

Public Comments/Letters
October 29, 2014



265 S. Church Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701

22 October 2014

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

RE: Pima Museum of the West/ Art of the American West Collection

Dear Committee:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff of the Museum of Contemporary Art, it is with much enthusiasm that I write today, to voice our strong support for the proposed Pima Museum of the West. We feel that this is a huge opportunity for not only the TMA, but also the arts community in Tucson, the entire city of Tucson, the state of Arizona and in fact, the entire country.

With such a vibrant and varied arts community and unique cultural past, truly this gorgeous blue Tucson sky is the limit. And now we have the perfect next step to showcase a noteworthy collection of Western and Native-American art, if we move forward with vision and courage.

We are lucky to have excellent national examples to follow, with two notable ones being the Briscoe Western Art Museum in San Antonio and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The Briscoe, an exemplary repurposing of the San Antonio Public Library helped transform the entire Riverwalk area which is now a major tourist destination in that city. Both San Antonio and Oklahoma City are "hot cities" in part due to their ability to recognize their strengths, envision the potential and make the investment. There is no question in my mind that this is what we must do. Just look around downtown Tucson and see what vision and smart investment have done so far.

As a neighboring museum in downtown Tucson, we could not be more thrilled at the prospect of the TMA's expansion. Together with the Eckbo Landscape, Music Hall, Leo Rich Theater and Children's Museum improvements, among others, we are on the cusp of some truly exciting possibilities for Tucson and Tucson tourism.

We stand ready to welcome, help, and collaborate.
Let's do this, Tucson!

Sincerely,

Courtney J. McEniry
President, Board of Directors

Cc: MOCA Board of Directors
Carolyn Bass
Kira Dixon-Weinstein
Randi Dorman
Terri Kessler
Taber MacCallum
Karen Masbruch
Denise Newton
Corky Poster
Joanne Stuhr
Danny Vinik

Anne-Marie Russell, Executive Director

Deseret Romero

Subject: FW: Letter of support for Jan. 8th Memorial

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Kay [mailto:KKay@EdLeader21.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 12:57 PM
To: Diana Durazo; Nicole Fyffe
Cc: Karen Christensen; mcrow10@cox.net
Subject: Letter of support for Jan. 8th Memorial

Dear Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I am writing in support of the January 8th Memorial's inclusion in the proposed bond.

I am the CEO of a small business, EdLeader21, and our offices are located downtown immediately across the street from the County Courthouse. I believe that the January 8th memorial and the redesign of Praesidio Park are essential elements of our collective efforts to continually improve the core of downtown.

Since the January 8th shootings in Tucson I have had the experience of traveling to Oklahoma City to see the memorial to the Oklahoma City bombings. That memorial has become a central feature of its downtown and have drawn many visitors like myself to see it.

I believe the January 8th memorial and the upgraded park will become one of the core elements of downtown Tucson. It will give an even more appropriate place to hold our most beloved cultural events. And it will appropriately commemorate a major and tragic moment in our city's history and our collective response to it.

I strongly urge you to include these items in your upcoming bond. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Kay, CEO
EdLeader21
177 N. Church Ave.
Suite 305
Tucson, AZ 85701



RURAL/METRO FIRE

People taking care of people...Together we can do anything!

October 23, 2014

Dear members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

I am writing for your support in approving the January 8 Memorial Foundation to be included in the proposed bond. I feel very strongly that the community needs this memorial.

It is easy to discuss this issue in abstracts. But this tragic event affected real flesh-and-blood people in our community, including my own family. Suzi Hileman is one of my wife's closest friends and she is like a grandmother to my four children. Suzi Hileman was the woman who brought young Christina Taylor Green to the event to meet her representative. Suzi was shot three times. She continues to heal physically and emotionally. We see on a daily basis the continued effects of this shooting in our community.

My wife was at the hospital daily after the shooting with Suzi and our children visited her at UMC. Literally yesterday one of my sons spent the afternoon with Suzi and recalled how he saw Suzi in the hospital "with blood." His school made paper chains for the hospital; he saw his mom in photographs with President and Mrs. Obama and Suzi following the shooting. Our entire community, young and old alike, were affected by this tragedy. Those feelings must be memorialized and recognized. It will also serve as a reminder of the under-addressed issue of mental health in our community and country.

Suzi and our family have chosen to see the good that has followed in Tucson. A memorial will acknowledge the positives as well—how the community came together, the important role of first responders, and how others can help with healing. The effect of this event on the community was easily seen in the weeks following the shooting. UMC became a makeshift memorial. We now need to make a permanent memorial. In sum, the memorial will provide a place to publically remember this event and offer hope and healing to those affected.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Jonathan McMahan MSL CFO MIFireE
Fire Chief
Rural/Metro Fire Department
Pima County, Arizona Operations

3759 N. Commerce Dr. Tucson, Arizona, 85705
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Deseret Romero

Subject: FW: January 8th Memorial & Historic Pima Courthouse project

From: Melanie Emerson [<mailto:melaniefemerson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 1:12 PM
To: Diana Durazo; Nicole Fyffe
Cc: Michelle Crow
Subject: January 8th Memorial & Historic Pima Courthouse project

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

I am writing in support of the Historic Pima 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.

