Additional Comments Received Since October 10 Mailing
October 7, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator’s Office
130 W. Congress, 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85745

Dear Bond Advisory Committee:

As a native Tucsanan and a member of a family who spent decades helping to support a wide variety of service and cultural organizations in Tucson, I urge the Bond Advisory Committee to approve the capital improvements bond recommended for iconic The Temple of Music and Art.

Since 1927, the Temple of Music and Art has been a cultural anchor for the Tucson community - home to countless theatrical performances, concerts, ballroom dance lessons, graduations, recitals and weddings. It's not just a stage for performances; it's one of this community’s most beloved stages for “living”, having hosted celebrations of personal achievements, family and community gatherings and acclaimed performances for 87 years. The Temple is a Tucson treasure. On a personal note, my late mother, Alice Y. Holsclaw had the privilege of performing in the Temple in 1928 shortly after her arrival in Tucson from Indiana.

Over time, the need for infrastructure maintenance becomes apparent for all structures, including the Temple. This Tucson icon requires sensible but sensitive attention to its needs now, not at some later time after further deterioration has taken place. Over the past 87 years so many Tucsonans have made an effort to create, to support and have invested in this facility. Recognizing the capital improvement needs of the Temple by a successful bond election honors the collective effort of all those Tucsonans. It is vital to preserving the viability of this historic space for future generations.

When I retire I hope to return to Tucson full time and I trust that the Temple will still be the excellent venue for theater and other cultural performances as it has for so long.

I respectfully and enthusiastically urge you to support the capital investment requirements of the Temple of Music and Art in the upcoming bond election. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Douglas S. Holsclaw, Jr., M.D.
Chairman and Members  
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee  
c/o Pima County Administrator’s Office  
130 W Congress Street  
Tucson AZ 85701  
September 9th, 2014

Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members,

On behalf of the Barrio Hollywood Neighborhood Association, I would like to express our support for the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal put forward by the Living Streets Alliance.

Walking is one of the most basic forms of human activity and yet pedestrians are faced with numerous challenges and severe safety risks in many neighborhoods across Pima County. Tucson ranks number 25 on the list of Most Dangerous Metropolitan Areas, with between 250 and 300 pedestrian-involved car accidents each year, and an average of 21 annual pedestrian fatalities. The lack of a safe, convenient, and comfortable pedestrian network prevents walking from becoming a viable transportation option for many individuals in our community.

Walkability is not only important in terms of creating a free and equitable transportation alternative, but also is an essential element for the vitality of our neighborhoods. Walkable communities support physical and mental health, provide better access for people of all ages and abilities, promote economic development with increased property values and local business patronage, improve air quality, and help our neighborhoods become safer and more friendly places to live. Investing in the quality of life of residents in this community is a key strategy to create a healthier, happier, and economically competitive region.

As one of the most pedestrian orientated neighborhoods in Tucson, Barrio Hollywood fully supports LSA’s Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Proposal as a strong initiative to start improving the pedestrian environment in Pima County, and request your recommendation for its inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

Kacey Carleton  
Barrio Hollywood Neighborhood Association  
President

CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator; Richard Elias, PC Supervisor Dist. 5; Regina Romero, COT Ward One
October 8, 2014

Attention: Lawrence M. Hecker, Jr. Chair

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,

becca M. Lopez
President of Los Descendientes
Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

Since you are now in the process in putting together a bond package, I thought that it would be good time to remind you that Open Space is very important to residents of Pima County. More important than some of the other ideas that I have heard about.

Thank you,
Sonya Norman
Dear Nicole:

My name is Frank Flasch and I am the President of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association. As you probably know we in the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood have been very involved over the years in working towards supporting the completion of the Fort Lowell Preservation Project. Several members of our Association have been attending the various meetings to help make the plan that will make this happen.

We have been celebrating the Fort Lowell Neighborhood heritage and tradition for the last 30 years with our Fort Lowell Day event. This takes place every year on the second Saturday of February and we have many visitors from around the city as well as from out of state. For the last several years the Preservation Project has been promoted as an enhancement of the Old Fort Lowell and as a historical treasurer once it is completed. And every year people ask when will it be completed so we can tell our friends and relatives to visit the area. The city of Tucson has a lot to be proud of and this is one of those treasurers that needs to be preserved. We realize that the Fort Lowell Bond project is competing for a limited amount of money available. But we think it belongs on the list projects that the Bond Committee should approve and fund.

As you look towards the future and the bond moneys available for various projects, we ask you to seriously consider and include the Fort Lowell Bond Project.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions concerning the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association to help preserving the heritage and history of Fort Lowell, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Frank Flasch
Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association President
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