

Public Comments

November 3, 2014

Deseret Romero

From: Bill Arnold <tucsonbil@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 4:19 PM
To: bondinfo
Cc: Nicole Fyffe
Subject: 2015 Bond Package

Chairman Hecker:

I speak in favor of the \$120M bond package as is being discussed on your 7 NOV agenda.

I served on the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan Steering Committee and the citizen's committee which oversaw the expenditure of the previous open space bond (passed in 2004). I would highlight that this tranche of funding will go towards building the credits we need under the proposed Section 10 Permit (ESA), which is the keystone of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

Without this federal permit, our community runs the very real risk of reigniting the community wide land use battles of the 80's, 90's and early 00's. This would be a tragedy and would set our community back yet again. Effectively speaking, we will have no Section 10 Permit without the funding required to "build out" the associated open space.

Additionally, I would point out that many of the other proposed bonds on your agenda will have obtained safe harbor benefits contained in the Section 10 permit as a result of the previous (and now proposed) open space bond acquisitions and Section 10 protections. We can't have one without the other.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill

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Deseret Romero

From: KWW_Mail <kwalker@mail.com>
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To: bondinfo
Subject: Colossal Cave Mountain Park

My entire family enjoys the Colossal Cave park and certainly hope that the bond committee will increase their funding. The roads, especially need additional maintenance to help keep it accessible. It would be a shame to not preserve such a beautiful and enjoyable resource.

Sincerely,
Kirk Walker

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

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Dear Committee Members;

I am writing in support of designating money in the upcoming bond election for the purchase of open space in our county. As a long time resident of Pima County I have observed with great satisfaction past purchases of open space as an intelligent action by a population that values and appreciates our remarkable desert environment. It deeply saddens me to see development occurring on the desert, but I understand that we can't hope to stop such; we live in a wonderful community in Oro Valley that used to be open space. I imagine there were those that looked at our land with the same sadness when it was developed, but I am glad they did!

But that doesn't mean that we can't save the most critical areas as we have done over the last 10-15 years. Even though I live in the neighborhood of the Tortolita Mountain Park, I am not specifically asking for that area to be included; I support the broad range of open land purchases being proposed all over the county because we all benefit from them.

I am a hiker and greatly value the resources we have in greater Tucson for such activities. I urge you to fully fund (\$120 million) in the next bond issue to keep expanding such land acquisition.

Thank you.


Jack Evert

**Barbara Walker and Phil Feigin
5348 North Fort Yuma Trail
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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: notification@pima.gov
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Message Subject	Marana Mound site
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Comment	I strongly urge you to include acquisition and preservation of the Marana Mound archaeological site in the proposed bond issue. This archaeological site is a very important and extensive prehistoric village that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. As such, it is a rare jewel that should be preserved for future generations.
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Christopher Morris <chrishopper79@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 3:18 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Support for open space

This email is in support of maximum funding allowable (\$120 million currently) for new open space spending in Pima County. I won't be able to attend the meeting on Nov. 7th so I hope you will take these comments into consideration.

As a former park ranger and current ecologist in Tucson, I'm keenly aware of the benefits that protected, intact ecosystems have for all life, including for feeling connected to the nature that surrounds us in the Sonoran Desert region, for human recreation and also for the economic base in southern Arizona. As Pima County's footprint continues to expand we are losing opportunities to preserve large chunks of land and the corridors vital to wildlife as they are out there trying to get the food, water and shelter we sometimes take for granted.

Thank you,

Christopher Morris

Deseret Romero

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Message Subject Preserving The Marana Mound Arch. Site

As the archaeologist who, using an historic diary, tracked down and rediscovered the Marana Md. site and recorded it in the AZ State Museum site files, and as an archaeologist who has written about it and the larger archaeological communities in the northern Tucson region, I can unequivocally state that it is essential that the site be **Comment** preserved. It has already provided us with valuable information on the prehistory of the region and it has much, much more to tell. It needs to be available for future archaeological inquiry. There are very few platform mound sites left in southern AZ -- we should not let this one go the way of so many others before it. Please vote to preserve the site. Thank you.

