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Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members:

I strongly urge you to approve \$120 million for open space protection at your November 7, 2014 meeting. This allocation will provide the necessary resources for Pima County to fully mitigate for impacts outlined in the Multi-Species Conservation Plan, such as the construction of libraries, sheriff substations and other government facilities, and provide much-needed recreational areas for all Pima County residents.

Throughout my long tenure in public service in southern Arizona, it has been extremely gratifying to witness and take part in the huge shift away from the "early growth wars" to the collaborative conservation goals and vision of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP). I consider the passage of the SDCP while I was Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors in 1998 as one of my proudest accomplishments. A diverse and expansive group of community stakeholders came together to produce a vision for conservation and growth that respected the needs, values, and culture of our citizens and the incredible biodiversity and wildlife of the Sonoran Desert.

Since that vision was adopted 16 years ago, Pima County has put together an impressive portfolio of accomplishments that have put this vision into practice. The SDCP has truly been integrated into our community and balanced planning and fairness in land-use decisions has now become the norm. However, as we knew when the SDCP was first adopted, it is going to take perseverance, dedication, and many years to fully implement the SDCP.

This is why I urge you to approve the \$120 million recommended by County Administrator C.H. Huckelberry for future open space purchases as you put together a final 2015 bond package. These monies will be a wise public investment that benefits all Pima County residents. More open space means more places where residents and tourists can go to recreate, hike, relax, and enjoy the spectacular Sonoran Desert. More open space is good for our economy and our housing industry. More open space contributes to cleaner air and cleaner water, making our environment healthier for our children. More open space helps protect important wildlife habitat for vulnerable desert plants and animals.

Thank you for considering my comments on this matter.

Sincerely,


Raúl M. Grijalva
Member of Congress



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October 28, 2014

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

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

Dear Committee,

The Gila River Indian Community (the Community) hereby expresses full support for the Pima County 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition. The Community is a federally recognized tribe located in Southern Arizona consisting of The Akimel O'odham (Pima) and Pee Posh (Maricopa) Tribes. The O'odham are one cultural group that consists of four present day federally recognized tribes, the Gila River Indian Community, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, the Ak Chin Indian Community, and the Tohono O'odham Nation. Each of these tribes has a shared culture, history, and language. These tribes also have a shared belief that they are the descendants of the people known in the O'odham language as the Huhugam.

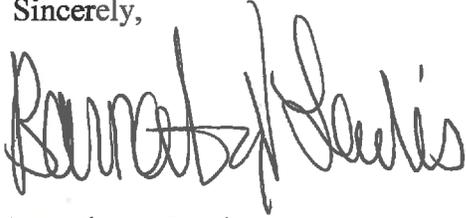
Platform mounds are a type of public facility that only occur at certain Hohokam sites and the Platform Mounds played an essential role in the social integration and functioning of prehistoric communities composed of multiple settlements, canal systems, agricultural fields and resource areas. In addition to being rare, platform mounds play a central role in the creation story of the Akimel O'odham. The historical context of these events is not only established in the creation story, which is shared by the Four Southern Tribes of Arizona, but archaeological evidence and traditional religious beliefs about the cycle of creation further substantiate and define their role.

The prehistoric Hohokam Marana Platform Mound exhibits civic-ceremonial architecture and is deemed most worthy of preservation and protection. Avoidance is the first consideration in maintaining the physical integrity of the still-intact remnants of this religious and culturally significant heritage site.

The Community believes that the Pima County acquisition of the Marana Mound Site would protect this significant and fragile cultural legacy that has played an important role in shaping the culture and local communities that are part of the landscape of southern

Arizona. The Community appreciates the opportunity to provide our support for this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barnaby V. Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Barnaby V. Lewis
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Gila River Indian Community



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Friday, October 31, 2014

Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th Floor
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Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members:

The Sonoran Institute inspires and enables community decisions and public policies that respect the land and people of western North America. We help communities conserve and restore their natural and cultural resources and manage growth and change through collaboration, civil dialogue, sound information, practical solutions and big-picture thinking. We value healthy landscapes, livable communities, and vibrant economies.

As you consider which projects to include in a 2015 bond program and how much money to allocate to these projects, we strongly support a \$120 million allocation for future open space purchases. Expanding Pima County's open space preserve system is another important step in creating a tangible legacy for future generations. It will support and strengthen our economy, increase the quality of life for our community, and make the Sonoran Desert a more resilient and healthy environment.

The Sonoran Institute has been a proud participant in the development of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP) since this visionary plan's process began more than 15 years ago. We support both the vision and the practical implementation of the SDCP, including the Multi-Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) that Pima County is finalizing with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The open space portion of the bond program is a critical component of a successful MSCP since the County still needs to acquire more open space lands to mitigate for impacts from capital improvement projects and private development. These impacts include projects currently being considered in the 2015 bond program.

By including \$120 million for open space in the 2015 bond program, the Bond Advisory Committee will also be sending a strong message that it is respecting the values of Pima County residents. Over and over again, Pima County residents have expressed their passionate support for the high quality of life that results from ample open space. Open space provides irreplaceable places for our community to relax, exercise, and re-energize; it also contributes to cleaner air, cleaner water, and a healthy desert environment.

As we all work to make our community and economy more resilient moving forward, I strongly recommend that you support a robust open space bond program by allocating \$120 million for future open space purchases. Our landscape, our economy, and our community will all benefit in countless ways.

Sincerely,

Stephanie C. Sklar
CEO

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November 4, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of The Nature Conservancy, dedicated to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. We work collaboratively to achieve our goals and have been honored to have Pima County as our partner in conservation for many years.

Pima County is nationally-known for creating a collaborative regional vision, the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP), which aims to protect the Sonoran Desert responsibly and strategically. Creating a connected open space preserve system has been one of the cornerstones of the SDCP over the last 15+ years. Pima County has made impressive strides towards this goal by purchasing or leasing over 200,000 acres of open space with open space bond monies approved by voters in 1997 and 2004.

These accomplishments have made important progress towards the goals of the SDCP. Providing ample recreational space and maintaining the quality of life for our growing population will benefit from continuing to build on the County's open space preserve system. Important parcels, such as the Marley Ranch, as well as more urban parcels that provide crucial wildlife linkages and expand existing parks remain unprotected.

During the last bond election in 2004, The Nature Conservancy provided significant resources to advocate for the \$174.3 million Open Space Bond question put before voters. Voters overwhelming support for the Open Space Bond confirmed that Pima County residents deeply value protecting the Sonoran Desert for current and future generations.

As you consider allocations for open space in a 2015 bond package, I strongly urge you to include the \$120 million recommended by County Administrator C.H. Huckelberry and supported by a diverse consortium of citizens and community groups. This amount will provide enough money to purchase mitigation lands needed for Pima County's forthcoming Final Multi-Species Conservation Plan and expand open space and parks for Pima County residents. It will allow Pima County to buy a diverse portfolio of open space parcels that benefit a variety of both rural and urban interests.

