Chairman and Members
Pima County Advisory Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator’s Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona 85701

October 22, 2014

RE: Old Pima County Courthouse Restoration and Repurposing
January 8th Memorial Foundation

Dear Committee Board Members:

The January 8th tragedy left a mark on Tucson and the nation. My colleague and friend Gabrielle Giffords continues to bring light to the need for rationale and civil discourse and to cope with the violence that infects our communities. The January 8 memorial can be a symbol of remembrance and also an ongoing civil exercise in participation, free speech, and involvement.

I support the memorial so not to forget our shared pain and to work toward our shared responsibilities to make us better.

Thank you,

Raul Grijalva
Member of Congress
October 22, 2014

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

Dear Chairman Hecker & Members of the Bond Advisory Committee:

I respectfully submit this letter of support for the January 8th Memorial Foundation’s proposal to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee.

There are few words to describe the horrific events of January 8, 2011. We are still trying to comprehend how one person could so greatly affect our quality of life in Southern Arizona. However, we have not and will not let this kind of terror define our community. In fact, what came out of the tragedy was a renewed sense of place and a cohesive understanding that Pima County is better when we encourage civility, respect one another, and embrace the significance of historic events that shape our community.

January 8th’s ‘Congress On Your Corner’ event hosted by Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords embodied the spirit of civic participation in government. It was an opportunity for the public to engage directly with their government representative. For this reason, I feel that the Foundation’s mission to create a memorial in a public place like El Presidio Park is exactly what our community needs to continue healing, and to promote continued public involvement in local, state and federal government.

El Presidio Park’s existing environment is one of engagement. The south perimeter of the park includes Pima County’s Administrative Complex, Pima County Superior Court, and the Pima County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room. The west perimeter of the park includes Tucson’s City Hall and the City Council Chambers. The Eastern perimeter is home to our Historic Courthouse built in 1929, which currently includes the offices of the Pima County Recorder, Assessor, Treasurer, and Justice Courts. El Presidio Park is truly the heart of government in Pima County and the City of Tucson. It is the place for ‘Congress On Your Corner’ to live on.

I support the Foundation’s collaborative approach at creating a public memorial honoring January 8th. The Foundation’s effort to engage community in the design process is the correct approach. It is a multi-faceted endeavor that includes victims of the shooting, neighborhood representatives, historical observers of El Presidio Park, and our arts community. All these elements are necessary to memorialize a tragedy of national scope and historic importance.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard Elías
District 5 Supervisor
Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

October 22, 2014

RE: Old Pima County Courthouse Restoration & Repurposing
January 8th Memorial Foundation

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Board Members:

The January 8th tragedy had a profound effect on our community. The City of Tucson recognizes this, and has expressed consistent and clear support for the January 8th memorial project. On January 8th, 2014, Mayor & Council passed a resolution supporting the memorial concept and its placement in the heart of our city – at El Presidio Park.

The City of Tucson and I have taken the initiative to contribute $30,000 of Ward 1 dedicated park funds to support the masterplanning of El Presidio Park. This will help facilitate a thorough public process with community participation. The City has also committed in-kind staff support to the project. As the elected official representing this area on behalf of the city, I am very enthused about the opportunity to see this project come to fruition.

I would like to express my full support for the January 8th Memorial Foundation project, now bundled into the Old Pima County Courthouse Restoration and Repurposing bond item. I appreciate your consideration on this item, and thank you for your service.

In Community,

[Signature]

Regina Romero
Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator’s Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

October 22, 2014

Dear Chairman Heck and BAC members:

Although I was very young when President Kennedy was shot, I still remember the impact that event had on me, our community and our country. And whenever I visit Dallas, I spend time at the 6th Floor Museum.

The bombing of the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City also had an impact on me, on our community and on our country. And I have gone out of my way to visit the memorial established to honor those victims.

The events of January 8, 2011 are forever ingrained in my memory and in the minds of Tucsonans. A permanent memorial to those who were taken from us that day, to those whose lives will never be the same and to a community that pulled together in such a beautiful way is well deserved.

In addition to being a place for reflection, the proposed January 8 memorial will celebrate our resilience as Tucsonans and our freedoms as Americans. It will be a destination for tourists as well as an important gathering area for civil discourse in a governmental center.

This memorial will also be an economic development driver for downtown and a critical component of the renovation of the park and the Courthouse area. As a business owner and downtown resident, I believe the value of this memorial will be beneficial for the entire community and ask you to please support its inclusion in the upcoming bond package.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dorothy Kret, CEO
620 S. Third Ave
Tucson, AZ 85701
Please find someway to preserve this historical tribute to the arts. I am from the Midwest but plan to retire in Tucson. Now I am here only six months and this theatre is one of the top draws that encourages me to retire here full time.

Juline Fox
Dear members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I respectfully and enthusiastically submit this letter of support for the January 8 Memorial's inclusion in the proposed bond. The memorial will serve the community by being a site where active democracy can continue to flourish in the heart of our city's government. It will also serve as an economic driver, as have memorials in other cities, bringing visitors to the downtown area. Most importantly it will be a way in which the spirit of the Tucson community can be acknowledged and honored.

January 8, 2011 changed my life and the life of my family and I realize that this event profoundly impacted every Tucsonan. It is important that we take this opportunity to mark this historic and tragic event in a meaningful way to honor lives lost, lives changed, and the tremendous response by a caring and generous people.

It is my hope that the generations that come after us will be inspired by the memorial and
the interior educational space to make their own community a better place.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,
Pamela Simon
former staff member of Congresswoman Giffords
Survivor of January 8, 2011
I am not sure this one came in to you or not, or just came to me so I may be resending a duplicate

Begin forwarded message:

From: Darla Sidles <dsidles@yahoo.com>
Date: October 22, 2014 at 2:21:55 PM EDT
To: "diana.durazo@pima.gov" <diana.durazo@pima.gov>
Subject: Support for Old County Courthouse Project

Hello Diana- Please submit the following; thank you!

Dear Chairman and Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I am writing in support of the Old County Courthouse project being considered at the Bond Advisory Committee meeting on October 24, 2014. This proposal includes several key elements that are core to the connectivity of Tucson's past and future. The beautiful and historic Old County Courthouse is a cherished landmark and irreplaceable cultural/historic resource that deserves to play a prominent role in the Tucson community. It is essential that we allocate necessary funds to ensure its continued protection and adaptive use, including its interior and exterior spaces.

This building is a revered feature both to Tucsonans as well as visitors who pass through and appreciate its classic architecture and historic relevance. I know that when I first arrived in Tucson, this building made a great impression upon me. It is without question the most beautiful building in Tucson, and I am so thankful it has been preserved.