On January 8, 2011, I organized a small vigil on the University Medical Center lawn. Of course, I had no idea that tragic day, how thousands of Tucsonans would transform that nascent memorial--a few photographs, bundles of flowers and couple handwritten, heart-wrenching notes--into a monument of love, an outpouring of care and kindness, and a testament to resilience in the face of tragedy. I saw over the following weeks, a community that revealed to the world, beyond any doubt, the depths of its best self. That is the opportunity that we, as a community, have once again.

I imagine a transformed building and a revitalized El Presidio Park--transformed by a community's embrace of these incredible places, allocated the resources they deserve and evolved into unique Tucson gathering places, teeming with locals and visitors alike. I imagine a park transformed to a zocalo--a nexus of community spirit, culture, and civic dialogue--supporting the numerous visions and needs of the community. I imagine a park, a memorial, and a spectacular historic structure telling the story of Tucson's past--in art, through history, via stories of the tragic and the heroic. I imagine a place that through its transformation, brings new resources and vitality to our urban core. And I imagine these places being actively used by the community to constantly envision and create its ever-evolving exceptional future.

Please honor our community's past, and be the difference in creating its bright future by including the Pima County Courthouse project in the upcoming bond package. We owe it to the people of this community to present them with another opportunity to reveal our best selves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Melanie

Melanie Emerson
3955 E. 2nd St.
Tucson, AZ 85711



SUNNYSIDE
Unified School District
Office of the Governing Board

October 23, 2014

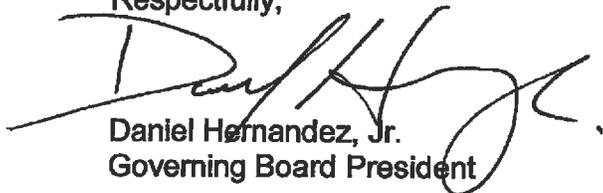
Dear Bond Advisory Committee Members:

My name is Daniel Hernandez Jr. I am currently serving as President of the Governing Board for the Sunnyside Unified School District and a survivor of the January 8, 2011 incident involving the deaths of six and injury of thirteen other individuals at a Congress on Your Corner Event.

As we get further away from the date of the incident, it is vital to remember what happened and the countless lives impacted by this incident. It is for that reason, that I am writing to urge you today to support the inclusion of a permanent memorial as a part of the upcoming Bond package.

Thank you for this consideration. We hope to be able to count on your support to help our community remember this somber day.

Respectfully,



Daniel Hernandez, Jr.
Governing Board President

Deseret Romero

From: Celeste Ann Delrussochapman <delrusso@email.arizona.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:41 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: January 8th Memorial/Old County Courthouse Renovation

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing as a Tucson citizen and friend of the Tucson Memorial Foundation to voice my support for the inclusion of the January 8th Memorial/Old County Courthouse Renovation in the Pima County bond fund. I believe in the importance of this project and hope to see it on the ballot.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Celeste Del Russo
University of Arizona
PhD Candidate, [Rhetoric, Composition and Teaching of English](#)
Graduate Associate Teacher, [Writing Program](#)



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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Evans', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Jackie Evans
General Manager**

Deseret Romero

From: Beth Jonquil <beth.jonquil@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 4:09 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: the Courthouse Project

Oh! I get SO excited thinking of this possibility!! What a perfect use for this most beautiful architectural gem in downtown Tucson! We do deserve a significant art museum! We stand out as a significant city and our museum offerings are so meager. The Pima County Courthouse is a symbol of Tucson's diverse and rich past. Combining it with the cultural legacy of the Tucson Museum of Art will serve to deepen and enhance the experience of southern Arizona's heritage by locals and visitors alike. I hope this project gains momentum and becomes a reality!

Thank you!

Beth Jonquil

artist site

bethjonquil.com

Deseret Romero

From: Bettina Bickel <bbickel08@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 2:57 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Support protection of precious open space

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support full funding of open space preservation. Though I don't live in Tucson now, I treasure the area and travel there to enjoy the natural areas around Tucson. I believe that open space is vital for a high quality of life and provides important opportunities for recreation.

Open space preservation is an investment in the future that protects our unique Sonoran desert and the species that live there. It also is important for a strong economy, as natural beauty, birdwatching and other outdoor recreation contributes millions of dollars to Pima County's economy.

Thank you for considering my views.

Bettina Bickel
9218 N. 51st Dr.
Glendale, AZ 85302

Deseret Romero

From: Barb McNaughton <barbmcn@cableone.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 1:54 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Support of the expansion of Tucson Museum of Art with Bonds

I am in full support of this Bond inclusion. Please vote to support this effort!

Deseret Romero

From: Carol Howe <carol.g.howe@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:33 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Regarding a bond issue to remodel the Courthouse

Dear committee,

I urge you to NOT propose another bond issue in Pima County. Pima County cannot afford another debt on it's shoulders.

Pima County has 1/5 the population of Maricopa County but 12X the debt. Now, on the ballot, is another \$22,000,000 bond issue proposal for the Animal Control Center which should be completed for less than \$8,000,000 when you look at a per square foot basis.

We have some of the country's worst condition roads, an excess of unused soccer fields, no accomodations for attracting pro baseball teams, poor schools.....and yet we are trying to again use public funds to develop a Southwestern Art Center.