The Nature Conservancy looks forward to continuing our partnership with Pima County and supporting a successful Open Space Bond election in 2015. Thank you for considering our comments on a new Open Space Bond as you make a final decision on how much money to allocate towards this exceptional community resource.

Sincerely,



Patrick Graham
State Director in Arizona

November 3, 2014

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

Dear Chair Hecker and Committee:

In my opinion, Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP) is the most innovative land use plan in the United States. It has been an honor and a privilege to be involved in its development, first as Chair of the Ranch Conservation Technical Advisory Team, then as a member of the Open Space Bond Advisory Committee, and finally as a member of the Conservation Acquisition Commission. I have never worked with a more talented or dedicated group of people than the County staff and the hundreds of citizen volunteers who have worked so hard to implement the SDCP and its associated Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan, which will provide regulatory protection and certainty for businesses as well as the County for decades to come.

The SDCP took shape as rampant and uncontrolled development was destroying thousands of acres of wildlife habitat a year, severing wildlife corridors, and fragmenting the wide open spaces cherished by so many of us who make Pima County home. Moreover, much of the development was a fiscal black hole for the County, creating wildcat subdivisions that demanded far more in County resources than they returned in property taxes. As an advocate of working landscapes and sustainable ranching, I saw the County keep its promise to promote the conservation of working ranches as well by purchasing every major ranch that came up for sale after the passage of the 2004 Open Space bond and then signing management agreements with the former owners to keep those ranches in production and reduce County management costs. The Altar Valley Conservation Alliance, of which I am Community Representative and a member of the board, considers Pima County, especially the Natural Resources division of the Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation Department under Kerry Baldwin, one of our closest and most reliable partners.

I therefore urge you to support Open Space Acquisition Bond Program. The price tag of \$120 million may seem high, but the preservation of open space, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, and ecosystem services will be a wise investment in our future, which is going to depend upon the quality of life Pima County has to offer.

Industries like heritage and ecotourism and recreation ranging from mountain biking to bird-watching will flourish. Working ranches and farms will supply a vibrant local food movement. Proximity to open space will make existing properties more valuable, and infilling will enrich the cultural life of metro Tucson, reduce transportation costs and air pollution, and make the provision of necessary infrastructure – water, electricity, sewers, etc. – more efficient and cost-effective.

Half of the \$120 million is needed to complete the purchase of the Marley Ranch, the largest ranch in southern Arizona. If the County does not buy the Marley, its private lands will fuel another round of exurban sprawl and real estate speculation in the future. But there are many other needs as well, including the expansion of Tortolita Mountain Park and the Sonoran Corridor in the northwest. The County will also be required to purchase more land to comply with the terms of the federal Section 10 permit that will make the Multi-Species Habitat Protection Plan a reality. This is not the time to be penny-wise and pound-foolish. The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan is making Tucson one of the most desirable places to live in America. Please help us expand the SDCP by recommending that the Board of Supervisors approve the Open Space Acquisition Bond Program for \$120 million.

Best,

Thomas E. Sheridan, Ph.D.
Member, Pima County Conservation Acquisition Commission

Research Anthropologist and Professor of Anthropology
The Southwest Center and School of Anthropology

November 3, 2014

Chair Lawrence M. Hecker, Jr.
and Members of the Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Deseret Romero
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Dear Chair Hecker:

The Altar Valley Conservation Alliance (AVCA) is a 501©3 not-for-profit grassroots organization of ranchers in the Altar Valley west of Tucson founded in 1995. The AVCA's vision is:

Ranchers and other agriculturalists work effectively with our partners to conserve healthy and productive working landscapes, promote a thriving agricultural economy, and sustain a resilient rural community enriched by the culture and history of the Altar Valley.
(www.altarvalleyconservation.org)

To that end, AVCA carries out collaborative conservation projects with its partners, including Pima County. Our two primary goals are: 1) to bring back fire to the Altar Valley grasslands to promote native grasses; and 2) to restore Altar Wash and its tributaries to prevent soil erosion and allow runoff to percolate into the soil to create more habitat for both wildlife and livestock. Through grants from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Freeport McMoRan, and other private foundations and public agencies, we have used the low-impact techniques pioneered by Bill Zeedyk to build one-rock check dams and other simple rock structures to capture water and soil in eroded gullies that feed into Altar Wash. Numerous volunteer organizations including the Sky Island Alliance and the Tierra Seca Club of students from the range management program at the University of Arizona's School of Natural Resources and the Environment have helped us put these structures in place.

Unless Altar Wash is allowed to heal, however, AVCA's work in these upland drainages will be incomplete. The wash is deeply incised, 20 miles long, 20 ft. deep, and 1500 ft. wide in places. As our website states, "During rain events, high velocity water and heavy sediment loads surge out of the valley instead of recharging

aquifers and supporting microhabitats on which the region's native species and working landscapes depend" Restoring Altar Wash is a bigger job than the Alliance can undertake on its own. By working with Pima County, however, the AVCA and its partners can determine the best strategy to slow the loss of water and soil and promote the filling of the incised channel. AVCA would like to return the wash to the way it was when Altar Valley rancher John King's grandfather could "walk a horse in front of a monsoon flood, watching the water spread laterally through a wide floodplain bottom covered with sacaton grass. There were no incised channels and the water ran for days."

We therefore urge you to support the Altar Wash Restoration Project at \$1.5 million. As the County Administrator notes in his memo to you, "This project is a great example of how erosion and downstream flooding can be prevented through minor improvements at a watershed level. Mr. Huckelberry points out that floodwaters from the Altar Valley now reach "all the way north to Marana." Both City of Tucson and Pima County as well as private lands are affected by these floods. "In addition to reducing flooding, these minor improvements would improve the general health of the grasslands for plants, wildlife and cattle." Pima County has made an enormous investment in the Altar Valley, purchasing Rancho Seco, Diamond Bell Ranch, the 98 Ranch, and Buckelew Farms with open space bond funds. Please join us in protecting these lands, and the lands of Altar Valley ranchers, by supporting this project. And visit the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance to learn more about us and our projects – projects that reflect lifelong commitments to the ecological and economic health of the Altar Valley.

Best,

Thomas E. Sheridan, Ph.D., Chair
Community Representative, Altar Valley Conservation Alliance

Research Anthropologist and Professor of Anthropology
The Southwest Center and School of Anthropology

Deseret Romero

Subject: FW: Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project and Open Space re. proposed Bond project list

From: Mary Miller [<mailto:mary@elkhornranch.com>]

Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 7:00 AM

To: Carolyn Campbell

Cc: Sherry Ruther; Diana Durazo; Linda Mayro; Kerry Baldwin; Pat King; Tom Sheridan; Sharon Bronson; Sarah King; Mary Miller

Subject: Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project and Open Space re. proposed Bond project list

Dear Carolyn and all,

For many years now I've really tried to attend the key bond planning meetings regarding the Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project and open space topics, but I fear that I cannot make it to this Friday's meeting. The Altar Valley Conservation Alliance is running a volunteer crew based monitoring day with UA students and NRCS out at the Elkhorn/Las Delicias Demo Project — and I'm the point person. I hope that via this note, you will know of my unwavering interest and support for these projects!