Response requested No
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

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

I strongly support the acquisition of the Marana Mound Site (2015 Bond No. HP-103). I am the Curator of Archaeology at the University of Colorado Museum, and a once and perhaps future resident of Tucson -- we lived in Tucson 1985-1990 and are considering returning in retirement. The Marana Mound site is remarkable among ancient sites in southern Arizona in its size, historical importance, and amazing preservation. It's one of the largest ancient towns in the region. Through the research of the University of Arizona it has achieved national and international recognition for its role in understanding

Comment Hohokam pre-history. And, unlike almost all other sites in the Tucson area, it has never been plowed, developed, or otherwise impacted. Preserving Marana (and developing it for tourism and education, if that's in your plans) would be a wonderful thing for Tucson, Pima County, and Arizona. Very few ancient Hohokam sites have been preserved (Casa Grande National Monument and a few other "site fragments" around Phoenix). Marana could become a destination site for the growing "heritage tourism" economy, and a place of pride for O'odham peoples. Thank you. Stephen H. Lekson Curator of Archaeology & Professor of Anthropology University of Colorado, Boulder

Response requested No

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Message Subject Support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103 -- Marana Mound site acquisition

Comment DATE: 29 October 2014 TO: Bond Advisory Committee c/o Deseret Romero County Administrator's Office, 10th Floor 130 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701 FROM: James M. Bayman, Professor of Anthropology, University of Hawaii RE: Support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition I write to offer my strong and unqualified support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103. Support of this bond is vital so that the Marana Mound site can be preserved for current and future generations of those who call the State of Arizona "home" as well as those of us who visit your fine state. This particular archaeological site is one of the most important examples of its kind in Pima County, and indeed, the American Southwest. The ancient Hohokam in what is now southern Arizona were one of the most significant societies in the Americas, and it is vital that the Marana Mound site be acquired and preserved. Please accept my support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103 so that the Marana Mound site, a priceless archaeological resource, can be preserved in perpetuity. Sincerely, James M. Bayman Professor of Anthropology University of Hawaii-Manoa Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Response requested Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

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Message Subject Support of 2015 Bond No. HP-10: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Comment Dear Committee: I am writing to urge Pima County to include the Marana Mound archaeological site as a foremost property in the county's bond acquisition plan. The Marana Mound site is an archaeological and historic gem, where previous research has contributed invaluable information about southern Arizona's past. These findings, however, pale in comparison to what could still be learned by accessing the rich and well-preserved cultural deposits of the ancient settlement. The site is one of the largest prehistoric towns in southern Arizona, and, remarkably, the residential compounds and monumental ceremonial architecture have escaped modern disturbance and development, thus far. But, situated close to modern Marana's municipal center, the ancient ruins are in imminent danger of destruction by encroaching development. As stated in the Pima County Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, the Marana Mound site's great scientific significance matched with its extraordinary state of preservation qualifies the site as a high priority for protection. Acquisition of the site by Pima County will assure that its high cultural and scientific values will be protected into the future. Sincerely, David R. Abbott, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Anthropology School of Human Evolution and Social Change Arizona State University

Response requested Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Greg Lesoine <glesoine@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2014 1:46 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee meeting - November 7th

Dear Mr. Hecker,

I am writing to express my support for fully funding open space with a bond package of no less than the currently-proposed \$120 million. As a frequent visitor to Tucson, I appreciate the incredible diversity of plants and animals in the Sonoran Desert and believe it is important in the long run to maintain this biodiversity for future generations. Thank you for your consideration.

Greg Lesoine
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Deseret Romero

From: John Alcock <j.alcock@asu.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2014 1:59 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: bond amount

Dear Mr. Heckler and other members of the committee,

I write to say that I support the 120 million dollar bond to preserve open space in the Sonoran Desert. With population growth unchecked, we need as much protected land as possible in the high quality remaining desert areas, which are popular with residents and tourists alike. The investment associated with the bond will reap great economic returns from visitors to the area. So the bond is good for business and conservation alike. Hope that the committee will do the right thing!

Thanks
John Alcock
Arizona State University Emeritus Professor

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
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Message Subject Marana Mound archaeological site preservation

Paul and Suzy Fish and I have worked together on this site. Paul specifically asked me to write you regarding its importance, which I am in agreement with him in all regards. It is the only site in the Tucson area for "early Classic Hohokam" remains of any extensive nature. While that may not seem like anything the general public might care about, it is extremely rare and special for anyone working on the history of this area. It is a resource that can not be allowed to be destroyed, as there is MUCH more to learn about this period of time in our shared past. For instance, this early Classic time was when the ancient Hohokam people gave up living in their traditional village locations and moved to Marana (for reasons still being studied). Why would people leave the place their ancestors had found perfectly suitable for thousands of years? And why get together in a large community like Marana Mound where there is little water (other than what could be

Comment brought in by one small canal" and no good farmland in close proximity? Something very interesting and important was happening at this time, and Marana is the only site in the Tucson Basin that contains the remains of these people at this time. It is the only resource that we know about, where we can test ideas about environmental change, social disruptions and community aggregation. These are topics that actually have some relevance today, and should be part of the social consciousness of all Arizona residents (and people all over the world actually, as similar things are happening today). The UA team has only just touched the surface of what can be learned from this extensive site. Only the main mound and one compound (out of many tens of living compounds) have been studied to date. That means there are hundreds of years of work still to do here by others, who will test new ideas and modify old ones with more research. That is what makes this such an important and special place.