Our current Southwestern art exhibit is poor at best so obviously, patrons are not deeding fine works of art to the museum. Having a different facility will not ensure a plethora of great Southwestern art donated to Tucson.

Until our financial situation changes....attracting new industry which would attract a new tax base (for that we need better roads and schools as well as draws such as Spring Major League Baseball). we cannot afford more debt. Also, the additional facility would create a higher costs for staff, insurance, utilities and maintenance. Again, we cannot afford the luxury of more Art Gallery.

Carol Howe
Sent from my iPad



October 22, 2014

Mr. Lawrence M. Hecker Jr., Chair
And Members of the Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Desert Romero
County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Subject: Support for Canoa Ranch inclusion in the Bond Election from AZASLA

Dear Mr. Hecker:

The Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (AZASLA) would like to express its support for inclusion of Canoa Ranch in the upcoming bond election.

This property is unique to Pima County and in fact all of Arizona. The potential to restore, protect and share the natural and cultural history of this site is something that should be supported with bond funds.

Landscape Architects understand the importance of creating a sense of place and preserving our natural resources and celebrating the built environment.

Additionally, ASLA has been involved with the identification of landscapes for the "Historic American Landscape Survey" (HALS). In response to this growing interest in the historic preservation and documentation of landscapes, the American Society of Landscape Architects worked with the National Park Service to create a national program, and in October 2000, the National Park Service established the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) to document historic landscapes in the United States to serve as tangible evidence of our nation's heritage and development.

The Canoa Ranch property may be a candidate for this program.

Therefore, in recognition of the significant and truly unique resources that exist on the Canoa Ranch, AZALA strongly encourages you to include this project in the Bond Election.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Allan".

Aaron Allan, RLA, ASLA
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen M. Cesare".

Karen M. Cesare, RLA, ASLA
President-elect

Deseret Romero

From: Jane Swicegood <janesgood@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 7:27 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Memorial project

PLEASE support!!!!

Jane

*Jane Swicegood
5050 N Campbell Ave
Tucson AZ 85718
520.577.0047*

Deseret Romero

From: Suzi Hileman <suzihileman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 7:13 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe; Deseret Romero; Diana Durazo
Cc: Michelle Crow
Subject: Jan 8 Memorial Bond

Urging you to support this most Tucson-centric program.
I was there. I was shot. Tucson healed me.
THAT should be commemorated, and I will work to make sure that it is.

Suzi Hileman
Survivor
7835 N Como Drive
Tucson 85742

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<http://GRandparentsINresidence.com>

<http://ashleighburroughs.blogspot.com>

Deseret Romero

From: Carol Sowell <cawallis@peoplepc.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 10:51 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Temple of Music and Art

Dear Deseret Romero:

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion about repairs to the Temple of Music and Art.

This is one of Tucson's and Pima County's most revered buildings, and it is the site of the best theater productions in our city as well as art exhibits and other events. The potential bond issue provides for a very reasonable investment to repair the building so that it can continue to serve this vital function in our community.

The Temple deserves the full support of the community, so that we can all take pride in showing how highly we value this important venue.

Thank you for supporting the modest investment needed to refurbish the Temple of Music and Art.

Sincerely,

Carol Sowell
4478 E. Caladium
Tucson, AZ 85712

Deseret Romero

From: Dawn Cowan <dm_cowan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 10:47 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Temple of Music and Art

Hello,

Just wanted to lend my support to putting a measure on the ballot to upgrade the Temple of Music and Art.

I've lived in Tucson since 1972 and have seen the downtown area evolve from a scary place to a wonderful, lively area for enjoying the arts and other entertainment. The Temple is an integral part of that.

Thank you,
Dawn Cowan

Deseret Romero

From: Bill Bethel <billbethel@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 9:14 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond for Temple of Music and Art

Deseret,

I am writing too you in the hopes that you will include my email to the growing numbers of support for the Temple of Music and Art to have the Bond Advisory Committee approve the \$900,000.00 that will be needed for repairs to what many are calling a historic treasure in our wonderful city!

Thank you for your support in matter.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Bethel

Sent from my iPhone

Deseret Romero

From: Marilyn Gustin <gustinmarilyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 9:13 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond

Hello -- I cannot be at the bond hearing on Friday a.m. for The Temple of Music and Art. But I want you to know that I profoundly support the Temple and hope that it will be possible to provide the necessary funding for the replacements and repairs that it needs. It is a beautiful service to the arts in Tucson, and thus to the whole culture of our city. Please take good care of it!

--

Marilyn Gustin

Deseret Romero

From: outlook_2c6e8bce0d708827@outlook.com on behalf of Michael York
<yorkent@hughes.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 4:50 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Pima County Bond Hearing Regarding the Temple of Music and Art

Dear Ms. Romero,

My wife and I lived in Tucson as teenagers and graduated from Palo Verde High in 1967 and got married in October of that year, so we are very familiar with Tucson and its Historical buildings that still remain. We now live 20 miles south of Willcox, since 1987, and drive about 2 hours each way to see the shows the ATC offers. My wife and I have been Season Ticket Holders with ATC for about 25 years. We look forward every season to see the new plays presented. It is very hard to find anything, anywhere within a 100 miles of Willcox that even begins to compare to what the ATC offers. We sincerely hope that what ever can be done to preserve this Historical building will be done. It would be a tragic loss if the building is not taken care of and maintained. We were so happy when the Fox Theater was reopened in all it's glory. It is a feeling like no other to be in these buildings that have brought nothing but pleasure too so many people in the past and continues to do so today.