And so it only stands to reason that it must be protected and adaptively used---for contemporary office spaces, yes, but also for historic and artistic expression. This includes museum space and January 8th Memorial collections and stories that will attract visitors from throughout the nation, thereby providing an economic benefit to Tucson. The project also includes improved design of the important exterior grounds of El Presidio Park that are so integral to the experience of the Old Courthouse, serving as a "gateway" to downtown. This exterior space should be welcoming and attractively designed to encourage civic engagement and activities consistent with the "Together We Thrive" theme that connected us all so
meaningfully after the January 8, 2011 shootings. Establishing a January 8th Memorial in this area will be a fitting tribute to the sacrifices that were made that horrific day, the connectivity that we felt as a community afterwards, and a recognition for the importance of civic engagement going forward.

Thank you in advance for your insight to finding ways, such as the Old County Courthouse project, to connect the rich and treasured history of this great city to its people for the future.

Sincerely,

Darla Sidles and family

10583 E. George Brookbank
Tucson, AZ 85747
Chairman and Members  
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee  
c/o Pima County Administrator’s Office  
130 W. Congress Street  
Tucson, AZ 85701

October 22, 2014

Chairman Hecker and BAC members:

As a former journalist, I was shocked by the events of January 8 and elevated by the response of our community to such an assault on normality in our city.

The stories of the events of that day and of the humanity shown by ordinary Tucsons and citizen around the U.S. and the world must be given a place to be shared.

Those who don’t know their history are condemned to repeat it. And those who can be inspired by a horrific act and give their most personal sense of hope to the victims, their families and all who shared in our collective grief deserve to have a place of honor and reflection in our midst.

This was more than a national tragedy. It was a moment of strength and collective will on the part of our community, which proved larger and more compassionate than we could ever have imagined.

More than that, a permanent memorial can act as a place of simple truth where the reflections of the survivors and responders on the events of that day, its effects on their lives and its importance for discourse on America’s future can be made available without media hype or sensationalism. The experiences of these people have power and need to be shared in a place that also contains the physical relics of that emotional time.

It will be a place that will bring people together in our community and invite others from around the world to share in the experience of that time in a meaningful and healing way. I urge you to support its inclusion in the pending bond package.

Daniel Buckley  
Documentary Maker/Composer/Consultant  
Daniel Buckley Productions LLC  
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cell 520-260-4176  
dbtucson@gmail.com  
http://www.danielbuckleyproductions.com  
http://www.danielbuckleyarts.com/
Dear Ms. Fyffe:

I'm writing in strong support of including the Tucson Museum of Art in the proposed renovation of the historic 1929 County Courthouse. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a vibrant arts and cultural center for all Tucson families, including our countless visitors and tourists.

Thank you for your vision of the 2015 Bond Package, and please understand how vitally important it is to include the Tucson Museum of Art.

Thank you,

Debbie Wallace
6415 E. Red Cloud Drive
Tucson AZ 85750
306-6030
Although I cannot attend the meeting, I am in favor of purchasing as much open space land as possible. There is no more land being created and there is no "planet B". Ben Love
I wanted to let you know what a wonderful idea it is to use the old county courthouse as a new museum for southwest and Native American art. This community and surrounds have such a rich heritage to share. I fully support this idea and know that many of my neighbors and friends do too. Please make it happen!

Thank you, Carolyn Wayland
Tubac, Arizona

Sent from my iPad
Dear Mr. Hecker:

I'm writing in strong support of the culture facilities maintenance and improvement projects proposed in the bond issue for 2015, and specifically for including the Tucson Museum of Art in the proposed renovation of the historic 1929 County Courthouse.

Thank you,

Debbie Wallace
6415 E. Red Cloud Drive
Tucson AZ 85750
306-6030
To: Larry Hecker, Chairman
The TMA has worked diligently over almost a decade to join with the County to create a significant museum in an iconic space here in Tucson.
The benefits are clear and opportunity for bringing this project to fruition is close at hand.
I urge the Committee to approve this outstanding opportunity for inclusion in the proposed bond issue.
Sincerely,
Steven Ratoff
TMA Trustee

Sent from my iPhone
Attention Nicole Fyffe

Dear Nicole,

I do support the creation of a museum for the exhibition of Western and Native American Art in collaboration with the Tucson Museum of Art.

Please do the necessary to make this project possible. It would be in benefit not only for Tucson but for all the people interested in history.

Unfortunately I will not be able to be present at the Bond Advisory Committee Meeting on October 24th but I do wish all the best.

Regards,
Marisa de la Vega-Fitzgerald
October 20, 2014

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

To Whom It May Concern,

We will not be in attendance for the Bond Advisory Committee meeting on October 24, 2014. Due to our absence, we wanted to voice our support on the current proposal which includes ballot measures that will provide $900,000 in funding for Arizona Theater Company. We feel that this will help with the much needed capital improvements and repairs for the facility.

We feel strongly, that Arizona Theater Company does a lot for the Tucson community and they are deserving of these funds.

Your attention to this request is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul and Alice Baker
Deseret Romero

From: jackiemanning@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 5:16 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Pima County Courthouse

Ever since I moved to Tucson in 19, I have admired the beautiful Pima County Courthouse building. Finally we have a chance to possibly make a landmark decision for Pima County. This building truly belongs to the art community of Tucson and should become part of the Tucson Museum of Art. What an incredible draw it would be to have the Art of the American West as well as the Native American art shown in that beautiful building. Please support the arts and allow this to happen.

Jacqueline L. Manning
3740 E Calle Del Cacto
Tucson, AZ 85718
Deseret Romero

From: cflinnstudios@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 6:25 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Oh goody more wonderful art for Tucson

Please let's make this happen this could really put Tucson on the map My theory of Tucson is we should have more museums I think that attracts wonderful people, children it's just a wonderful way to have people come to our city

And let's keep it local that's what they do in New Mexico don't let a lot of other people and you have to be from New Mexico let's do that here Keep the art local we got plenty a wonderful artist Yours truly Carol Flinn. BFA

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Mr. Hecker,

As a full time resident actively involved in the arts and education in Pima County, I want to encourage your support for including the Tucson Museum of Art in the repurposing of the Old Pima County Courthouse.

I sincerely thank you in advance for your support.

Merlin Cohen
Past President
Board of Trustees
Tucson Museum of Art
140 N. Main Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 615-1905
merlin@merlincohen.com

TUCSON MUSEUM of ART
AND HISTORIC BLOCK
In the upcoming bond issue, I know everyone is vying for their favorite project and their piece of the pie. However, rather than implement new initiatives, facilities that the County can’t afford to maintain, it is much better to improve the facilities that already exist such as Colossal Cave Park. The roads are in terrible shape, the facilities are dated, and it needs upgrades to preserve the past.