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

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

I write to strongly support the acquisition of the Marana Mound Site to be part of the Pima County Bond Program. I am a Southwest archaeologist and a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Arizona with over 30 years of experience working in the area and am very familiar with the site. It is my assessment that the Marana Mound site is one of the most significant archaeological sites in the southern Southwest today, important for both descendent communities and the public at large. There are several reasons why the Marana Mounds Community is such an important archaeological site. One is its preservation. There are few sites that are of this size that are so well preserved in the southern Southwest and especially in the Hohokam area. Most Hohokam sites are in exactly the same areas that have been impacted by modern development. Up until now, Marana Mounds has been outside of those areas but encroachment from the contemporary community of Marana now threatens the site. Another reason for the archaeological site's significance is that it was one of the largest communities of the Classic period Hohokam

Comment in the greater Tucson area to have been built and occupied during the pivotal twelfth and thirteenth centuries. It represents the period when platform mounds began to be built, which were central loci for community events and are surrounded by dozens of adobe compounds where craft specialists and farmers lived and worked. Most other platform mound sites of the Classic period in the Tucson area have been destroyed and preservation of the Marana Mounds would ensure that a site of this important period is preserved. A third reason that the site is important is that it does not have a late Classic component built on top. This makes it one of the best sites in the entire southern Southwest to show us what the Early Classic period architecture, site layout, and past social organization was like. These sites followed the occupation of Preclassic sites, such as the famous site of Snaketown, and understanding the transition is one of the most interesting questions in Hohokam archaeology. I strongly urge the acquisition of Marana Mounds. The landscape is spectacular and the position of the site in the history of the region is clearly significant. Sincerely, Barbara J. Mills Professor, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona

Response requested No

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

Argument in favor of Pima County acquiring the Marana Mound archaeological site The Marana Mound archaeological site, not far from the Interstate 10 Marana Exit, was one of the foremost communities of the Tucson Basin in the early AD 1200s, during a time known as the Hohokam Classic period. The site was named after remnants of one of the largest Hohokam monumental architectural features south of the Gila River -- a "platform mound" that was constructed by building massive walls of mud and stone, filling in the resulting chambers within its walls with earth, leveling off the top, and building structures enclosed by a surrounding compound wall atop the mound. The mound itself was inside a larger mud-walled compound that also included other Hohokam structures.

Archaeologists working in this area interpret this monument as a civic and religious ceremonial center that drew people from miles around. In the area surrounding the Marana platform mound, archaeologists have identified dozens of other compounds that each contained up to 20 adobe buildings apiece. These were the abodes of perhaps more than 1,000 people during the early 1200s – one of the largest Hohokam communities that existed in what is now southern Arizona. The Marana Mound site also is associated with evidence of impressive Hohokam agricultural efforts. These include a well-engineered irrigation system for which the main canal was drawn from the Santa Cruz River near the northern end of the Tucson Mountains and ran northwestward along the foot of the Tortolita Mountains more than seven miles, all the way to the Marana platform mound. From this system the Hohokam of the Marana area were able to irrigate hundreds of acres between the Santa Cruz River and the Tortolita foothills. A second agricultural system is represented by more than 45,000 rock piles, rock terraces, and checkdams that evidently were used primarily for growing agave, a major source of food, textile-making fibers, and construction materials for the Hohokam. The Marana Mound site also figures importantly in the history of archaeological inquiry in the American Southwest. From his studies of this site and others that he identified and examined in southern Arizona and northern Mexico in early 1900s, Yale University geographer Dr. Ellsworth Huntington apparently was the first scientist to apply the name "Hohokam" to the people who occupied these sites, in a 1910-1911 Harper's Monthly Magazine article titled "The First Americans" and