We hope and urge the County Bond Advisory Committee to approve what is needed for this wonderful building.

Thank You,
Michael and June York

Deseret Romero

From: Q <Postil.lois@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 3:05 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: January 8 Memorial

Please support funding for the January 8 Memorial. It is important to remember that awful day and the lives lost and those forever changed. It was a defining moment for Tucson and we need to honor it.

Thank you.

Lois Postil

Sent from my iPhone

Deseret Romero

Subject: FW: January 8 Memorial Foundation

From: Taylor McMahan [<mailto:taymcmahan@outlook.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:59 PM
To: Diana Durazo; Nicole Fyffe
Subject: January 8 Memorial Foundation

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and many of the people I attend high school with. It has come to my attention that the January 8 Memorial Foundation has requested a bond of 1.5 million dollars in order to build a permanent memorial in Tucson in remembrance of the tragedy that took place three short years ago.

Many people of all ages in our Tucson community were affected by that day, myself included. My mothers best friend, Susan Hileman, was the woman who took Christina Taylor Green to meet her congresswoman that morning. Suzi was shot three times while holding onto the hand of Christina. To this day it is still a fresh wound in my families heart. I am beyond thankful that the woman I consider a grandmother was able to physically heal and is still here with us. Some of us are not as lucky.

My best friend Stephanie Treanor had her uncle ripped away from her that Saturday. Judge Roll was a extremely close family friend of the Treanors', so close in fact that Stephanie does not remember a time in her life that he was not there. Every single time January 8 is mentioned whether on the news or in class she visibly stiffens and becomes silent. Stephanie is still healing from this tragedy.

No matter how much time has passed since the tragedy took place on our very streets, the lives that were still lost are not missed any less. That is why I ask you, Pima County Bond Committee, to grant the money needed in order to create the memorial that is so desperately needed in the community in order to help the healing process all of us are still facing.

Thank you for your consideration.
Taylor McMahan
Catalina Foothills High School Junior

Deseret Romero

From: barbaraminker <bminkrad@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 11:21 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Tuc museum of art

We support having TMA organize a museum of western art at the historic court house Barbara Minker Sent from my iPhone

Deseret Romero

From: Rosemarie K.Moore <rkcmoore@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 10:33 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Bond for Renovation 1929 County Couthouse

The Courthouse itself is indeed iconic in Tucson's history and deserves renovation in bond funding; the inclusion of Tucson Museum of Art Western collection is a natural pairing to relate Tucson city history and the historic collection of Western art. Both will benefit from viewing by citizens and visitors to enhance connections of local human experiences over the years of settlement and changes.

We strongly support the bond plan and the art/history relationship in display.

Charles and Rosemarie Moore

Rosemarie K. Moore
Charles M. Moore
rkcmoore@cox.net

Deseret Romero

From: Linda Stockbauer <jandlstckbrs@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 10:04 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Art Museum Expansion

Our art museum works hard to please and inform the public and is deserving of the proposed changes and their inclusion in the proposed bond. The greater Tucson area can and should afford such efforts. Many similar sized cities, have in recent times constructed museums which are in themselves a work of art. We have a classic spot just waiting for this new move,

John and Linda Stockbauer

Deseret Romero

From: Terry Majewski <tmajewski@sricrm.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 9:35 PM
To: Nicole Fyffe; bondinfo
Subject: Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission Support for Downtown Community Theaters & Historic Cultural Landscape bond item

Importance: High

Dear Nicole,

Sorry for the late notice, but I wanted to express the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission's strong support for item N. Downtown Community Theaters and Historic Cultural Landscape bond item to be discussed at the October 24, 2014, meeting of the Bond Advisory Committee. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the meeting to express the commission's support in person.

Thank you for passing along our support for this item.

Regards,

Teresita Majewski, Ph.D., RPA, FSA
Chair, Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission &
Vice President, Statistical Research, Inc.
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(520) 907-9677 (cell)
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Deseret Romero

From: Carol Weinstein <csw@rci.rutgers.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 7:56 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: New museum in the Pima County Courthouse

Dear Advisory Committee:

I am writing to say that I strongly support the creation of a new museum in the Pima County Courthouse to exhibit Western and Native American art. This project, done in conjunction with the Tucson Museum of Art, will greatly enhance the cultural scene in downtown Tucson and will be a great attraction to visitors and residents alike.

Sincerely yours,
Carol Weinstein
4900 E. Calle Guebabi
Tucson, AZ 85718

Deseret Romero

From: Mary Jo Brown <brown4mj@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 5:59 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

As an active citizen in the arts community, I highly urge the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee to approve the plans to convert the old court house building into a Western Art Museum, managed by the Tucson Museum of Art. The building is a historical icon. Housing a Western art collection within, accessible to the public, would provide many services to the community in general but would also be a major tourist attraction and would bring much needed activity and revenues into the city.

I strongly support the efforts to convert the old courthouse into a Western Art Museum for Tucson.

Sincerely,
Mary Jo Brown

Deseret Romero

From: Carole Block <blockcarole@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 4:46 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: I support the bond vote tomorrow

Hi,

I think it will be wonderful to improve the ARTS downtown. The museum is wonderful but has no room to grow.