Colossal Cave Park has so much to offer especially if it was maintained to an acceptable level. Again, rather than build new parks, buildings, and facilities, fix what you already have.

Sincerely,

Rob Samuelsen
I support including funds for renovations to the County Courthouse that will incorporate a museum of Western and Native American art in collaboration with the Tucson Museum of Art in your 2015 bond package.

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Arnie Urken
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1 East Bway Blvd
Apt 612
Tucson, AZ 85701
Deseret Romero

From: bilijeansporter@comcast.net  
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 6:57 PM  
To: bondinfo  
Subject: Support project w/ Pima Cty Courthouse

Sounds like a wonderful opportunity for TMA and the Tucson community to connect with Pima County courthouse. Yes, connecting art to life which is what lasts when the dust settles. Jeanne Porter
To whom it may concern,
I have been a resident of Tucson and a business owner in the Old Pueblo for 25 plus years. This is the first time I have written and do so because of the importance of making the old Pima County Courthouse into a world class museum in Tucson. Art is big business to be sure and many visitors make their decision on where to live based on the art museums and culture. Having a large dedicated space for Native American and Western Art is a no brainer in my opinion. You would increase visibility for the downtown as well as making a significant financial impact on our city.
I look forward to watching how the committee proceeds in this matter.
Best,
Mark
Dr. Mark Sublette
President
Medicine Man Gallery
1.800.422.9382
art@medicinemangallery.com
www.medicinemangallery.com
Dear Bond Advisory Committee:
I ask for your strongest consideration to support Colossal Cave Mountain Park in its request for bond funds to make much needed improvements in the park. I have been a supporter and user of the park resources for many years and I know that it is time to upgrade the park to meet the needs created by increased visitation due to the growing population of Southern Arizona.

I am a member of the Tucson Saddle Club so I ride my horses frequently in the park and also lead club rides there. I am a member of the advisory committee of the Arizona Trail Association and have built and maintain the section of the trail that runs through the park.

The park and its staff (including Martie Maierhauser) have done an amazing job with the natural resources under their stewardship and I have enjoyed working with them many times over the years. It is now time to provide the financial support to build additional trails, bathrooms, and recreational resources that will protect the natural, one-of-a-kind places that is Colossal Cave Mountain Park while allowing for the evolution of it for the community it serves.

If I can provide any other information to encourage you to support Colossal Cave MP in its full funding request, please contact me directly at wendyericawerden@yahoo.com or 954-7754.

Sincerely,
Wendy Erica Werden
9420 E. Sierra St. Tucson AZ 85710
I support restoring the 1927 County Courthouse and developing a Western Art museum with in it.

Dennis Garrison
The court house is a beautiful building and would be a perfect place ago display the western and indigenous art collection of the museum. I'm very much in favor of this.

Penelope Porter
TO ALL CONCERNED,
I URGE YOU TO CAST YOUR VOTES FOR FUNDING OPEN SPACES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. THIS MOVE ON YOUR PART WILL PROTECT THE EXTRAORDINARILY DIVERSE ANIMAL AND PLANT SPECIES OF OUR BOUNTIFUL SONORAN DESERT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR STUDIED CONSIDERATION.
BEST,
MARCIA SPARK
100 E CALLE ENCANTO, TUCSON AZ 85716
520-323-8714
From: Bill & Cassandra Ridlinghafer <hawkaz01@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:22 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Bonds for the art museums

Please approve the bond package for converting the old Pima County courthouse into a western / native american art museum. It will be a wonderful asset to the community.

William Ridlinghafer
Deseret Romero

From: Emily Sullivan <hiemilysullivan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 6:32 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Pima County Courthouse as a future Center for Art, History and Culture

To 'The Pima County Advisory Board': In hard economic times it is hard to maintain a clear vision for the future, and to consider expenditures but our future depends on it!! Please add the project to the Bond Issue and allow for the Tucson area to take it's rightful place at the center of historic preservation and cultural arts. Thank you, Emily Sullivan, Canyon Crest Drive, Tucson, AZ 85750.
Deseret Romero

Subject: FW: Letter of support for inclusion of the January 8 Memorial Foundation in the proposed bond

-----Original Message-----
From: Horvath, Cheryl [mailto:chorvath@northwestfire.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:18 AM
To: Diana Durazo; Nicole Fyffe
Cc: Michelle Crow; Karen Christensen
Subject: Letter of support for inclusion of the January 8 Memorial Foundation in the proposed bond

Dear members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I respectfully submit this letter of support to include the January 8 Memorial Foundation in the proposed bond. The memorial will represent a moment in time for not only the greater Tucson area but the rest of the country and internationally as this tragic event stands alone in history as a threat to the spirit of democracy and to Tucson. As a first responder that tragic day, and as a representative of all those who gave their best effort to minimize the negative impact of one individual's effort to inflict pain and suffering on so many of our residents, supporting and building a memorial will give due recognition that our community efforts were strong in response that day, and into the future.

The greater Tucson community desires and deserves a thoughtful memorial that recognizes the lives lost that day, the victims and family members of this tragedy, and most importantly, the community's response and engagement in the healing effort.

Thank you for your consideration of this important community project.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Horvath, Division Chief
Northwest Fire District
---Original Message-----
From: Ross Zimmerman [mailto:ross.zimmerman@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 5:29 PM
To: Nicole Fyffe
Cc: Michelle Crow
Subject: Old County Courthouse project

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

I'm writing in support of the proposal to restore the historic Pima County Courthouse. As you know, the January 8th Memorial Foundation is working with Pima County, the City of Tucson, the Tucson Pima Arts Council, and the Tucson Museum of Art to develop a plan in and around the courthouse to provide a fitting set of memorials to the Jan. 8 shootings, a historic tragedy for our county, our state, and our country. The project to renovate the courthouse includes the interior portion of the Jan. 8 memorials. I believe it is a good use of bond funds.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Ross Zimmerman
11850 E. Mesquite Grove Ct
Tucson Az 85749
I strongly urge the board to increase the amount of funding for open space around Tucson to encourage infill in the city and better utilization of current schools, many of which have been closed and shuttered. We need land for recreation and to support the reason so many people want to visit the Tucson area. We don't need an ever-expanding community whose water needs we are increasingly under pressure to meet. Live in the city, support local schools, and go outside for fun.

Will Smalzer
I support the initiative that would allow TMA to establish a much-anticipated showcase for its Art of the American West collection in the iconic 1929 County Courthouse.