again in a 1914 Carnegie Institution of Washington monograph, "The Climatic Factor as Illustrated in Arid America." After the Marana Mound site was relocated in the late twentieth century by modern archaeologists using Huntington's historical notes and maps, it became one of the most prominent centers of archaeological research about the Hohokam archaeological culture. The site has provided a tremendous amount of information for interpreting the Hohokam way of life, and opportunities for archaeology and related disciplines to provide a "deep time" perspective that helps us learn how to manage our resources today. One of the most important attributes of the Marana Mound site and its surrounding area of Hohokam housing compounds and agricultural features is that this landscape still is relatively pristine compared to the many other places of Hohokam occupation that have been plowed for historical and modern agriculture, or built over by modern development. The archaeological sites in this area of Pima County therefore have much greater integrity than many other ancient Hohokam communities that have been leveled or plowed into oblivion as Euro-American history unfolded in southern Arizona. As a result, much of what archaeologists now know about the Hohokam culture's reach outward from its core area around the Gila and Salt rivers has been derived from excavations conducted by the Arizona State Museum and other archaeological research organizations at and near the Marana Mound site. Unfortunately, the Marana Mound locale is now prime for modern development, one of the many areas of Arizona State Trust land that are subject to sale to the highest bidders. The fact that it contains hundreds of significant archaeological features would not stop new construction from impacting those features, because modern laws and regulations are designed to accommodate land development, often at the expense of archaeological sites that are in the way. The only way to preserve this important archaeological complex, therefore, is to purchase the land and set it aside as a conservation area. I therefore strongly support the 2015 Bond No. HP-103 for Pima County to acquire and preserve the Marana Mound site, and to keep it available for future archaeological research. Sincerely, Allen Dart, RPA, Executive Director (Volunteer) Old Pueblo Archaeology Center PO Box 40577 Tucson AZ 85717-0577

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Deseret Romero

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

Comment Please preserve Marana Mound Complex as an archaeological park by placing the purchase of the land on the 2015 Bond Initiative. This complex is vital to our understanding of the past history of Marana and significant to local Native Americans. It is a premier example of mound architecture, of which few examples still exist. You have an opportunity to preserve an important part of our past so please consider taking this vital action.

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Message Subject	Bonds for Marana Mound
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Comment	Please support the preservation of an important archeological site by placing the Marana Mound purchase on the 2015 Bond Issue.
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Response requested	Yes
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Message Subject Saving Marana mound

Comment Please save the Matana Mound from development. We have destroyed so much of sites with early history in the west. Where will we be with no history. Thank you for your consideration, Lynda

Response requested Yes

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Message Subject Marana Mound on 2015 Bond Initiative

I would like to encourage Pima County to place the purchase of the Marana Mound Complex on the 2015 Bond Initiative. I support other worthy causes as well, but this **Comment** Mound Complex is very important to the prehistory of Pima County. The fact that it is still in existence is amazing, given the amount of development in the area, so please consider it for preservation. At the very least, fenced.

Response requested Yes

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City	Oro Valley
State	AZ
Zipcode	85755

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

Comment It is important for our people today and for future generations that we act to preserve ancient sites. Arizona has been the home for native people for thousands of years, and it is incumbent on us today to carry forward the evidence of their existence. Please vote for the bond that would enable acquisition of this invaluable site.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 10:12 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-03 10:11 AM Submission Notification

Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-03 10:11 AM was submitted by Guest on 11/3/2014 10:11:51 AM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

Name	Value
First Name	Bruce
Last Name	Plenk
Email	bplenk@igc.org
Address	2958 N St Augustine Pl
City	tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85712

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

Comment Please include funding to purchase and preserve the Marana Mound Site in the next bond. This is an important link to our past and is clearly in danger of being turned into another strip mall rather than a visitor center to inform locals and visitors what was happening in the Tucson area before TB centers and golf courses!!

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 10:39 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Support for HP103 Acquisition of Marana Mounds

Please print for mailing.

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 10:39 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe
Cc: 'Jreid@emailarizona.edu'
Subject: Support for HP103 Acquisition of Marana Mounds

To: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

From: J. Reid

Jreid@emailarizona.edu

As the senior author with Stephanie Whittlesey of "The Archeology of Ancient Arizona (1997) published by University of Arizona press, I fully support the acquisition of the Marana mound site by Pima County. "Most striking is the expansion of communities that previously had been small or nonexistent. This is most visible in the northern Tucson basin near the town of Marana...The Marana community was an extraordinarily short lived phenomenon, emerging, flowering, and being abandoned whole during the Tanque Verde Phase (Reid and Whittlesey 1997:105.) Many books and articles by Paul and Suzie Fish are widely read and cited and attest to the significance of the cultural landmark. I encourage this acquisition in the strongest possible terms.