Carole Block
797-8810
6449 n. sun bluff dr.
Tucson,Az. 85704

Sent from my iPad. Carole

Deseret Romero

From: janisl22@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2014 9:54 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: 2015 Bond package

I am a native of Tucson, who's early years revolved around the downtown neighborhoods, and my fine arts education was limited to a very small, narrow, window. I urge the Board to add Tucson Museum of Arts to the 2015 budget proposal. Open and keep open the windows for our next generations along with establishing Tucson as a growing cultural center.

Janis Lee

Sent from Samsung tablet

Deseret Romero

From: PHILIP FEIGIN <walkerfeigin@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 10:35 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please Fully Fund the Open Space Bond Package

**Barbara Walker and Phil Feigin
5348 North Fort Yuma Trail
Tucson AZ 85750**

October 26, 2014

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

bondinfo@pima.gov

Re: Pima County Residents and Visitors Strongly Support Open Space as a Top Priority
Please Fully Fund the Open Space Bond Package

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members:

We moved to Tucson 10 years ago because of its natural beauty *and open spaces*. We have numerous friends who visit Tucson because of its *open spaces*. In particular, we moved here because we are active birders and hikers. We all love Tucson because of the unique beauty of the Sonoran Desert. Yet the Sonoran Desert in Tucson is endangered unless we all work to preserve as much of its *open spaces* as possible. Its natural vegetation and wildlife are also endangered unless we preserve as much *open spaces* as possible. *Open spaces* are so important to connect wildlife corridors, preserve important habitat, and protect ecologically rich areas. And maximizing Tucson's *open spaces* is critical to its economic prosperity. *Open spaces* make Tucson a great place to live and visit!

Open spaces provide long term benefits and more than pay off. More open space makes residents healthier by providing recreational opportunities. Open spaces in Tucson result in my husband and my regularly accessing the outdoor opportunities they provide—and along the way and back—stopping at Tucson's eateries and shops! It promotes clean air, provides ecosystem services like flood control, and reduces stress. We are a healthier and happier couple in Tucson.

Open spaces are great for our local economy. In 2011, watchable wildlife activities (such as birding) contributed \$1.4 billion to Arizona's economy. Last year, visitors to Saguaro National Park contributed \$41 million to the local economy. People travel from all over the world to see what the Sonoran Desert has to offer, and more open space means more economic benefit! We regularly take our friends and family who visit Tucson to these open spaces. And as pointed out before, on the way and back we all stop at local eateries and shops.

Bond funds have been important to protect areas like Tortolita Mountain Park. Open space bond funds have been crucial for Pima County to acquire important open space. Well over 200,000 acres of land have been purchased or leased for conservation from these funds, and voters have long showed overwhelming support for open space acquisition. Pima County voters approved \$174 million for open space in 2004 (along with \$28 million in 1997), and in a recent 2013 survey, participants, including us, chose open space as a top priority for bond money allocation.

The Conservation Acquisition Commission suggests that \$285 million be allocated for open space in the upcoming 2015 bond election. \$2.8 billion worth of land is actually eligible for purchase. However, the Bond Advisory Committee has currently allocated only \$120 million for this purpose. And now, this insufficient funding is in danger of being cut even more. Please fully fund Tucson's open spaces.

Thank you for considering our views.

Barbara Walker and Phil Feigin

Deseret Romero

From: barbara rose <brosearth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 8:39 AM
To: bondinfo
Cc: Carolyn Campbell; Scott Stonum; scott_richardson@fws.gov; Bill; Bill Thornton; Kline, Natasha; dwithers@dlwithers.com; Eleanor Miller; barbara rose; ScenicDrive2014@gmail.com; Pat P. Lopez; Diana Freshwater; Liz
Subject: November Open Space Bond
Attachments: Avra-II0_Linkages Close Up LazyK 6.pdf

To: Pima
County Bond Advisory Committee c/o Mr.
Larry Hecker, Chair
130 W Congress St., 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr Hecker,

I'm writing to ask you to support open space on November 7th, at the County Bond Advisory Committee. Currently, \$120 million is allocated, and I believe you know how important open space funding is for the environment, the economy, and the community.

Open space is good economics. Last year, visitors to Saguaro National Park alone contributed \$41 million to the local economy, and in 2011 "watchable wildlife" activities brought in hundreds of millions of dollars to Pima County in retail sales and salaries (tucsonaudubon.org).

Open space is a lasting investment and protects unique Sonoran Desert plant and animal species and their habitats. Open space is a necessary balance to future development, and protecting more open space around metropolitan areas promotes infill development.

I'm a thirty year resident of unincorporated Pima County in the northern Tucson Mountains north of Saguaro National Park. Our neighborhood is doing its best to stand up to sprawl in a critically important regional wildlife corridor which connects the Park, Tucson and Tortolita mountains (the Beier Wildlife Linkage, map attached). Knowing that public support is on

our side is key, and provides an example that we hope can influence our neighboring Town of Marana to keep its conservation promises.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,

Barbara

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Bean Tree Farm supplies local desert foods and education to the community.