Sincerely,
Janice MacKenzie
Dear Bond Committee,

I'm writing about how thrilled I am with the new funding for the Cave. Have been camping out there since the late 70's. Coati mundi, mountain lion, raccoons have been part of my and my family's experiences at the park. Natural history the way Southern Arizona used to be. My daughter has been riding the horses since she was six. The stage station, CCC, and Cave are pieces of history about which every Tucson resident should be educated. The park truly is an uncut diamond of this valley. This leads me to one concern: Don't cut the diamond too much. Keep the natural, historical, and downhome feeling of the park. Please don't turn it into a Disneyland. The land and resources can't take it. Treat it delicately and it'll be bring joy to residents until the collapse of civilization. The idea of having the Desert Museum to the west and Colossal Cave to the east really adds richness to the Tucson experience.

Thank you,
Craig Montgomery
Retired 30 Year Veteran of Sunnyside School District
Deseret Romero

From: Patty Smallsreed <psmallsreed@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:43 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Tucson Museum of Art - potential bond

We just relocated to the Tucson area from Chicago. As new residents, we are trying to support as many local art and civic organizations as we can, as we are very interested in having Tucson continue to grow and expand the offerings for residents and visitors alike. Coming from a vibrant city like Chicago, we see so much potential for Tucson and Pima County. We recently learned that there is a proposal to renovate the County Courthouse and create a museum for exhibiting Western and Native American art in collaboration with the Tucson Museum of Art. We think this is an outstanding idea and proposal, and represents an opportunity to showcase the heritage of the region by creating a cultural center for residents and visitors alike. We very much support this and hope that you will seriously consider this bond proposal.

Patricia and Mark Smallsreed

Patty Smallsreed
psmallsreed@gmail.com
312-560-8155
Deseret Romero

From: mspark@cox.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:38 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: 2015 BOND PACKAGE

TO ALL CONCERNED,
I WISH TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE TUCSON MUSEUM OF ART IN THE PROPOSED 2015 BOND PACKAGE. IT WOULD BE A GREAT CULTURAL ASSET FOR THE COMMUNITY AND AN ICONIC TOURIST ATTRACTION FOR TUCSON.
MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
BEST,
MARCIA SPARK
100 E CALLE ENCANTO
TUCSON AZ 85716
520-323-8714
From: Donna Aarons <contessaconcetta@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:27 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Old courthouse
I support your project. Unfortunately, I live in Cochise County, so won't have a vote if it comes to that. I am, however, excited about visiting the Museum of Art in Tucson soon to see their new exhibits. I wish we had something equivalent in my county, but that's not likely to happen. Good luck in your endeavor.

Helene Jackson
Box 2
McNeal AZ 85617
The County Courthouse is a symbol of Tucson’s diverse past. Combined with the cultural legacy of the Tucson Museum of Art will serve to enhance the experience of southern Arizona’s heritage by locals and visitors alike. I support the Tucson Museum of Art’s inclusion in the bond initiative.

Judith Tracy
Tucson resident
The current tour of Colossal Cave is ridiculous. You see no good formations, the guides are ill-informed, and the only thing they really talk about are bandits of Old West. It is geared toward a junior-high school mentality. I think the cave should be shut down and sealed off. But, if the county insists on keeping it open and making improvements they should consider:

(1) Take visitors to places in the cave with better natural formations.

(2) Train guides to have better understandings of natural history and natural caves.

(3) Improve the historic ranch area and picnic grounds. Create nice camping sites.

Rick Brusca
Pima Co. Resident
Chairman and Members
Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701

The tragedy that came upon Tucson on January 8, 2011, has had a lasting impact on the lives of my wife and I, who were in line to see Congresswoman Giffords that morning. I was shot and my wife was injured. Both of us were admitted to the hospital but fortunately recovered physically. The emotional scars will always be with us. The outpouring of support from the greater Tucson community had an important function in our healing and I believe the proposed Memorial will reflect greatly on the kindness of our community. I trust all that come to visit the Memorial will come away with a positive reflection of our community and a greater understanding of what actually occurred that day and the impact on Tucson.
I also trust that in addition to the educational value the Memorial will provide, revenue from lodging, food, transportation and general spending during a visit to such venues have and should provide Tucson with needed funds to enhance the greater community as has been experienced in Oklahoma City and Shanksville, PA.
I ask for your support in approving this important project.

Kenneth Dorushka, survivor and Memorial Board Member
Dear Councilwoman Romero,

I support the efforts to maintain and repair the Temple of Music and Art. It has served Tucson very well with many different chapters in its career. It is as iconic as any structure in Tucson. I urge your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Raymond Graap, M.D.
Dear Committee Members,

I feel this move to add new space for the Museum of Art downtown is a wonderful idea. It is close to the Public Library and it is a most wonderful thing to do for the downtown area. It gives us teachers another place to add for fieldtrips. I support this move to add more museum space. Thanks so much.

Johanna O. Durán

ELD Educator
Van Buskirk ES, TUSD1
725 E. Fair
Tucson, AZ 85714
I support including funds for renovations to the County Courthouse that will incorporate a museum of Western and Native American art in collaboration with the Tucson Museum of Art in your 2015 bond package.

Maddy Urken
maddyurken@hotmail.com
1 E Broadway Blvd, Apt 612
Tucson, AZ 85701
To Whom It May Concern:

We were delighted to hear that there is a possibility that the beautiful 1929 County Courthouse may include some future space for the Tucson Museum of Art's Western & Native American Art Collections. I do hope that those of you who are in a position of determining this outcome will do your best to see that it comes to fruition. We cannot think of a better venue for those collections -- nor a better use of the beautiful historic structure to make it shine both inside and out. Please vote to make this a reality.

Thanks for your consideration,

Nancy & Jim Mayerhofer
520-884-8081
This opportunity will enhance the downtown restaurant and art scene in addition to showcasing the fine art of the SW.

I beg you to pass this and help Tucson grow educationally, culturally, and economically.

Bobbe Woods
**Deseret Romero**

**From:** notification@pima.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:50 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Feedback Form 2014-10-22 02:50 PM Submission Notification

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**Message Subject** Old Pima County Courthouse and Tucson Art Museum

**Comment** I support using county bonds to restore the old Courthouse and move Western/Native American Art from the Tucson Museum of Art into that facility.

**Response requested** No  

Thank you, Pima County, Arizona
To whom it may concern,

This is to register my complete support of the proposed Pima County Courthouse renovation and the inclusion of space for a Western Art Museum. I do hope that this dream will come to fruition as it will be a true asset to the community, the county and indeed the State of Arizona.

Sincerely,
Linda S Wendell
3585 E. Thimble Peak Pl.
Tucson, AZ 85718
October 17, 2014

Canoa Ranch Bond Project #80

Dear Chair Lawrence M. Hecker, JR. and Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

The inclusion of Canoa Ranch Bond Project #80 in the 2015 Bond package will allow the important work that has been done already at Canoa Ranch to continue. The significance of this site and desire to preserve it was mandated by Pima County voters in 1997. The additional Bond funds are necessary to complete the work outlined in the comprehensive master plan.

