting our national business while being headquartered here in Tucson. A big part of attracting talent (besides quality education and great weather) is the abundance of outdoor amenities that are so much a part of living in Tucson. From its hiking to bike trail systems, Tucson is an attractive place to which to draw national talent. Maintaining and enhancing open space opportunities in Tucson and Pima County only makes this an even more attractive place to do business. I urge the Bond Advisory Committee to *fully fund* conservation and open space land protection - not only for the quality of life benefits, but for the economic benefits as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

David Freshwater

Chairman

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Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 6:47 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Fwd: Protection of Open Lands

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From: Dr. Loren Freshwater <BBear82@Comcast.net>
Date: October 9, 2014 9:35:51 AM GMT-07:00
To: heckyes@hpzlaw.com
Subject: Protection of Open Lands

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