10/28/14

Mr Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC)

Subject: Open Space Acquisition Funding in 2015 Bond Election

Dear Mr Hecker and Committee Members,

The Santa Cruz Valley Bicycle Advocate Committee (SCVBAC) recommends substantial funding for Open Space in the next Bond Election.

Pima County has been very progressive in acquiring Open Space to protect our environment and quality of life, and also in recognition that Open Space can provide economic benefits through tourism and increased property values. However, much remains to be done to acquire more Open Space as our population continues to grow in the future.

A lot of Open Space used by the Public for hiking, bicycling, and enjoyment of the natural environment is actually privately owned or State Trust Land that can be sold for development. An example of this is the Marley Ranch area that is adjacent to the Southwest side of Green Valley. Pima County in recognition of this important Open Space has purchased a small portion, and has an option to purchase the rest. But this cannot be done without substantial funding for Open Space in the 2015 Bond Election. The acquisition of Marley Ranch alone may cost \$70M.

Bicyclists have been riding the ranch roads and hikers have been hiking the trails in the beautiful and diverse Marley Ranch area for years. Please save Marley Ranch for Public Open Space by providing the funding needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bill Adamson

Bill Adamson, Co-Chair

Deseret Romero

From: Lynn Evers-Ertman <leertman@centurylink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 6:17 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Improvements to Colossal Cave Mountain Park

I think that you should make the improvements.

Lynn Evers-Ertman
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Tucson, AZ 85730

Deseret Romero

From: Anita Woodward <awoodw3369@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 5:21 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space allocation

It has recently come to my attention that the BAC is considering reducing the already too low \$120 million funding even further. I am writing to ask you NOT to do this. Open space is important to all of us; it adds to our quality of life by providing us places to go, and adds to the quality of the environment by assuring some land will not be developed. These are both crucial reasons many of us moved here, and many visitors come and spend their money here. The land will not become cheaper over time; we should obtain as much as possible as soon as possible!

Please do not reduce this allocation.

Anita Woodward
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Deseret Romero

From: Frank Pitts <ffjrpitts@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 3:34 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Protect Pima County Open Space

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I would like to encourage you to increase the \$120 million allocated to purchase open space to help keep Pima County's natural beauty alive and well. Pima County Residents live healthier with open space views and our community is better off by keeping Pima County green. Tourists come to AZ for our unique scenery and sunny weather. Home values will be higher with more open space. The planets population is only going to increase. AZ is outpacing the rest of the country in growth. Protect our open space now before it is gone.

Sincerely,

Frank Pitts
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Deseret Romero

From: Kolodny, Annette - (kolodny) <kolodny@email.arizona.edu>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 9:42 PM
To: Deseret Romero; mbertlshofer@arizonatheatre.org
Subject: Improvements to the Temple of Music & Art

Importance: High

To the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee and Mary Bertlshofer:

My husband and I have been enjoying events at the Temple of Music & Art for many years, and we are subscribers to the Arizona Theater Company. Our ability to enjoy events at the Temple has been much diminished in recent years, however, because there is no suitable disability bathroom for those of us in wheelchairs. As a result, my husband and I attend fewer events every year.

What is urgently needed is at least one or two unisex disability bathrooms which would allow a companion to enter the bathroom with a disabled person and help the disabled person transfer from a wheelchair to the toilet seat. In my case, my husband is my companion, and I need his help in transferring from my wheelchair to a proper ADA-compliant toilet.

The one bathroom now available at the Temple is upstairs and located in a ladies' room. My husband does not feel comfortable entering that ladies' room, and other women using the room clearly do not feel comfortable with a man entering that small space. Moreover, the single disability stall is far too small for the wheelchair to enter the stall and for my husband to have the space needed to maneuver me from the wheelchair to the toilet seat.

I beg you to rectify this situation immediately and use some part of the proposed bonding money to cover the costs of adding this kind of ADA-compliant bathroom accommodation.

Without this kind of facility, my husband and I cannot take advantage of the restaurant before the show and we limit the number of shows we attend. Several of our wheelchair-bound friends will not even consider attending events at the Temple any more. You are losing a large potential audience of the disabled.

Again, I beg you to rectify this shocking situation. You will have much more support for your bond measure if it includes the construction of disability unisex bathrooms.

Yours sincerely,
Annette Kolodny

Annette Kolodny
College of Humanities Professor Emerita of American Literature and Culture
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Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 7:24 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-10-28 07:24 AM Submission Notification

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Message Subject 2015 Bond Election

To: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Re: Habitat protection and open space funding included in the 2015 Bond Election October 26, 2014 I write to support the recommendation of the Conservation Acquisition Commission in 2010 for an allocation of \$285 million for Conservation Open Space on the next County bond election. I note that the Bond Advisory Committee has reduced the amount proposed for the 2015 bond election to \$120 million. This is a regrettable decision. Strong scientific evidence implies that the richness of the plant and animal life of an area is directly related to how large it is, and how well connected it is to other areas. If preserved areas are small isolated areas, we can expect substantially impoverished plant and animal life in the future. Current rates of species extinctions are estimated to be more than 100 times the pre-industrial rate. Much of this is due to destruction of habitat. Global warming is predicted to greatly exacerbate this problem. To reduce its effects on impoverishment of our natural environment, we need large connected areas, covering a range of habitat types so that plants and animals can move to new areas as their previous habitats become unsuitable. There is a special