This is a site’s layered history, buildings and sites have many stories to tell. The various culture groups associated with the site that can be directly involved in telling their own stories along with the sites accessibility makes this a very good long-term investment for Pima County. The site has the capacity to enrich the quality of life for residents of Pima County and be a destination for visitors with an interest in our heritage.

The Vail Preservation Society is very much in support of including the Canoa Ranch Project #80 in the 2015 Bond package. We look forward to seeing planned restoration work completed as well as interpretation that will include the contributions and important place that Mexican American Vaqueros have in our ranching heritage.

I ask for your yes vote for this project. When a project cannot be completed due to funding, it often has the long-term effect of actually moving that project backwards in progress and causing work and maintenance to be deferred which adds to the cost when work is finally resumed. Let’s keep this project on track and continue to develop this site that provides a sense of place for residents and a destination for heritage tourists.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

L. Lamb
Executive Director
Vail Preservation Society
October 18, 2014

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

Dear Sirs & Madams,

Ever since we moved to Tucson in 2001, we have enjoyed coming to the Temple of Music and Art for performances by the Arizona Theater Company. The Temple is a very important and unique building in Tucson and must be updated and maintained for all residents of this great city. Please include the $900,000 needed for capital improvements in the ballot measure under consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name: Peter & Carole Taussig]
October 21, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
C/O Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85745

I wish that you will include necessary repairs to the Temple of Music and Arts in your bond program. This building and its outside area is an important venue for so many organizations that bring the arts to our community. Some of the organizations we depend on, such as the Arizona Theater Company coming to Tucson from Phoenix is very important to theater goers. They might stop coming here if the venue is not acceptable.

Thank you very much,

[Signature]
Margaret Chrisman
To Whom It May Concern
Regretfully, my husband and I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 24th due to other obligations. However, I do want to let you know our hope that The Temple of Music and Art will be included in the coming bond decision.

We will be attending a performance on the 25th at the Temple. And we look forward to our many visits for plays sponsored by ATC. We also find the restaurant in connection with the theatre is unique in both its menu and its decor.

This building is truly a treasure and adds so much to the increasing "life" that is coming downtown. We hope that the Temple will be included in the bond's dimensions and that the needed repairs to keep the temple vibrant can be made.

Sincerely, Irene and Bob Camp
My wife and I have been volunteer users for ATC for more than 20 years. The value to our community in support of the arts is unparalleled. Not only for the shows during the fall and spring, but with the many other performances that support community programs. This downtown facility has become an added value to renovations that are going on around it. The need for repair, renovation and upgrading is desperately needed in order for the theater to continue housing performances, offering the public an attractive, comfortable venue. We are in total support for the passage of the needed bond issue.
Bob and Char Ernst
Hi there – here is another one for the Old Courthouse.  ~ di

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Chairman Hecker and other members:

Imagine a transformed El Presidio Park, and next to it, the renovated old courthouse. We believe that one key component will be a fitting memorial to the victims, survivors and first responders of the January 8th shooting that forever transformed Tucson. A beautiful memorial will serve as an economic development vehicle to draw visitors to downtown, much as it similar monuments have done in Oklahoma City, Columbine, Aurora, and Pennsylvania. I ask that you kindly recognize the importance of a memorial and make it part of the bond package.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric and Andrea Schindler

5901 Camino Arturo

Tucson, 85718
October 14, 2014

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator’s Office
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701
CC: Chuck Huckleberry, Pima County Administrator

Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Dear Chairman and Members:

On behalf of Carondelet St Mary’s Hospital, I would like to express our support for the Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal put forward by the Living Streets Alliance. As Tucson’s west-side healthcare provider, we are keenly interested in the health, well-being, and economic stability of our community and know that walkability is closely connected to a healthy, thriving population.

Our society is faced with some disconcerting health statistics. More than two thirds of American adults are overweight or obese. Childhood obesity has more than doubled and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years. Data specific to Pima County communities demonstrates unacceptable rates of chronic disease. Lack of physical activity has become an epidemic with dire consequences.

Encouraging people to walk and creating safer places that support walking can play a critical part in reversing these trends. Some health experts refer to walking as a “wonder drug” as it is known to help prevent or treat obesity and diabetes; reduce the risk of some cancers, coronary heart disease, and osteoporosis; and enhance mental well-being.

We are aware that many cities across the United States are building infrastructures that support walking and help people discover being on their feet again. We would like to see similar initiatives in Pima County to increase the likelihood of walking as a part of people’s daily lives. Therefore, we fully support LSA’s Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal as a strong initiative to create a walkable and healthier region and request your recommendation for its inclusion in the upcoming Pima County bond election.

Sincerely,

Amy Beiter, MD
President and CEO, Carondelet St. Mary’s Hospital
Deseret Romero

Subject: FW: Tucson's January 8 Memorial

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> From: tuckerjd@comcast.net [mailto:tuckerjd@comcast.net]
> Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 6:31 PM
> To: Diana Durazo; Nicole Fyffe
> Subject: Tucson's January 8 Memorial
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> Chairman and Members
> Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
> c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
> 130 W. Congress Street
> Tucson, AZ 85701
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> On January 8, 2011, my wife and I were the couple talking with then-Congresswoman Giffords when the deranged gunman opened fire, shooting 19 persons, 6 of which either died at the scene or at the University of Arizona Medical Center. Thankfully, my wife was not shot but I was critically wounded twice in the upper right chest and in the lower right leg. According to Dr Peter Rhee, I was the next most critically wounded, aside from Congresswoman Giffords. I was very close to death when I arrived at the UAMC's Trauma Wing.
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> The proposed memorial will honor the 19 individuals who were either killed or wounded while exercising their right to assemble and to exercise free speech, both of which are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. Our assembly was both peaceful and orderly prior to the shooting: a Democrat (Ms Gifforts) and Republicans (My wife and I) participating in a civil dialog for the betterment of our city, county, state and country.
>
> Your support of this memorial will, in the words of Dr Rhee honor those "who set a new standard for courage, resilience, and strength."
Greetings from Green Valley, Please encourage funding to keep the Temple of Music & Arts open & functional as a means of keeping the arts alive and well in our community. Thanks, Phyllis Folta
Supporting Colossal Cave Park is a good use of bond money.
Sonya Norman
Tucson
To whom it may concern,
As a member of the local construction community, Rincon Valley resident, and frequent park visitor; I absolutely support the increased bond request for park improvements. Many of the roads and parking lots are in disrepair and the park in general could use a little “sprucing up”. I believe the money would be well spent and will improve visitors’ perception of our gem.