J. Jefferson Reid, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor Emeritus, School of Anthropology, The University of Arizona

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From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 1:00 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-03 01:00 PM Submission Notification

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Name	Value
First Name	Mark
Last Name	Barnes
Email	karen1256@att.net
Address	906 Trailside Lane SW
City	Marietta
State	GA
Zipcode	30064

Message Subject Preservation of the Marana Mound Complex

Comment Dear Sirs: It has come to my attention - through a Facebook note from the Southwest Desert group - that the city of Tucson is currently considering the acquisition of a property called the Marana Mound Complex. As a former resident of Tucson and University of Arizona student, and archaeologist with the National Park Service I can say that this site complex is quite probably one of the most significant archaeological sites in southern Arizona for answering long sought answers to what happened to the prehistoric Hohokam culture and quite possibly a potential National Historic Landmark. I would urge that the Bond Advisory Committee please consider the acquisition of the Marana Mound Complex both as a desert open space to preserve the unique Sonoran Desert environment and a future interpreted prehistoric complex that could generate additional tourist revenue for the community of Tucson. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion. Mark R. Barnes, Ph.D. Senior Archaeologist National Park Service (retired)

Response requested Yes

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Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 12:24 PM
To: Deseret Romero
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First Name	Kye
Last Name	Miller
Email	millerkye@gmail.com
Address	
City	Flagstaff
State	AZ
Zipcode	86001

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

Comment To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to show my support and encourage action on 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition. The village site is an important Hohokam site in the Tucson Basin. I worked this summer on the Ironwood Village site nearby along I-10 and Twin Peaks (where Marana Center shops is currently under construction). We discovered a massive village with tons of information potential, though we could not excavate the entire site due to budget constraints. If the county acquires the land in which Marana Mound Site is located, we can save the site for decades to come for future generations. Thanks, Kye Miller

Response requested No

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Tracy Cole
<sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 11:20 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 3, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ms. Tracy Cole
10227 N 66th Dr
Glendale, AZ 85302-1047
(623) 412-1466

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Dona Laschiava <sierra@sierraclub.org>
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"Wilderness, above all its definitions and uses, is sacred space, with sacred powers, the heart of a moral world."
-- Michael Frome

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dona Laschiava
4511 W Rockwood Dr
Tucson, AZ 85741-3929
(520) 395-0646

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Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Brandes
3935 N Country Club Rd Apt 20b
Tucson, AZ 85716-6001

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jessica Goldberg
1902 N Winstel Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85716-3329
(520) 323-0367

Deseret Romero

From: Michael Jarrett <michaeljarrett18@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 12:24 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Future Open Space Bond Funding

To whom it may concern:

I have been a resident of Pima County since 1971, and a yearly visitor of Tucson prior to that beginning in 1968.

The past forty years I have been employed in the local transit operation, beginning as a driver for Tucson Transit, and currently as a Facilities Technician for Sun Tran.

During all these years I have observed many changes. Some have been for the better. Some I believe have not been improvements.

The loss of open spaces all throughout Pima County; and especially in, and around Tucson, I have considered not to have improved our locality. Especially, high density housing developments, erected by businesses from foreign nations, that have covered vast tracts of Sonoran landscapes and riparian areas.

You now have an opportunity to offer protection of what remains of the desert landscapes, and riparian areas, within the borders of Pima County, by funding bonds for open space protection.

Over the many years I have lived in Tucson, I have enjoyed peace, and relief of daily stress offered by wandering through the desert areas in Pima County. I have encountered various forms of wildlife; including Coyotes, Bobcats, Mountain Lions, Rabbits, and various types of snakes.

I have also been able to observe the many species of birds; various types of Owls, the many hawks that inhabit the Sonoran desert, several species of Bats, even Eagles. Once I even observed a Bald Eagle, perched in a tall tree, and then was fortunate to see that same majestic Raptor as it took flight and soared above the desert below.

Over the years, the opportunities to view these various examples of Almighty God's beautiful creation, have become fewer and farther between, as more of the natural landscape has been paved over to satisfy those that want to create a reincarnation of Los Angeles, in the Sonoran desert.