Comment need to ensure adequate wildlife corridors between some of the large protected areas that we have. There is also a need for improved representation of habitats in these areas. Without heeding these problems, we have little hope of preserving endangered species because habitats that are suitable now, will not remain so in the future, and many more species are likely to become endangered. Moreover, every species is profoundly affected by a web of interactions with other species. Maintaining the whole web of life on which an endangered species depends requires substantially greater measures than the County has taken so far. The Conservation Acquisition Commission has identified a slate of areas that will help fill gaps in current representation, but more will need to be done. The process of open space acquisition should not stop now or in the near future. In the Tucson Mountains in particular (the brief of TMA), there remain opportunities to extend the preserved areas, fill gaps, and reduce fragmentation of preserved areas. This is especially so on the east side of the mountains where lower elevation sites are not so well represented, yet have diverse habitat, and are not as well connected as they could be for optimal effectiveness. Reducing or ideally eliminating these gaps will add substantial

value to the areas already preserved. However, the Tucson Mountains will be harmed in the long run by failure of effective conservation elsewhere because of the needs of organisms to migrate over the landscape. The economy and the quality of life benefit greatly from the biologically rich open space that is a current feature of Pima County. Open space in this region supports tourism and makes it attractive to skilled professionals and high tech industries, providing strong support to the economy. We should not risk undermining these strong economic and quality of life benefits. Pima County has been farsighted in the preservation of open space, but its job is not done. The people of Pima County have regularly voted for bond issues to preserve open space. They need to be given the chance once more to show their strong support for open space preservation. This is not the time to have a lull in the process. It will be more expensive in the future, and irreparable damage is bound to result if preservation of open space is not vigorously pursued. Sincerely Lori Andersen Pima County Resident and Voter

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Jan Booth <janbooth65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 6:32 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe; Deseret Romero; Diana Durazo; Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond issue for Jan 8, 2011 memorial

Please support the bond issue for the Jan. 8, 2011 memorial. Janice Booth 7855 N. Como Dr. Tucson, AZ 85752

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 12:50 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-10-28 12:50 PM Submission Notification

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Message Subject 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Comment As a taxpayer, I fully support including 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition in the next bond issue. Acquiring heritage resources like the Marana Mound Site is the best way to insure their long-term preservation. Archaeological sites like the Marana Mound Site provide historical continuity and a sense of place that connects the ancient Hohokam occupants of the region with our current community. Preservation of archaeological sites also helps create the open space that Pima County needs as it continues to grow and develop. Acquiring the Marana Mound Site is good for Pima County.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 11:50 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-10-28 11:50 AM Submission Notification

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Message Subject 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

I am writing to urge the committee to include purchase of the Marana Mound archaeological site and surrounding area as part of Pima County's 2015 bond initiative. Globally, the archaeological record preserves thousands of long-term experiments in human social organization from which humanity stands to benefit a great deal. Among these thousands, the ancient Hohokam stand out because they figured out how to sustain large-scale social coordination, in the form of water management for agriculture, without relying upon modern forms of law enforcement or social stratification. And among Hohokam archaeological sites, the Marana Mound site also stands out as one of the few well-preserved settlements that remains for long-term study. All of us stand to benefit from a deeper knowledge of the Hohokam experience, and the only way this will happen is if we preserve important pages from our global history book and study them carefully over the long term. Pima County can contribute to this by purchasing this site and managing it in accordance with the public interest.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Brian Stover <get_faster@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 10:50 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Bond Issue

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I'm writing in support of the \$120MM bond allocation up for a vote on 7 November. One of the reasons I choose to live in the Tucson/Pima County area is because of the open spaces. Outdoor recreation is very important to me, either hiking, running, mountain biking, rock climbing or just watching the sunset from one of the many peaks surrounding the city.

I have a small consulting business with just a couple of employees. While my tax revenue pales in comparison to a Raytheon, unlike Raytheon my business is mobile. It can be operated from anywhere in the world, yet I choose to operate here.

The main reason I choose this area over other areas where I travel frequently for work is because of the open space, the beauty and recreation opportunities it that open space provides. Over the last 10 years I've seen some of those recreation areas reduced or removed from enjoyment. I'd like to see more open space and more recreational opportunities afforded to the residents of Pima county & Tucson.

My Dad comes out for 6 weeks every winter to hike and bird watch. He spends money in Pima County/Tucson dining, fueling his car, buying goods and services. Amplify this by the numerous recreation visitors who I meet rock climbing, hiking or mountain biking every year and think of the positive impact that has had on Tucson and Pima County. Can a county that lags the state and national average in economic recovery afford to reduce those visitors?

The desert, the mountains in Pima county, the open space and ability to explore the Sonoran desert is one of the main reasons visitors come to the area and my business, tax revenue and I stay in the area. I encourage you to support the entire \$120MM bond package, to not reduce it and to make sure Tucson and Pima county remain known for their awesome desert surroundings.