Sincerely,
JERAMY BOHNE
Dear Chairman Hecker:
The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the Tucson Museum of Art's proposal to house its rapidly growing Western and Native American Art collection in the historic Pima County Courthouse. This is an unprecedented opportunity for Pima County and the Tucson Museum of Art to take the lead in establishing a nationally recognized and culturally relevant art museum in the heart of the Old Pueblo. Pairing a first class Western and Native American Art museum with the iconic Pima County Courthouse is a match too historically important to be ignored. I urge you to recommend inclusion of Tucson Museum of Art's proposal on the 2015 bond initiative.

Respectfully,
Larry A. Morris, Ph.D.
Clinical and Forensic Psychology
363 East River Road
Tucson, AZ 85704
520 407-9407
DesertLAM@comcast.net
I am writing in favor of repurposing the Old Pima County courthouse so that one of the most beautiful old buildings in Tucson can become a centerpiece for tourism and community pride. The Tucson Museum of Art would be an excellent steward of the building and it would allow the Museum to become a significant downtown destination as well as grow its collection by offering potential donors an outstanding place to showcase their collections. The local arts and culture community is one of the main reasons we moved to Tucson and it would be a wise economic move on the part of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee to approve the majority of the improvements listed, and the key one is the repurposing of the courthouse.

Regards,
Nancy Landes
I am Marco Filippi, from Italy, husband of Lella and father of Mattia. I have been requested from Colossal Cave MP Director to write to You if I am a supporter of Colossal Cave Mountain Park.

Sure I am!

I am a lover of Western US nature and PEOPLE (people my family and me feel very comfortable with: I'd like to migrate to Western US to live and work with them!) and I have been visiting The West for one month in 1995 and another month in 2000 with my wife and my son, another month trip, alone with my wife, in 2004 and 2005, then 6 weeks with my wife and my sister in 2007, again one month in 2008, a 25-Years-Later two weeks HoneyMoon in 2009, again one month in 2010 and 2011, a 3wks look at New England Foliage in 2012 followed by a BackToWest 3wks vacation in winter 2014. Let me say I like Western US and I know Western US.

In 2009 my wife and me planned the HoneyMoon of our only son, Mattia, who wished a Wester US HoneyMoon; accordingly with his desire we planned stops at Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Arches and Canyonlands, Bryce an Zion, San Francisco, Sand Diego and Tucson. As an extra we offered him and his wife a Guided Tour with Lara at Colossal Cave MP. Mattia, who is a Scout Leader, have been, during our year 2000 trip, in a Speciality Tour at Carlsbad Cave too. Mattia had few time during his HoneyMoon to write email news, but he took the time to show, in his saturday Oct 3rd 2009 evening email, his - and his wife - EXTREME INTEREST AND SATISFACTION for this tour at Colossal Cave; not only due to the excellent scouting he had from the personnel but, in first, for the INCREDIBLE UNIQUENESS of Colossal Cave. I have been proud of my choice, to let him visit - together with those famous National Parks mentioned above, San Diego Animal Park, Pima Museum - Colossal Cave.

And I am glad to hear that the Bond Advisory Committee has an interest in CCMP and want to know the truth about it, that is that we, the (foreign, but very "american") visitors community, have interest in an outstanding continuous support of this God delivered to Men resource of the earth.

In Faith,
Marco and Lella Filippi (father and mother)
Mattia and Valentina Filippi (son and bríce)
Bologna, Italy, Oct. 22nd - 1130 local time
Colossal Cave Mountain Park is a jewel on the far East side of the Tucson area and could use some upgrades to keep its luster. I think this is a great use of money from the proposed bond issue FM-79.

Byron Skinner
14495 E. Amilaur Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85747
Dear Mr. Hecker,

I am writing to support the Tucson Museum of Art's proposed Pima Museum of the West (working title) request to be housed in the Pima County Courthouse. The historic Courthouse is an easily accessed landmark worthy of becoming home to the proposed Western Art Museum. The Pima County Courthouse possesses the special kind of unique architectural distinction that could evolve into a nationally recognized landmark, such as the St. Louis Arch, and carry the important message of who we are and what we honor. Our area's people would be showcased and the Museum would become the education destination to learn about our diverse cultures. There is no place more beautiful or more worthy to hold our Western Art treasures than in the historic Pima County Courthouse.

Respectfully,
Patty Mathes
Tucson Museum of Art Member
Western Art Patron Founding Member
Hello.
As Vail residents, we often enjoy the natural beauty and diversity of Colossal Cave Mountain Park. We have recently seen that real improvements are needed, especially the roads in the Park.
Thank you for your attention,
Anita and Richard Smith
Vail, AZ. 85641
We support this measure and would love to see park improvements.

Thank you,
Linda and Walt Dills
Tucson, AZ
Dear BondInfo,

Just a note to say that I welcome the increase in the bond Bond Request for Colossal Cave. It’s a real asset to the county!

Yours,
Jim Malusa

Office: Biological Sciences East, Room 203C
Mailing Address: Biological Sciences East, Room 325
School of Natural Resources and the Environment
University of Arizona
1311 E. 4th Street
Tucson, Arizona 85721
520-621-6424 (wk)
520-795-2622 (hm)
To Larry Hecker and the the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

Regarding the proposed bond issue that will be discussed this Friday: As a resident of Pima County and firm supporter of the arts and their positive impact on the community, I support maintenance of Pima County's current cultural facilities, and towards that end, approval of the maintenance improvement projects proposed in the bond. Our museums and the venues that host our theatre groups' productions will benefit from this bond and will contribute to a flourishing arts environment in our city and county. I understand that these facilities are included in the planning groups for libraries and community facilities, as well as history and cultural and natural area conservation. Approving this bond can only benefit our local arts, restaurants, and businesses.

Thank you for considering the support of sustaining venues for the arts.

Best,

Margaret Flyntz
Tucson, AZ
Deseret Romero

From: Diana Durazo
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 11:38 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Support for Old County Courthouse Project

Hi there - here is another comment letter for the Old Courthouse. ~ Di

-----Original Message-----
From: Darla Sidles [mailto:dsidles@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 11:22 AM
To: Diana Durazo
Subject: Support for Old County Courthouse Project

Hello Diana- Please submit the following; thank you!

Dear Chairman and Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I am writing in support of the Old County Courthouse project being considered at the Bond Advisory Committee meeting on October 24, 2014. This proposal includes several key elements that are core to the connectivity of Tucson's past and future. The beautiful and historic Old County Courthouse is a cherished landmark and irreplaceable cultural/historic resource that deserves to play a prominent role in the Tucson community. It is essential that we allocate necessary funds to ensure its continued protection and adaptive use, including its interior and exterior spaces.