For almost 20 years now, we've been working hard out here in the Altar Valley as an Alliance to address big issues, including erosion at many different scales from the massive incised channel of the Altar Wash to small more easily fixed issues far upstream. Before the days of AVCA, landowners and various agencies had been working on these same causes for many decades. Increasingly Pima County has become a critical partner in all this work, and the work accomplished to date as well as planned via bond processes has been a big part of this success! The open working landscape of the Altar Valley truly provides a pathway for regional conservation success into the future. Completing the Marley acquisition in the Altar Valley is an important part of that equation! While doing a bond is a major financial and community commitment, I believe that Pima County has done outstanding and remarkable work with these resources; and very much hope that this may continue via another good list of projects and successful election in 2015.

Meanwhile, AVCA and its many partners are diligently working away on the Altar Wash and valley wide watershed planning agenda — and hoping that a successful bond election will fuel this effort even more. The \$1.5 million Altar Wash restoration project will undoubtedly be a valuable tool to get a lot of excellent restoration work done, and leverage other resources for years into the future. I sincerely hope that the advisory committee will support these vital Altar Valley projects as part of the bond project list.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely, Mary Miller

Mary Miller
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November 4, 2014

Chairman Hecker,

On behalf of the Tucson Association of REALTORS we strongly encourage the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee to include the \$120 million dollar fund request for open space land acquisition in the final bond package to be forwarded to the voters of Pima County.

Pima County is moving forward with its goal of obtaining a Section 10 permit from the federal government which will in turn set the rules for development within the constraints of the Endangered Species Act. Acquisition of open space is the most critical requirement of that permit. Without the mitigation bank of open space lands, development and the economic growth associated with that development will be difficult if not impossible in Pima County.

As this package will ultimately require voter approval I would also remind you that open space acquisition is an issue that unites broad constituencies from the business and environmental communities in Pima County.

Thank you,

Steve Huffman
Government Affairs Director
Tucson Association of REALTORS

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Nov. 4, 2014

Mr. Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th Floor
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Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of Visit Tucson. We work to positively impact regional economic development efforts via tourism. Through our partnerships with Pima County, City of Tucson, Town of Oro Valley, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Tohono O'odham Nation, we work hard to improve and enhance Pima County's and Tucson's tourism industry through a variety of sales and marketing programs.

There is no doubt that the Sonoran Desert is the driving force behind our tourism industry. In fall 2012, Visit Tucson commissioned a "Visitor Inquiry Study" by Tucson's Strongpoint Research. We targeted people who requested information from our website. Survey respondents cited the "surrounding natural environment" and "outdoor/desert activities" as the two primary reasons they would recommend Tucson to other travelers. While visiting Tucson, 60% of respondents participated in "outdoor desert activities" and 54% visited "caves & desert attractions." Recent research by the National Park Service demonstrated the huge economic benefits of local natural treasures such as Saguaro National Park. In 2013, Saguaro National Park visitors spent \$40.6 million locally.

Visitors to Pima County spend \$2.1 billion annually and we work daily to bring more visitors and their dollars to our region. We understand that our work is made easier by the wide network of protected open spaces that visitors can enjoy during their stays here. We also understand, however, that to protect a healthy Sonoran Desert for the future, local governments, such as Pima County, must continue to purchase open space to strengthen and connect existing protected areas. The Tucson Mountains need to remain connected to the Tortolita Mountains, which must in turn be connected to the Santa Catalina Mountains. Without these connections, the Sonoran Desert, and, ultimately, our economy and quality of life, will suffer.

To achieve these goals, I urge you to allocate the recommended \$120 million for future open space purchases at your Nov. 7, 2014 meeting. These funds will benefit all Pima County residents and many of our four million annual overnight visitors, creating an even more resilient economy and strengthening Tucson's reputation as an attractive tourist destination for visitors from around the world.

Thank you for considering the perspective of Visit Tucson on this matter.

Sincerely,

Brent DeRaad
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November 4, 2014

Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Deseret Romero
Pima County Administrator's Office, 10th Floor
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RE: 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) strongly supports the acquisition of the Marana Mound site by Pima County. We recognize that the expenditure of public money must be justified in terms of public benefit. We believe strongly that such is the case with the Marana Mound site.

I am a long-time resident of Pima County. Tucson has been my home for more than 30 years; it is where my wife and I founded a business, where my sons grew up, and where we find much of our family and friends. I also am privileged to be the current president of the SAA, an international organization that, since its founding in 1934, has been dedicated to the interpretation and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. With more than 7,000 members, SAA represents professional archaeologists in colleges and universities, museums, government agencies, and the private sector. SAA has members in all 50 states as well as many other nations around the world.

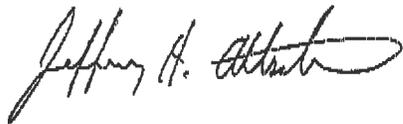
In my capacity as SAA president I have traveled all over the world, working to enhance the public's understanding of our common heritage through archaeological research, training, and education. When people find out I am from the US Southwest, I am often asked, "Is there anything left?" The answer is nuanced. Yes, there are some sites that are protected, but there are many more that have already been lost or will soon be lost to development. Our heritage is vanishing before our eyes.

Pima County has been a leader in archaeological stewardship, thanks in no small part to the tireless effort of the dedicated staff of the Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division of the County's Office of Sustainability and Conservation. Much has been done and sites, such as Fort Lowell and the Hardy site, are under protection. But these sites form only part of the narrative of southern Arizona's history. The Marana

Mound site is unique. Unlike most sites in southern Arizona, it is well preserved and has largely escaped the ravages of natural erosion, land disturbing activities, and looting. It was occupied for much of the time the ancient Hohokam lived in the region, and thus, is well situated to tell the story of these exceptional desert people. Archaeologists have conducted enough excavation so that the site can be developed as a heritage site in the future, allowing future generations the opportunity to witness history first-hand.

Failing to guarantee the long-term preservation of the Marana Mound site would be a blow to all residents—past, present, and future—of southern Arizona. It is not “just another site.” It is a time capsule that holds our past in a way that it can enrich our lives and the lives of those yet to come. I urge you to acquire the site now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey H. Altschul". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Jeffrey H. Altschul, Ph.D., RPA
President



Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society

Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Deseret Romero
Pima County Administrator's Office, 10th Floor
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3 November 2014

Dear committee members:

The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, established in 1916, is one of the largest and most active organizations of its kind in southern Arizona. The Society funds historic preservation and research projects throughout the American Southwest, and encourages public projects that add value to the region's spectacular historical sites and landscapes.