I humbly request that the current bond funding be maintained, and increased if possible, so that future winter visitors, bird watchers, and our children's, children's, children might observe some of the natural beauty I have seen.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments

Dear Mr Hecker,

As a Tucson Resident, I want to ensure the future of our great city and the legacy of environment stewardship that Tucson has worked so hard to maintain for so many years. As you know, a huge part of what makes our area so spectacular is the open space - it not only fosters a bright + thriving natural habitat, but it brings thousands of new visitors every year. Investing in open space is important - for our present as well as our future. Please support this bond + support open space for

Tucson + Arizona!
I wish I could be there in person.

Thank you, Amber Bryan

ASB
804 N Perry Ave
Tucson, AZ 85705

Pima County Bond
Advisory Com.
c/o Mr. Larry Hecker, Chair
130 W. Congress, 10th Fl.
Tucson, AZ
85701

10: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee.

I was born in Tucson Still here.

After every flood or fire in the mountains
or when a highway cuts off travelling Access
to animals in the wild, ~~so~~ (many unique to
the Sonoran Desert)

a lot of these wonderful animals
(they all control each other's population)
they wander on into areas inhabited by humans
some - (those animals cannot continue as a
species in a smaller, unnatural, blocked
off area.)

Take Ventana Canyon and the socialite
who spent a few million into a
palmicians pocket decide to live up there
(so the land could be built upon)

She sees a bear, a mountain lion, coyotes
Bobcats, and she (needs ^{animals} ~~to~~ all her
Friends friends, & they ~~get~~ ^{get} killed!

we need open space.

make it happen please

or everybody's way of life
(animals too) goes to hell in a hand basket!

I'm counting on you ^{Joanna M. Reddig}
incerely, ^{1007 E. HALCYON RD}
Tucson AZ 85719

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Steve Savitch
<sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 1:21 PM
To: bondinfo
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Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Savitch
3255 W Calle Cereza
Tucson, AZ 85741-2969
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Mr. Duncan Brown
8122 E Sundew Dr
Tucson, AZ 85710-8572
(520) 731-8707

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Katherine Hinson <sierra@sierraclub.org>
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Sincerely,

Miss Katherine Hinson
1411 S Nielson St
Gilbert, AZ 85296-9712
(480) 821-5408

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Dr. Eve Shapiro
5373 N Via Alcalde
Tucson, AZ 85718-5036
(520) 609-2798

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Mr. Dave Helgevold
6933 W Saucedo Dr
Tucson, AZ 85743-1423
(310) 880-5223

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Mrs. Nancy Godwin
2202 S Calle Mesa Del Oso
Tucson, AZ 85748-8223
(520) 721-0526

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Ms. Linda Bescrypt
8882 E Maxwell Dr
Tucson, AZ 85747-5187

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Ms. Renee Vance
5265 W Sunset Rd
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(520) 903-0332

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Mrs. Carolyn Anderson
7058 N Corte Del Anuncio
Tucson, AZ 85718-7333

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In addition, wild open areas are vital for the wildlife that call our state home. These areas not only provide important habitat but also allow for movement among areas. This is becoming increasingly important as development continues to expand into our wild lands.

Purchasing and protecting open spaces provides a way to help balance future development with the needs of people and wildlife. Small investments today lead to huge benefits today and tomorrow.

Please stand up for our county by fully funding the open space bond.
Thank you!

Sincerely,

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October 30, 2014

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

RE: 2015 Open Space Bond Vote, Nov. 7, 2014

Committee Members:

This letter is to encourage you to support the Open Space Bond proposal with as much funding as possible. The following are some of many reasons for you to do so.

Tucson is getting a "good name" as a place for people to visit due to its open space and natural areas. Many of these people have purchased homes as a result and have added to our economy. New and prospective residents are attracted to Tucson for its open space as opposed to solid roof-top areas.

Many residents like a feel of open space around them—they enjoy seeing wildlife and birds in their natural habitats.

Many Pima County residents and visitors are also active people who enjoy walking and viewing wildlife in the open space areas as a result of Pima County's previous purchases. More open space areas will inspire more people to want to live in our special place.

The natural plants in open space areas help keep pollution in check. Its pleasant to see a mix of housing areas with natural areas. It gives a calming & pleasant effect on residents as well as on people passing by.

Please consider funding the Open Space Bond for as much as possible for the good of our community.

Sincerely,



Janet L. (Jan) Johnson

October 29, 2014

Susan Husband
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Larry Hecker, Chair
Committee Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

I am writing to voice my support for open space funding in the 2015 bond package as recommended by the Coalition for Sonora Desert Protection. Protecting open space in Pima County provides immediate as well as long term benefits.