This building is a revered feature both to Tucsonans as well as visitors who pass through and appreciate its classic architecture and historic relevance. I know that when I first arrived in Tucson, this building made a great impression upon me. It is without question the most beautiful building in Tucson, and I am so thankful it has been preserved.

And so it only stands to reason that it must be protected and adaptively used—for contemporary office spaces, yes, but also for historic and artistic expression. This includes museum space and January 8th Memorial collections and stories that will attract visitors from throughout the nation, thereby providing an economic benefit to Tucson. The project also includes improved design of the important exterior grounds of El Presidio Park that are so integral to the experience of the Old Courthouse, serving as a "gateway" to downtown. This exterior space should be welcoming and attractively designed to encourage civic engagement and activities consistent with the "Together We Thrive" theme that connected us all so meaningfully after the January 8, 2011 shootings. Establishing a January 8th Memorial in this area will be a fitting tribute to the sacrifices that were made that horrific day, the connectivity that we felt as a community afterwards, and a recognition for the importance of civic engagement going forward.

Thank you in advance for your insight to finding ways, such as the Old County Courthouse project, to connect the rich and treasured history of this great city to its people for the future.

Sincerely,

Darla Sidles and family

10583 E. George Brookbank
Tucson, AZ 85747
My husband and I are unable to attend the hearing on October 24, but would be happy for you to express in our absence, our strong hopes that the County Board Advisory Committee & the City of Tucson will succeed in obtaining the funding necessary for the required repairs to the Temple of Music & Art.

The Temple of Music & Art is one of the gems of Tucson. Its architecture, theaters, restaurant, gallery & plaza make it a focal point of the community that is loved & appreciated by so many.

Dee & Avery Bates
The Temple of Music and Art is the finest acoustical theater in Tucson. From each of its 500+ seats, the listener can hear clearly without distortion.

I have been a choral director of a cappella music all my life, and here in Tucson for the past 37 years. The many shows staged by the Tucson Goodtime Singers at the Temple of Music and Art were the finest, as a result of the fine staging, lighting and sound equipment available in the facility. Not another performing venue in the area comes close.

Tucson must become aware of the excellence of its possession. Tucson MUST restore and maintain the Temple of Music and Art to avoid deterioration of this historic and outstanding facility.

The citizens of Tucson are counting on your recognition of this facility as a unique treasure with which we are blessed. We are counting on you to see that it receives the good care that it needs and deserves.

Most sincerely,

Nancy Bergman, Chorus Director
Tucson Goodtime Singers 1977 - 2000
Canada del Oro Barbershop Chorus 2002 - 2014
Please deliver this to the Bond Advisory Committee:

My husband and I have been attending the theatre at the Temple of Music and Art for 20 years. Our first visit was a presentation at the Cabaret Theatre. Then we started attending Arizona Theatre Company productions and have been annual subscribers for many years. This theatre company presents top notch professional performances.

The Temple of Music and Art is an asset that should be preserved to continue to attract actors and audiences. Please provide funding for needed repairs and improvements to the Temple of Music and Art in the 2015 bond election.

Marylee Adamson
903 West Calle Excelso
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Sent from my iPad, Marylee
I understand that the Board is going to be considering allocating of funds to the Temple later this month. I encourage you to approve these much needed funds.

Thank you,
Gloria DeLaughter
5921 N Moonbrook Rd
Tucson, AZ 85741
520-293-9640

Sent from my iPad
To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to communicate my support for funding for the Temple of Music and Art. Not only is the location a historic and visually attractive building. Productions and events at this encourage people to come to Downtown Tucson. Many funds have already been spent by the City and County to revitalize the downtown area. It would be a shame to not support the Temple of Music and Art, a venue that serves the community in numerous ways.

Thank you,

Cindy Long
Deseret Romero

golfwelz@gmail.com on behalf of jim wells <jwells72@gmail.com>

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:18 PM
Deseret Romero
Temple of Music and Arts

I want to support any actions that favorably effect The Temple of Music and Art. This building and the organization supporting it are a vital part of the future success of Tucson as a community. The local Tucson governments as too quick to abandon great parts of Tucson and eventually, as all the parts disappear, we will find ourselves with nothing to offer visitors, commerce, or our future. Thank you for your support for The Temple of Music and Arts being included in this bond referendum.

Regards-

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Jim Wells
8524 N Nob Hill Drive
Tucson, AZ 85742
home 520-219-1718
cell 917-602-2078
Dear Advisory Committee: Please count us in enthusiastically FOR the Pima County Courthouse project being re-purposed to hold the Western Art treasures of the Tucson Museum of Art.

We’ll leave it at that!

-Ann and Richard Stables
Dear Mr. Hekcer,
I would like to voice my support for moving forward with the Pima Courthouse space for the Art of the American West from the Tucson Museum of Art. This growing collection which has a dedicated curator, support group (Western Art Patrons) could be a draw and focal point in the downtown area. The smaller community of Wickenburg has an outstanding Western Art Museum. The western arts events in Tucson demonstrate a large full time resident and snowbird population support.
I am a member of The Tucson Museum of Art, Western Art Patrons and Tucson Museum of Art League. I will be teaching a class at UAMC on Friday morning, but am additional for further input if needed.
Kind regards,
Patricia Mathios
Email: pmmathios@gmail.com
VM: 916.803.2453
Deseret Romero

From: Margie <philnmary@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:02 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Courthouse

As a member of TMA I think the suggested use of the Courthouse building for Western Art Museum Collection is WONDERFUL!!
Go for it!
Margaret B. Matter
Deseret Romero

From: Jane Doherty <justleaveittojane@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1:53 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: why?

We have the excellent Arizona State Museum serving this same purpose. Why would we want to do this?

Jane Doherty
Dear Pima County Supervisors,

As a member of the Tucson Museum of Art, I strongly support the initiative to expand their exhibit space into the historic courthouse property.

Sincerely,

Mikki Gries
13640 N Heritage Canyon Dr.
Marana, AZ 85658
we hope the old courthouse can be re-purposed to house part of the collection of the tucson museum of art. it seems to us to be a perfect usage of the building. the location is an easy walk and the mosaic dome of the courthouse stands out as a work of art in itself, which fits in well with the mission of an art museum. turning the courthouse into a branch of the museum would provide more space to showcase the collections, and help make it an important regional museum. right now space is very limited.

jean nerenberg
nerenbergjean@gmail.com
www.jeannerenberg.com
As a docent at the Tucson Museum of Art for the past 15 years, I urge you to take into consideration the expansion of this lovely museum into the old Court House. The museum serves the community in so many ways, i.e. education and school tours, hospital art projects for children, art talks at the Museum and various other venues.