Five projects included in the category of "Historic, Cultural and Natural Area Conservation" represent efforts to revitalize or restore archaeological, historical, or natural resources that are important for preserving and celebrating the mosaic of cultures and cultural landscapes in Pima County. The **Marana Mounds acquisition** is especially significant because the site has witnessed long-term study and publicity, and it figures prominently in the story of Hohokam lifeways and economies in Arizona. Likewise, the proposed **restorations at Mission San Xavier** will ensure the preservation of one of the county's dearest and most fragile historical attractions. Many local residents would be pleased by the sense of urgency for implementing the **Ft. Lowell Park Master Plan**. The adobe structures visibly melting aside Craycroft Road are a tragic sight, and their preservation should remain a project priority. Finally, the **site interpretation/preservation project** is very encouraging. The simple creation of trails and interpretive signage, and basic site protection measures, will certainly attract residents and educators, and will enhance the quality of life in local neighborhoods.

Another bond election item that deserves support is the **Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project**. Although not explicitly designed to promote the preservation of historic resources, plans to manage erosion on this large and important cultural landscape will result in the wide-scale preservation of archaeological sites in the valley.

Thank you for continuing to support thoughtful projects that build on and promote the prehistory and history of Pima County.

Sincerely,

Jesse A.M. Ballenger

President

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11/04/2014

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 B.A.J.A. Sporting Club, Inc. (Born Again Jocks Association) provides full support of the Santa Cruz Valley Bicycle Advocate Committee (SCVBA) in their recommendation for 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 of Marley Ranch and has an option to purchase the rest (for a total of 100,000 acres). 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. And with the increase in population naturally occurring in Sahuarita and surrounding communities, placing heavier demands on our open space, then that acquisition cost is likely to increase significantly with the passing of time.

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,


Weldon J (Jim) Brewer
Governing Board Member
BAJA Sporting Club, Inc.

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 2:02 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-03 02:02 PM Submission Notification

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City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85710

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

Comment We need to do all we can to preserve the rapidly dwindling heritage sites of the southwest.

Response requested Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

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City	Tucson
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State	AZ
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Zipcode	85719
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Message Subject	2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition
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Comment	I support the acquisition and preservation of this site, of our region's extensive but little-known heritage.
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Response requested	Yes
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: ivy schwartz <ischwartz3211@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 01, 2014 4:33 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space - Bond Election

Importance: High

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

November 1, 2014

Dear Bond Advisory Committee:

I am writing in support of the 2010 recommendation of the Conservation Acquisition Commission for \$285 million for Conservation Open Space on the next County bond election. Allocation of the maximum is vital to the preservation of plant and animal life in our County. Large areas of open space are required for the health of species; as their habitat becomes more and more fragmented, the effects of climate change and global warming will be substantially worsened. Species will be unable to move to other nearby areas as their habitat becomes untenable for them. Wildlife corridors connecting areas of open space are vital to preservation of species as well.

The County has done much to help with this in the past. As climate becomes more extreme, more needs to be done. Any delays will only cost more to taxpayers and lower the likelihood of success. Voters have repeatedly approved bond funding for open space. Open space supports our economy through tourism and attracts professionals and others with high skills to our region.

Please support the maximum funding for open space conservation.

Sincerely,

Ivy Schwartz, MD, MPH

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
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To: Deseret Romero
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City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85701

Message Subject 015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Comment Please protect this! Too much in the Marana area has already been destroyed.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Marigold Love <lafingrany@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 3:05 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Funding

Protecting and ensuring that we will continue to expand our Tucson Open Space is good economics. Watchable wildlife activities brings millions of dollars into our community. In addition, Pima County residents benefit from maintaining the biodiversity of our area and enjoying the high quality of life that open space supports.

If we do not protect our local, biologically-rich habitats now, by purchasing them for conservation, we will lose the opportunity to developers and foreign mining companies. Greater success at protecting our wild places will occur with less time, effort and expense if we are proactive. Open Space Funding provides us that opportunity.

Marigold A. Love
15520 S Langley
Sahuarita, AZ 85629-9359
November 3, 2014

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Paul Jehle
<sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 2:51 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 3, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Jehle
PO Box 87456
Tucson, AZ 85754-7456
(520) 281-8380

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Eleanor Navarro <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 2:20 PM
To: bondinfo
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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Eleanor Navarro
4158 E Boulder Springs Way
Tucson, AZ 85712-6655
(520) 621-9984

Deseret Romero

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ann McGlashen
1384 N Rio Santa Cruz
Green Valley, AZ 85614-3916
(520) 625-5690

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Can you imagine Pima County without the wild, open spaces it currently offers? These areas are important to people and wildlife alike, providing habitat and movement corridors, clean air and water, and outstanding recreational opportunities. Purchasing and protecting open spaces provides a way to help balance future development with the needs of people and wildlife, especially since those in planning and zoning are giving in to ridiculous projects that way beyond the scope of land planning and existing zoning. We need a strong plan for balancing the conservation and protection of our cultural and natural resource heritage with our efforts to maintain an economically vigorous and fiscally responsible community.

We don't need another Phoenix or Los Angeles, keep us unique. Don't give in to the pressures of the mining industry. Don't allow developers to get more out of their land investment, simply by asking for zoning changes. Investors should be taking a risk, giving in to their demands simply takes the planning out and ignores the zoning. We have a lot going for us and we need to keep it. Open spaces and protecting our habitat, and maintaining our views and lifestyle are important considerations.

I urge you to fund and support open space bonds to maintain our Tucson and Pima County lifestyles.

We need to have and keep a long-term vision for protecting the heritage and natural resources of Pima County, protecting biodiversity and providing land-use guidelines consistent with the conservation goals of our area.

The NRDC study rates Pima County, Ariz., where Tucson is located, as an area with extreme risk of water shortage. The city is in the Sonoran Desert, an extremely arid region that receives less than 12 inches of rainfall each year. Currently,

the Tucson region uses about 350,000 acre-feet of water per year. At this rate, Tucson's groundwater supply, which now provides the majority of the city's water, has a very limited life span. In addition to this, the city is currently bringing in 314,000 acre-feet per year from the Colorado River under the Central Arizona Project. However, Tucson is growing rapidly. This, combined with the political uncertainty of the Central Arizona Project allocation, places Tucson at extreme risk for future water shortages.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Bisschop
9921 E Manassas Pl
Tucson, AZ 85748-3350

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of John Brodie
<sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 1:50 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 3, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I strongly support protecting natural areas and open space and urge you to fully fund the open space bond. It is particularly important to protect undeveloped the wildlife corridors near urban areas to prevent further habitat fragmentation.