A 2013 study by the Tucson Audubon Society determined that ecotourism contributed 1.4 billion dollars to Arizona's economy in 2011. These contributions came from both out of state visitors – new money – and locals who value and enjoy our beautiful deserts and mountains – recirculating local money.

The funds for open space preservation that were allocated by the residents of Pima County in 1997, and again in 2004, have been spent wisely and judiciously. Recent acquisition of the Painted Hills property, adjacent to Tucson Mountain Park, not only protects critical wildlife linkages but it also enhances and protects the value of surrounding privately owned property. Another recent purchase in the Tortilita Mountains utilized funds that were leveraged with a matching grant of 1.225 million dollars from the Arizona State Parks Department. Now that's smart!

One has to look no further than the competing super malls under construction in Marana, or the new spate of rapidly rising apartments, townhouses and yet more shopping centers in Oro Valley, to see what the alternative will be if we do not actively and fiercely advocate for and protect our desert home. No one else will do it for us, and when it is gone – it's gone.

As an Arizona native and a 30 year resident of Pima County, I am happy to make this long term investment in our unique and beautiful state. Please help by supporting the full funding requested for open space.

Yours truly,



Susan Husband

October 26, 2014

Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Deseret Romero
County Administrator's Office, 10th Floor
130 West Congress,
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Dear Committee,

I am writing this letter in support of the Marana Mound's inclusion as a foremost property in the bond acquisition plan. I worked as an archaeologist at the site for several years where I taught undergraduates and high school students about the rich history of this Sonoran Desert cultural group. The site, one of the largest and best preserved Hohokam settlements in Arizona, is densely packed with architectural features and structures that includes a large platform mound, hundreds of residential pithouses, several impressive compound walls, various unique irrigation and water harvesting areas, and distinctive agave roasting pits.

As a professional educator in the state of Arizona, it is invaluable to be able to visibly showcase the Hohokam cultural group and how ingenious they were in practicing such superior agricultural methods in our Sonoran Desert. We should be proud of our Arizona heritage and make every effort to protect such rich sites because they showcase the high level of human resourcefulness displayed by our region's ancestors. To be able to share with youth and the world the greatness of this Sonoran Desert cultural group is priceless. We need to keep it.

In recognition of its unique state of preservation, the Pima County Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan identifies the Marana Mound site as a high priority for protection. Its extraordinary state of preservation is at risk from rapidly encroaching development and the Pima County acquisition would ensure its protection into the future.

Please make sure it is included in the bond acquisition plan.

Many Thanks,



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Re: Support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Dear Committee,

Just two miles north of today's Marana city center, one of the largest prehistoric towns in southern Arizona is still well preserved in its entirety. Unlike most comparable Hohokam settlements, the surface of the Marana Mound site has never been plowed for agriculture or disturbed in any other comprehensive manner. Public buildings in the form of an earthen platform mound and other community structures stand at the site's center. An estimated population of 800 to 1200 at AD 1250 lived in about 40 surrounding compounds, each enclosing 10 to 20 adobe rooms inside its own wall. In recognition of its unique state of preservation, the Pima County Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan identifies the Marana Mound site as a high priority for protection. It is at imminent threat from urban development due to its location within the boundaries of a dynamic modern city; San Lucas Estates already flanks the archaeological site on the south.

As the adobe buildings of the largest Hohokam towns melt over time, they leave fragile remains of shallowly buried wall stubs and room floors. Because the great majority of these expansive settlements coincide with today's urban areas and mechanized agriculture, very few have escaped substantial destruction. A unique value of the Marana Mound site is the unusual opportunity to identify and study an overall plan, consisting of widely spaced compounds that represent separate residential and social units, organized around a central precinct with a platform mound. During the past 20 years, researchers from the University of Arizona have mapped the site layout and begun to investigate the platform mound and life-ways of residents in the different compounds.

A number of the residential compounds approach the size football field and contain 20 or more rooms. Excavations in a small fraction of the 40 compounds have revealed mostly residential structures but also storerooms and a few with

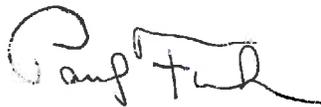


specialized purposes. The substantial adobe constructions typically required conifer timbers as roof supports, obtained approximately 30 miles away in the Catalina Mountains. The residents were farmers who produced corn, beans, squash, and cotton on better-watered land and grew agave for food and fiber in extensive fields on dry slopes. Artifacts in their homes showed they were also skilled crafters who made pottery, shell jewelry, and textiles of agave and cotton for trade to outlying villages.