The Museum is a genuine asset to the City of Tucson and all its inhabitants.

Please say yes and support us.

Thank you,

Marilyn Kay Jensen
520-514-2092
Hello, from Jock Soper in Patagonia.
I just heard about the possibility of the Tucson Museum being part of a bond issue to restore the Old Courthouse. Now THAT is a great idea. I can't buy bonds, but I can volunteer to do anything needed to make it happen - it's about hope and imagination and REAL community continuity. Tucson is already "on the map." This would put a star by its name in the atlas of cities with vision.

JMS 707-478-6043
Nicole Fyffe:
We would like to urge you to include the Tucson Museum of Art expansion in the bond issue decision. This quality museum is unique to our city and draws tourists as well as local visitors. This is an unusual opportunity to enhance the city image and make good use of the beautiful old courthouse. We support the culture facilities maintenance and improvement projects proposed in the bond decision.

Thanks
Bob and Jo Koeper  rkjkaz@hotmail.com  2862 N. Marquise Ct., Tucson 85715

Sent from Windows Mail
Dear Advisory Committee:

I was very happy to read of the interest in funding the expansion of the downtown museum.

I moved to Tucson in 1993 from Oregon where I had been a docent at the University of Oregon Museum of Art, a member of the Cottage Grove Historical Society, and a member of the teaching staff at Chemawa Indian School, founded in 1884 in Salem, Oregon. My family had also spent time in central Idaho, working in mining construction and then on a cattle ranch.

In each of those volunteer projects I met visitors and students who were so grateful to learn about the history of the place and the people. Accurate information about the past presented in an interesting, interactive manner, can change lives. It enriches a community's sense of place and a museum becomes a community center, fostering cooperation among different groups of people.

Now at my retirement age I travel in a wheelchair and am always aware of handicap construction in buildings and exhibits. I see things at the height of a grade schooler, and hopefully with the wisdom of gray-haired years.

Please do all you can to fund this very worthwhile project. It is an investment in our children's future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karen Pepper
We would like to urge you to include the Tucson Museum of Art expansion in the bond issue decision. This quality museum is unique to our city and draws tourists as well as local visitors. This is an unusual opportunity to enhance the city image and make good use of the beautiful old courthouse. Thanks  
Bob and Jo Koep
rkjaz@hotmail.com  2862 N. Marquise Ct., Tucson 85715
Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

Please support the inclusion of the Tucson Museum of Art in the 2015 bond package that will include the renovation and repurposing of the Pima County Courthouse in downtown Tucson. Inclusion of the Tucson Museum of Art in the bond for the courthouse will mean that the museum's collection of Native American Art and Western Art, plus any other art that can be considered broadly as "Art of the West", will have a central place in downtown Tucson. Art of the West is far more than just "cowboy" art, I assure you (I collect native American pottery so my interest is in that part of the museum's collection). This can be a great cultural center for Tucson in the heart of downtown for visitors and our own citizens not only for now but for future generations. It will highlight art of the past, present and future of the diverse cultures that live here and make art here, which is such an important part of why Tucson is so distinctive—a one-of-a-kind city in a diverse and thriving county.

Do I have a stake in this? I would say I do. I live in Pima County and I am a trustee of the Tucson Museum of Art. I know all of the time that the Board of TMA has taken to address our role in this bond issue if we are included, and we are ready to work with Pima County to get the bond issue passed and to move forward with a a museum that we can all be proud to call ours. I hope that the action taken this Friday at the meeting will let us go forward together with this common goal. Sincerely, Jean S. Cooper, Trustee, Tucson Museum of Art and Pima County resident
I support the bond issues to expand the Museum of Art
Absolutely include Tucson Art Museum in the 2015 bond package. Please! As a Pima County resident and visitor of the Tucson Art Museum I would love to see the expansion of their exhibitions and to show the museum with visitors. An expanded Tucson Art Museum can only be good for Tucson residents and the enlarging of the tourism.

Good for those responsible for proposing this idea!

I support it.

Mary Frances Dondelinger
361 East Las Granadas
Green Valley, AZ 85614
Hi. I very much support the idea of using bond $$ to develop the wonderful courthouse building into more TMA space.

Thanks.

Peggy Hughes
770 W. Landoran Lane
Tucson 85737
From: Shelley <scar10@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 12:49 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: RE: 2015 Bond package

RE: 2015 Bond package

I just learned the Pima County Bond Committee is meeting to decide on the inclusion of there Tucson Museum of Art be included in the 2015 Bond package.

I support this project.

Shelley Carton
3373 W Millwheel Lane
Tucson, AZ 85741
I know that the Bond Advisory Committee has to consider many competing proposals for the 2015 Bond Election and there are many needs in our community. I think the proposal to renovate the County Courthouse to create a Western and Native American Art Center in collaboration with the Tucson Museum of Art is an exceptionally worthy proposal and one that I completely support. It will draw tourists and locals downtown and ensure that the beautiful and historical building remains an important place for people to visit.

Brian Sowle  
bsowle1@cox.net  
520-325-0981  
3413 E. Lester Street  
Tucson, AZ  85716
We just wanted you to know that we support of including the Tucson Museum of Art in the city bond structure. Thank you. Michael Pesce, Ken Weyerbacher

Sent from my iPad
I have been a member of TMA for only a couple of years but I am so impressed with all they do and the opportunities offered to the community. The bond proposed would provide a showcase of some valuable works that need to be made more open and available to Tucson and its visitors.

Sent from my iPhone
I want my name included in the YES column. A much needed bond issue for Tucson's culture!

Susan Keller
Deseret Romero

From: cjf616@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 12:09 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: 1929 Court House and Tucson Museum of Art

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

We think that the development of the 1929 Court House as a museum in conjunction with the Tucson Museum of Art would be a wonderful thing for Tucson. The venue of the Court House as a museum would only enhance the prospect of the place as a destination for tourists. Please consider funding this project.

Cynthia J. Frank and Albert R. Frank
Hello,
I support the inclusion of the Museum for exhibiting Western and Native American art in collaboration with the Tucson Museum of Art in the 2015 bond package. This is an extraordinary opportunity.
Thank you!

Bonnie Darby
520-544-3000 office
520-591-0133 cell
bdarby@successforall.org

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Success for All Foundation | www.successforall.org
Deseret Romero

From: SWenaas@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 1:14 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Museum of Art

Please include the Tucson Museum of Art in your bond package.

Sally Wenaas
I support turning the Pima County Court house into a museum.

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What a wonderful opportunity! I enthusiastically support the idea. Bon Chance!

Pat Barey