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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. John Brodie
8755 N Scenic Dr
Tucson, AZ 85743-8785

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First Name	William H.
Last Name	Marum
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City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85716

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

Please consider adding the Marana Mound site to this bond issue. Though hohokam archaeological sites are not as physically impressive as pueblo sites in the Four Corners area, they are every bit as important a part of our cultural heritage. The work that archaeologists have been done here already has greatly expanded our knowledge of ancient agricultural practice in the area and there is no way to know what else we could learn when better tools become available if this site is not preserved. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Christine R. Szuter
P. O. Box 42723
Tucson, AZ 85733

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

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

Dear Chair Hecker and Members of the Bond Advisory Committee:

I am writing in **support for the 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition**. The Marana Mound Site is a unique archaeological site in southern Arizona. Many sites have been destroyed because of development, agriculture, or other types of disruption. The Marana Mound site, a Hohokam town that was occupied in AD 1250, did not meet a similar fate. Its undisturbed contexts should be preserved for future generations.

As an archaeologist specializing in the study of non-human animal remains from archaeological sites, I have personally analyzed animal remains from the Marana Mound site. It is through the preservation of this site that new knowledge and understanding of past lifeways will continue to unfold. The site is magnificent with an earthen platform mound and approximately forty compounds, each one with ten to twenty adobe rooms. It is rare to be able to preserve and study a place where all of the features can be mapped thus leading to an understanding of the relationships between residential areas and public arenas of ancient Hohokam sites.

The site itself could become a showcase for Pima County bringing tourists, students, and researchers to our region. Many archaeological sites have been destroyed by encroaching urbanism. Pima County has the opportunity to preserve one of the largest and undisturbed sites of the Hohokam people.

I strongly support the Marana Mound Site to be included in the bond acquisition plans. Acquiring the Marana Mound site will ensure continued research and study of our ancient regional cultural heritage for now and for future generations.

Thank you for your supporting the acquisition of the **2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site**.

Sincerely yours,

Christine R. Szuter, PhD
Archaeologist

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 6:38 PM
To: Deseret Romero
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Last Name Warren	
Email Bufflegreer@cox.net	
Address 5930 E Ryan Pl	
City Tucson	
State AZ	
Zipcode 85712	

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

Comment I support the acquisition of the Marana Mound in connection with 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition. Our ancient heritage sites are worth saving. Thank you.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
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To: Deseret Romero
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Last Name	White
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Address	
City	
State	AZ
Zipcode	85757

Message Subject Marana Mound Complex

Comment I would completely support Pima County purchasing this complex, it would serve the state, county and country with information and a place to learn history. I would love to see the area then made into an archaeological preserve. Sincerely, Esther M White

Response requested Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

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Last Name	Smith
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Address	P.O. Box 3006
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City	Durango
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State	CO
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Zipcode	81302
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Message Subject	Marana Mound Complex
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Comment	I grew up near this area and wandered there as a young adult. I think it is imperative to preserve what is a mere fraction of the types of sites in the Tucson & Altar Valley areas. Most are gone due to development. A small investment in the future. I also went to Marana Schools back in the 60s. This is my heritage too, as well as the modern descendants of those peoples. D. Robert Smith Former Arizona Site Steward and AAS member.
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Response requested	Yes
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First Name	Royce
Last Name	Ballinger
Email	rballenger2142@comcast.net
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City	Marana
State	AZ
Zipcode	85658

Message Subject Purchase of Marana Mound Complex 2015 Bond Initiative

Comment I strongly support the concept to purchase the Marana Mound Complex, an ancient Hohokam site to protect it from destruction from development as has occurred at the recent site near the I10 and Twin Peaks road. It would be a shame and disaster to allow our current growth to destroy our ancient heritage.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Pat Lukensmeyer <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 7:53 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 4, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

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Sincerely,

Ms. Pat Lukensmeyer
3849 E Broadway Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85716-5407

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Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Lehman
5321 W Calle Appaloosa
Tucson, AZ 85741-4709

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Sincerely,

Mr. William Pritchard
8912 N Camino Coronado
Tucson, AZ 85704-4810
(520) 297-6295

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Please Please, protect all of our open spaces!!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Paula Banks
945 S La Huerta
Green Valley, AZ 85614-2120
(520) 399-9383

Deseret Romero

From: Kathy & Gerd Renno <gkrenno@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 9:16 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please support and fund Open Space!

To Whom it may concern:

Please continue to include open space in a 2015 bond package. I support a bond package of no less than \$120 million.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy and Gerd Renno
520/760-8468
Members of the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

Deseret Romero

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Sincerely,

Ms. Anne Vesowate
PO Box 13715
Tucson, AZ 85732-3715

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Percy
<sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 8:52 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 3, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

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Sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Percy
9724 N Sumter Ct
Tucson, AZ 85742-8367

3811 N. Camino De Oeste Tucson, Arizona

To: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
From: Peter Chesson
Re: Habitat protection and open space funding included in the 2015 Bond Election
November 3, 2014

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Peter Chesson

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Ruth Bescrypt <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 5:24 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Ruth Bescrypt
8882 E Maxwell Dr
Tucson, AZ 85747-5187

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Gloria Howard <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2014 5:22 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 3, 2014

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130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Gloria Howard
12425 N Derringer Rd
Marana, AZ 85653-9451
(520) 812-7220

Deseret Romero

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

Ms. nancy strong
PO Box 1372
Cornville, AZ 86325-1372
(970) 846-4078

Deseret Romero

From: John Feeney <johncfeeney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 10:39 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open space funding

Hello!

I currently live in Boulder Colorado, but grew up in AZ and my heart is still in the Sonoran Desert. I hope a letter from someone out of state like myself is worth something. I encourage you to do all you can to maximize funding for open space purchases.

Here in Boulder we have our own open space around the town which has really become one of the major draws of the area. It was one of the key things that led me to move here when I did. I envision once again having a home in AZ in the future, and the health of desert ecosystems is an important part of that vision. Open space is important in helping ensure that.

So here's to open space! I hope you'll keep it center stage in your plans.

Sincerely,
John Feeney
Boulder, CO
303-447-0973

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Kathy Watson <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 10:23 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 4, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kathy Watson
2976 E Windsor St
Tucson, AZ 85716-1233
(480) 216-5281

Deseret Romero

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

Dr. Wanda Torrey
1851 N Moon Valley Pl
Tucson, AZ 85745-9657
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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Deborah Sotelo <sierra@sierraclub.org>
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Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Sotelo
14550w. Guy
Tucson, AZ 85736

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From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Linda Miller <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 11:23 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 4, 2014

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Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. I do not want to see Tucson and the surrounding area turned in to another Phoenix. I hike in the areas surrounding Tucson every week. I have seen wildlife, including hawks and falcons. Don't put wildlife at risk. Americans are fat. We need to get them outdoors. Remember President Kennedy? He challenged people to exercise. We need that challenge again. People need to put down their electronic gadgets and get outside. Open space is vital to our future. Tourists don't come here to see pavement, they go to Phoenix for that.