A thick adobe wall around the platform mound and other public buildings set off this central precinct from ordinary residential space. Leaders within conducted civic and ritual events on behalf of the entire community. Another wall around the top of the platform mound further shielded exclusive communal practices in four rooms on the mound summit. The Marana platform mound was one of the earliest built in the Tucson vicinity. Further study holds the potential to better understand how local inhabitants came to adopt these Hohokam monuments.

In light of the Marana Mound site's high level of archaeological importance in Pima County, as established by the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, we could not more strongly urge its inclusion as a foremost property in the bond acquisition plan. Recent summaries of Southwest archaeology prominently mention research results from the Marana Mound site, reflecting its contribution so far to Hohokam studies. Far from exhausting what can be learned, the level of previous investigation reinforces the site's unparalleled further value as a cultural and scientific resource. We cannot ourselves speak for the Marana site's value as an ancestral and sacred place to the O'odham people, but we can attest to its uniqueness in their archaeological heritage in our region. Its extraordinary current state of preservation is at risk from rapidly encroaching development. Pima County acquisition will assure protection into the future.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Larry Hecker, Chair

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC)

Subject: BOND FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE

Dear Mr. Hecker and BOND Committee:

Our HOA in Green Valley is very interested in having open space for residents to enjoy for recreation or just stress free living next to the great outdoors. Infact our HOA provide leadership previously to save our West Desert Presrve from futre dvelopment. As you know the local mine purchased that land and has kept its commitment to keep it open for public use ofthe trails. We appreciate the past support of the Bond Committee in this regard.

Marley Ranch is also close to Green Valley and is used by residents and visitors, and keeping it open space will also enhance our community.

Please fund open space in the next Bond program adequately.

Sincerely,



Jerry Strasser

President

To: Bond Advisory Committee
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130 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701

From : James S. Gittings

Re: Support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

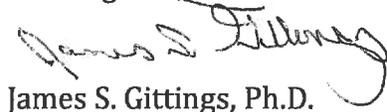
Dear Committee,

I have read the letter sent to you by Paul and Suzanne Fish in support for the acquisition of the Marana Platform Mound site. They indeed do not overstate its importance to Pima County and the world's archaeological record in general. As the primary investigators of the research garnered from the 'The Mound' they are in a unique position to assess its ongoing importance to future generations of scholars and to the public.

The Marana Platform Mound is of historic importance for another reason. During the period 1987 through 1996 the Mound and its research program was the site for an innovative project that trained persons with disabilities in laboratory and field work in archaeology. Project Origins, as it was called, was important for two fundamental reasons; first it demonstrated to the discipline of Special Education and Rehabilitation the abilities of persons with severe handicaps to engage in non-traditional vocational activities; second each collected artifact and survey added, without recourse to the abilities of person doing the collecting, to the archaeological record. The program was funded as an innovative grant from the U.S. Department of Education and was the first program of its kind in archaeology and was one of the first times people with severe disabilities were integrated into scientific research as anything other than subjects.

I would like to have my voice included with the many others that advocate support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition.

Best regards,



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October 29, 2014

Bond Advisory Committee
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Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: 2015 Bond HP-103: Marana Mound Site

Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

I write to urge you to include the Marana Mound site on the 2015 Pima County bond election.

I am currently Director of the Arizona Museum of Natural History and serve on the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission. I write in my capacity as a private citizen of Arizona.

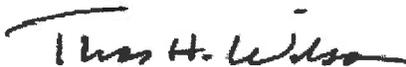
As Director of AzMNH, I oversee Mesa Grande Cultural Park, a Hohokam platform mound site now open and interpreted for the people of Arizona. The people of Mesa first called for the preservation of Mesa Grande in 1927, and in 1988 this goal was fulfilled. In 2012, we opened Mesa Grande to the public.

A site like the Marana Mound can have multiple futures. It can play a role in research and understanding Hohokam mounds and villages; it has a role for the descendants of the Hohokam in Pima County and statewide; it is important for the education of the citizens of Arizona on multiple subjects such as sustainability, water and land use, agricultural practices, archaeology, preservation and other areas; and some day it could have an economic impact for Pima County.

But only if the site is preserved. The Marana Mound site is an irreplaceable resource. Once gone, it is lost forever. Damage to the site is irretrievable loss. Those who would suffer the loss are the people of Pima County and Arizona.

I hope that the Bond Advisory Committee will consider the possible multiple futures for the Marana Mound site, and place it on the bond to help protect the future of Arizona's past.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas H. Wilson, Ph.D.