Thank you,

Brian Stover

Deseret Romero

From: Francis Graffagnino <fmagraffagnino@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 9:07 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Funding for Colossal Cave Mountain Park

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I strongly support the proposed increased funding to improve the trails, restrooms and roads at CCMP. We hiked at CCMP last month and did notice the deterioration of the roadways in and out and the trails. CCMP is a Southern AZ treasure and reaches out to the community with wonderful educational events, family activities and holiday events.
PIMA CO. NEEDS TO TAKE THE RIGHT, FAIR AND JUST ACTION AND PRESERVE THIS TREASURE.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino

Larry Hecker
Chair of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St.
10th Floor
Tucson AZ 85701

Re: Open Space is Important

Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

I understand that you are deciding upon a bond package. I would like to put in a plug for funding of more open space. This is important not only for those who enjoy the outdoors but also for our economy. Healthy desert surroundings attract good citizens and businesses.

Thank you,

Rosa Norman

Deseret Romero

From: cflorez@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 2:46 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: CCMP

Hello this is in response to what we would like to see happen a CCMP with the new grant funding.

1. Restore out buildings and setting them up as casitas for people to rent out during their vacation or weekend visits to enjoy the new trails and park amenities. (this would generate park revenue)
2. There are several camp grounds for people. However, it would be nice to have a place for travel trailers to set up. As well, as a equine campground where horse people would be able to camp with their horse and trailers without disturbing regular campers. That would be a big plus. This way equine visitors have better access and enjoyment to the horse trails. Corrals and water would be a plus. But, Most equine campers provide their own corrals. (This would generate park revenue to pay for itself.)
3. It would also me nice to have a couple of **Mounted Park Rangers** to assist the public on trails and assure them of their safety in the park. This is also helpful and economical to the park because Mounted Patrol's will be able to assess any damage to the trails due to weather or vandalism. and would be able to cover more ground than a maintenance person walking the trail. The mounted service would report to management and provide location of needed repairs or dangerous trail situations for hikers, visitors, equine people. (I am a Mounted Ranger for the national forest service and I know how much the visitors and management depend on us. We are able to get into places quicker and cover more grounds than someone on foot. Plus the public likes having us out their to assure their safety. We do provide first aide and Search and Rescue as First responders. Most equine people possess these skills) If this is something you would consider I would be interested in setting this up and doing.
4. Another asset for the park would be to revamp the cave area. (A) The gift shop needs to be updated. It only contains cheap jewelry and rocks. It consist of 2 large rooms one with a fireplace that contains more of what is in the 1st room. The room with the Fireplace would make a great dining room to offer visitors who travel many miles a cool place to sit down and enjoy a quick meal ie a sandwich, salads, dogs, burgers. Also provide a few more tables outside for those who would like to enjoy the scenery. There is already a kitchen area set up for cooking hot dogs, burgers, and possible do a steak night special. This again would be a way for the cave to draw in more revenue and customers by offering packages for cave tours with a nice meal.
5. Maintenance needs to be provided with county or park tools and equipment. I know for a fact that some workers have to use their own truck to haul tools. They should be provided with some type of utility golf cart or maintenance vehicles. This would not only help provide better trail and ground maintenance but would look more professional and identifiable to park visitors. This is a very old and amassing park that has so much potential to offer. It is so worth keeping it alive.
6. The Stables area Could be revamped as well, but from what I understand it is managed by a private party. It has a nice arena and should be utilizing its potential as well. It has a lot of history to it and should be holding more equine events. However, next door to the stables they do have a cute

little gift shop with great items. A nice little area for sitting, cooling off and eating and a nice little snack shack. Also, a few historic out buildings. Nice place to have a picnic lunch.

I am a avid visitor and volunteer to CCMP park and enjoying riding on the trails. It will be nice to have new trails and campgrounds to explore and visit. The park has a great staff that go out of their way to make visitors feel welcome. Please take care of them. They are hard to come by..

Thank you for your time

Nancy Florez

Deseret Romero

Subject: FW: Feedback Form 2014-10-29 10:06 AM Submission Notification

From: notification@pima.gov [<mailto:notification@pima.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 10:06 AM
To: Maura Kwiatkowski
Subject: Feedback Form 2014-10-29 10:06 AM Submission Notification

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Message Subject Upcoming Cultural Properties Bond

My wife and I recently bought a house and retired to Tucson. In addition to its other draws, we moved to Pima County because we appreciate its commitment to the unique cultural setting of Tucson and surrounding areas. Therefore, we strongly support the proposed bonds to acquire a suite of sites, especially the acquisition of the Marana Mound. This property has been particularly important for understanding Tucson's fascinating ancient past. By the way, Tucson superb bicycling infrastructure was an other major draw for our relocation to Tucson. Sincerely, paul minnis

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Terry & Joyce Minks <minkster42@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 5:10 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Habitat preservation

My wife and I greatly value the opportunities we have for enjoying recreation and wildlife since moving to Tucson twelve years ago. This was the number one reason for selecting this area. Hiking, birding, and wildlife viewing are essential to our health and well-being in retirement.

As a result, we support your efforts to enhance those opportunities for the future with additional funding for open spaces. Please make every effort possible to continue the progress we've begun by allocating no less than \$120 million for additional properties that will differentiate us from the megalopolis to our north.

Sincerely,
Terry & Joyce Minks

- Open space supports a high quality of life and provides opportunities for recreation, which is a top attraction for both residents and visitors.
- Open space is good economics. Last year, visitors to Saguaro National Park alone contributed \$41 million to the local economy, and in 2011 “watchable wildlife” activities brought in hundreds of millions of dollars to Pima County in retail sales and salaries (tucsonaudubon.org).
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