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Ms. Linda Miller
10511 E Dusky Willow Dr
Tucson, AZ 85747-9557
(520) 664-1143

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From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-04 11:49 AM Submission Notification

Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-04 11:49 AM was submitted by Guest on 11/4/2014 11:49:25 AM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

Name

First Name Patricia

Last Name Gilman

Email pgilman@ou.edu

Address 3332 N. Calle Largo

City Tucson

State AZ

Zipcode 85750

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

Comment I strongly support the acquisition of the Marana Mound site by Pima County. As a professional should be preserved. It is one of the few platform mound sites in the Tucson Basin. These are si elites lived and performed ceremonies that were probably important to all people living in the ar labor and time intensive) makes it even more important. We could build on this research to learn communities in the area also emphasizes the importance of this site. Of all of the sites in the Tu

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Diana Durazo
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 11:40 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Pima County 2015 Bond

Hi there – here is another comment letter. ~ Di

From: Janine Spencer [mailto:jspencer@MARANA.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Diana Durazo
Subject: Pima County 2015 Bond

Hello Ms. Durazo:

I can't attend the public meeting concerning the 2015 Bond proposal, so I would like to submit my comments by email.

I urge you to include HP103, the Archaeological Site Acquisition for Marana Mounds and Cocoraque Butte in the next Pima County Bond. The Marana Mounds is an important archaeological site that needs to be preserved.

I also support the following:

N15, the San Xavier East Tower and Façade Restoration. The mission is one of the premier destinations for tourists in the Tucson area.

N20, Buffelgrass Removal in County parklands. Buffelgrass in Pima County is becoming ubiquitous and the parklands are special areas that should be protected from buffelgrass, in order to maintain native vegetation and wildlife.

FC2 Floodprone and Riparian Land Acquisition. This program not only protects property owners from building in flood-prone lands, but also protects natural washes and xeroriparian areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed bond election.

Best regards,

Janine Spencer, M.A.
Wildlife Biologist



To: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Re: Habitat protection and open space funding included in the 2015 Bond Election
October 26, 2014

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Bob Gilby
President, Tucson Mountains Association

Deseret Romero

From: Bob Gilby <bgilby@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 1:15 PM
To: bondinfo
Cc: COB_mail; Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Habitat protection and open space funding
Attachments: 2014_Bond letter 10-26-14.doc

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

I have attached a letter from the Board of the Tucson Mountains Association regarding the proposed habitat protection and open space funding included in the 2015 Bond Election. We hope that you will consider the continued value that the residents of Pima County and the residents of the Tucson Mountains in particular have placed on open space preservation.

Thank you,

Bob Gilby, President
Tucson Mountains Association

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 1:42 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-04 01:42 PM Submission Notification

Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-04 01:42 PM was submitted by Guest on 11/4/2014 1:42:10 PM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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State	NM
Zipcode	87504

Message Subject Marana Mound Site Preservation

Dear Committee Members, The Marana Mound Site has arguably been more important for the long-gone Hohokam people over the past few decades than it was during its time as a living community. Because of the preservation of the entire site, we have a much better idea of Hohokam culture and history than we would have without it. Most Hohokam sites have been fully or largely destroyed by modern development, with those in the center of the Hohokam world disappearing first, often before being studied. Because the entire site has thus far been preserved, Marana allows us to see how the Marana Hohokam organized their community, how they sited their ritual spaces, their residences, and their fields and other work places in relationship to every part of the community. Importantly, too, we can see how their community organization changed over time. In addition, we can see how all members of the society lived, elite and commoner, and even those who traveled to the community from elsewhere. We can see how they

Comment lived and where (and how) they were buried after death. I co-authored a textbook on Southwest Archaeology a couple of years ago. When writing the chapter on the Hohokam, I depended strongly on the various publications Suzanne and Paul Fish and their colleagues have written about the Marana Mound Site. I would have had far less about the ancient occupants of southeastern Arizona if it were not for the research that has been done at Marana. Importantly, though, there is still a lot to be done at Marana, work that would be best done at a deliberate pace. The preservation of the site will allow future residents of Pima County and future researchers alike to better understand Hohokam farmers and their culture. Critically during this period of abnormally hot and dry conditions, the Hohokam have much to tell us about how they successfully lived for hundreds of years in a very dry place and why they left. I urge you to acquire the Marana Mound Site to protect it! Sincerely, Maxine McBrinn Curator of Archaeology Museum of Indian Arts and Culture Santa Fe, NM

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Jeffrey S. Dean
2725 East Devon Street
Tucson, Arizona 85716

31 October 2014

Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Deseret Romero
Pima 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:

The archaeological significance of the Marana Mound Site complex cannot be overstated. Its completeness, size, degree of preservation, and lack of disturbance create an extraordinary source of high-quality information on the past human occupation of the Tucson Basin. Its demonstrated scientific and cultural importance are acknowledged by its inclusion in the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and its consideration for Pima County's 2015 Bond Initiative. Other writers will, I am sure, elaborate on the vast archaeological potential of the site. Therefore, I propose to address a potential not normally present in Sonoran Desert sites, that is, Marana Mound's proven capability to produce dendrochronological dates.

Because tree-ring dates are accurate to the year and have no statistical uncertainty, dendrochronology provides SW archaeology with the finest prehistoric archaeological dating in the New World. Heretofore such dating has been focused on forested upland areas where datable coniferous tree species could be acquired for construction. The lowland Sonoran Desert, where undatable nonconiferous species dominate the landscape, does not provide such opportunity. The Tucson Basin is exceptional in that its proximity to the coniferous forest of the Catalina Mountains allowed prehistoric people to acquire construction timbers of pinyon, ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, or fir that can be tree-ring dated. This provides dating accuracy and precision not available in other desert sites. As one of a few Tucson Basin sites that have produced archaeological tree-ring dates, the Marana Mound complex can be expected to make major contributions to refining the Hohokam chronology if it is protected from future development.

Given the above considerations, I strongly support including the Marana Mound complex in Pima County's bond acquisition plans.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Dean
Professor Emeritus of Dendrochronology
Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research
University of Arizona

October 31, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Hecker,

My letter to you today is in advance of my presence at next week's meeting at the Riverfront Inn.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance to Pima County citizens of preserving open space and creating wildlife linkages in this incredible Sonoran Desert we call home. I am one of those citizens, having consciously chosen to move here in 2006, because of the outdoor activities and splendid beauty this region of desert, mountains, and wildlife offer.

It is apparent from the voting choices of county citizens that open space preservation (and creation) is a priority. It speaks to the level of happiness and satisfaction that comes from living in a region that has not been completely spoiled by overpopulation. Now is the time to appropriate the funding that citizens have approved – at least the \$120 million bond package under consideration, if not more. From Oro Valley to Marana to Tucson to Sahuarita and beyond, property development can take the form of infill. Why carpet the county's remaining open spaces with subdivisions, thus inhibiting wildlife linkages and the natural areas that define the grandeur of the Sonoran Desert?

Pima County is our home, yet our desert is prized by people all over the world. It is up to us to preserve this special corner of our planet for future generations, while it is still possible to do so. Please vote to appropriate the funding needed to do just that.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Mary Jo Sheldon-DiVito, Esq., CPA

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October 24, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
2130 W. Congress, 10th floor
Tucson, Arizona 85745

Dear Sir/Madame:

I was unable to attend the October 24th hearing but wish to express my concern that the Temple of Music and Art will fall into disrepair without the needed funds, approximately \$900,000. The venue is very popular for events and is part of what makes the Arizona Theatre Company such a wonderful experience.

Thank you for approving the capital improvements requested by the City and the ATC being included in the bond election.

Sincerely,



Mary Jo Sheldon-DiVito

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 2:51 PM
To: Deseret Romero
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Zipcode	85147

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

We are writing this letter regarding Pima County 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition. As Director of the Gila River Indian Community Cultural Resource Management Program (GRIC-CRMP), I have extensive experience regarding the cultural and archaeological significance of prehistoric Platform Mound sites in southern Arizona, and I would like to express my unqualified support for the acquisition of this important property. GRIC Tribal consciousness and veneration extends to sites such as the Marana Mound to the present day. This recognition continues to be expressed through the active association of these places with religious beliefs, historical memory, and the perpetuation of GRIC culture. Archaeological sites with Platform Mounds are individually described in the Akimel O'odham (Pima) creation story, which continues to play an essential role in their on-going cultural traditions and practices. While many aspects of the creation story detail elements of traditional knowledge, such histories also identify places and physical associations that define fundamental aspects of the Akimel O'odham world. These specific locations and landscapes are therefore not just historically significant. By virtue of their role in annual cycles of spiritual renewal (as well as religious practices), these sites are critical to Akimel O'odham cultural perpetuation and survival. Consequently, it is the position of the community that Platform Mound sites are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under both Criterion A for their significant association with the broad patterns of Akimel O'odham history, and Criterion D for their archaeological research potential. Disturbing any part of the Marana Mound site is therefore viewed as a desecration, and we strongly support the preservation of the site. Furthermore, while tribes generally consider all prehistoric sites to be sacred, the role of sites such as the Marana Mound as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) further elevates their significance. Preserving the integrity of this archaeologically, culturally, and religiously significant heritage site is therefore of considerable importance to a variety of constituents. We support the position of the Community that the acquisition of the Marana Mound Site by Pima County would help protect this important and threatened cultural heritage site. This site plays an important role in defining the culture of traditional

southern Arizona communities. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our unconditional support for this important initiative.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: tao6 <tao6@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 3:54 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: BAC For Funding Open Space Funding Allotment

Dear Sirs,

I urge you to fully support the 120 million allotment for funding open space purchases. These purchases will support a superior natural and economic environment for future generations in Pima County. Pima County has peered in to the future and has seen the importance of open spaces and how they relate to the health of human, animal and our total natural environment. Don't let your guard down now because the future is counting on you.

Sincerely,

Registered Voter Pima County

R Scott Roy
PO Box 1052
Cortaro AZ 85652

Roger & Judy Carpenter
1124 N. Camino de Oeste Tucson AZ 85745
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Nov. 4, 2014

Re: In support of bonds for open space

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

Dear Committee;

I write from the perspective of someone who has pretty clear memories of Tucson as long ago as 1940. In those days, Tucson was small, and the surrounding open space was large and undeveloped – a small population relative to areas for recreation and appreciation of nature. My professional career was out of state; when I retired, I returned to the Sonoran Desert that I love.

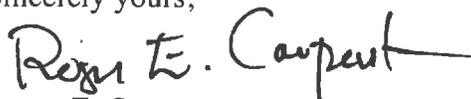
The ratio has now reversed: The population has expanded in a spread out fashion. The sprawl has gone beyond Wilmot Rd. to the Saguaro National Park, and has leaked from the valley up to planned communities such as Oro Valley, a huge Marana, Green Valley, Tucson Estates, and developments south of I-10 near Vail. There are even developments near Madera Canyon. All of this growth has come at the expense of open space.

There is now a dramatically greater population seeking to enjoy the ever diminishing recreational open spaces. I urge the Committee to recommend the largest possible bond for purchase of open space. I do not see how growth and diminishing natural areas can continue along their present trajectories and still leave Tucson a somewhat attractive place in which to live.

There will be some people who will protest purchase of open space, out of “concern for the taxpayers.” I would point out to them that one’s personal finances are not the only currency by which we should assess our quality of life. Infrastructure, schools, clean air, safe water, and *open space* are all indices of our quality of life.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,


Roger E. Carpenter

Frederick B. Hard, Jr.
7251 Tantalum Court
Sarasota, FL 34238-8512

November 3, 2014

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

Gentlemen:

I write to you concerning an opportunity to preserve a unique archaeological treasure, so far untouched by any modern development. A great deal of investigative work has been done on what is called the "Marana Mound", which has outlined a unique resource for adding to the documentation of Hohokam history, one that is so important to the background of the whole Tucson area.

While mine is only one small voice urging that you consider this project as primary and there are probably many others urging your attention to their requests, this chance to do something extremely important may not, owing to commercial development pressures, ever arise again.

As an annual visitor to the Tucson area for over 40 years and one who has studied its ancient ties to the Hohokam group of inhabitants, I feel very strongly about this opportunity and urge you to take every advantage offered by supporting the work at "Marana Mound".

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Hard, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 8:30 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-05 08:29 AM Submission Notification

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

Comment The Marana Mound archaeological site is a very well preserved and relatively undisturbed prehistoric village at risk of being damaged or even obliterated by urban development. The site, which is about 800 years old, was one of the largest towns in southern Arizona; it had public architecture in the form of a platform mound, and perhaps a thousand people resided there in one of hundreds of individual adobe rooms. Most Hohokam towns of a similar size and age, whether in the Tucson or Phoenix areas, have been essentially destroyed by agricultural or other development—this is reason enough to protect this important cultural resource. But it is not the only reason. The Marana Mound site has been the subject of significant scientific study for the last 20 years or so. Drs. Paul and Suzanne Fish of the Arizona State Museum and the University of Arizona, along with scores of their colleagues and students, have learned much about the site and its inhabitants, and this knowledge is an important contribution to American archaeology. The research potential of the site, however, has not nearly been exhausted. Additional study, whether in the very near future or perhaps in a generation or two, would no doubt generate new insights into how the Hohokam managed to subsist for hundreds of years in the Sonoran Desert environment that we, the modern-day inhabitants of Pima County, share with them. For these reasons, I hope that Pima County will do everything possible to acquire the site and its environs under the bond plan.

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

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State	AZ
Zipcode	85751

Message Subject 2015 Bond #HP-103 Marana Mound

Dear Bond Advisory Committee, The Society for American Archaeology (SAA) strongly supports the acquisition of the Marana Mound site by Pima County. We recognize that the expenditure of public money must be justified in terms of public benefit. We believe strongly that such is the case with the Marana Mound site. I am a long-time resident of Pima County. Tucson has been my home for more than 30 years; it is where my wife and I founded a business, where my sons grew up, and where we find much of our family and friends. I also am privileged to be the current president of the SAA, an international organization that, since its founding in 1934, has been dedicated to the interpretation and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. With more than 7,000 members, SAA represents professional archaeologists in colleges and universities, museums, government agencies, and the private sector. SAA has members in all 50 states as well as many other nations around the world. In my capacity as SAA president I have traveled all over the world, working to enhance the public's understanding of our common heritage through archaeological research, training, and education. When people find out I am from the US Southwest, I am often asked, "Is there anything left?" The answer is nuanced. Yes, there are some sites that are protected, but there are many more that have already been lost or will soon be lost to development. Our heritage is vanishing before our eyes. Pima County has been a leader in archaeological stewardship, thanks in no small part to the tireless effort of the dedicated staff of the Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Division of the County's Office of Sustainability and Conservation. Much has been done and sites, such as Fort Lowell and the Hardy site, are under protection. But these sites form only part of the narrative of southern Arizona's history. The Marana Mound site is unique. Unlike most sites in southern Arizona, it is well preserved and has largely escaped the ravages of natural erosion, land disturbing activities, and looting. It was occupied for much of the time the ancient Hohokam lived in the region, and thus, is well situated to tell the story of these exceptional desert people. Archaeologists have conducted enough excavation so that the site can be developed as a heritage site in the future, allowing future generations the opportunity to witness history first-hand. Failing to guarantee the long-term preservation of the Marana Mound site would be a blow to all residents—past,

present, and future—of southern Arizona. It is not “just another site.” It is a time capsule that holds our past in a way that it can enrich our lives and the lives of those yet to come. I urge you to acquire the site now. Sincerely, Jeffrey H. Altschul, Ph.D., RPA President

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deborah Haro

From: Terri Morando
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 11:26 AM
To: Anita Hunton; Brenda Limon; Carmen Robles; Caryn Caramella; Cecilia Murch; Charity Bender; Charlotte Rupel; Christina Rheubottom; Debbie Grijalva; Deborah Haro; Debra Rodriguez; Dominic Lancaster; Donna Russo; Doreen Press; Eileen Rojas; Ellen Cuddeback; Elvia Carino; Ester Flores; Evangelina Quihuis; Florina Teran; Gail Kaczynski; George Camacho; Ginny Murray; Gladys Lopez; Gloria Abarca; Holly Campanile; Jamie Red; Jennifer C. Coyle; Jennifer Wong; Jessica Boatright; Jonathan Altman; Judy McDermott; Julie Auvil; Julie Burch; Karl Woolridge; Kathy Reese; Kiki Navarro; Kimberly Challender; Kristen Irby; Laura Hinte; Lois Burlingham; Maria Verdugo; Marion Chandler; Marsha Kelly; Maura Kwiatkowski; Melissa Manriquez; Pat Schreiner; Patsy Padilla; Paula Jansmann; Paula Maxwell; Sarah Nowell; Shelley Kroska; Susan Shettleroe; Suzanne Goodman; Tammy Jorde; Teresa Kowalczyk; Veronica Archuleta; Vicki Bennie; ymontijo@courts.az.gov; Yolanda Kennedy; Yvonne Mergenthal
Cc: Cecilia M. Damron; Jennifer Billa; Gayl Hayes; Amanda Rudnick; Barbara Hicks; Christine Simonini; Debra Mulvey; Jade Sia; Martha Gamez; Susan Gould
Subject: HRB/OBA Transition
Importance: High

Good morning,

We are in the final stage of transitioning to the new **Outsourced Benefits Administration (OBA)** of the ADP Implementation.

Our current online benefits system ADP/HR Benefits Solution will shut down permanently beginning Thursday, November 6th to complete the final benefits transition to the new **Outsourced Benefits Administration (OBA)** of the ADP Implementation. The new benefits system OBA will be available through the ADP portal beginning Monday, November 10th.

Employees attending NEO tomorrow Thursday November 6th will be informed their benefit elections will be made in the new OBA system beginning Monday.

An email blast will be going out later today to all County and Court employees informing them of the shutdown and transition. On Monday another email blast will be sent out to all announcing the **New ADP Benefits Link Is Live....** with the information on accessing benefits and the request for them to go in and review and verify that all their benefits information is correct.

We appreciate your patience during this time.

Terri Morando

Human Resources Supervisor

Pima County, Benefits

Phone# : 520-724-2792 Fax#: 520-724-8150

Email: Terri.Morando@pima.gov; Website: <http://www.pima.gov/hr/EmployeeBenefits/index.htm>

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Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 10:28 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-05 10:27 AM Submission Notification

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

Comment I'm in support for the preservation of this site. Ever since I visited the Mitchel, SD, pit-house site, with an educational, conference building, built over an excavated ruin, I thought this would be an ideal model for the Tucson area to have.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
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State	AZ
Zipcode	85718

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

I am writing to offer my strong support for the acquisition of the archaeologically significant Marana Mound site as part of the 2015 Bond initiative. As an archaeologist at the Arizona State Museum who works closely with indigenous communities in Arizona, I am fully aware of the cultural importance of their ancestral sites. The Marana Mound site was one of the most important regional communities in the Tucson Basin and by preserving this site we honor the memory of those who came before. Beyond the value of the site as an archaeological resource, we must also be aware that within its boundaries

Comment are many ancient graves holding the physical remains of the ancestors of living people. We must respect the right of the descendants to prevent disturbance of the graves of their ancestors. Archaeologists have learned how to conduct research at ancient sites while also avoiding disturbance of burials. Today, burials in Arizona are only excavated when there is a very compelling reason and this can be a very expensive undertaking. I strongly urge that the Marana Mound site be preserved. John A. McClelland, Ph.D. NAGPRA Coordinator Arizona State Museum Assistant Professor School of Anthropology University of Arizona

Response requested No
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 9:26 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-05 09:25 AM Submission Notification

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Message Subject Irreplacable

Comment These places need to be preserved for future generations. To be able to back at the human endever is invaluable. It humbles all that see it and make us grateful for the things we have. History is important to all, not just those that love it.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
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Message Subject 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Comment I am writing to encourage Pima County to place the purchase of the Marana Mound Complex on the 2015 Bond Initiative. It is important to preserve this unique and undisturbed place of the past and save it from future development. The county's purchase of the Marana Mound Complex would keep this ancient and culturally important land undisturbed, and the area could be then made into an archaeological preserve. Thank you.
Sharon Wilson

Response requested No
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
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To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-04 05:17 PM Submission Notification

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

As a professional archaeologist I have had the pleasure and the opportunity to visit the Marana Mound group near Tucson in Pima County. This site, the location of a large once-thriving ancient Native community, has been documented by the staff and students mostly from the University of Arizona and Arizona State Museum. The resulting substantial body of research has demonstrated the tremendous potential that this community contains to **Comment** inform both the public and the archaeological community of ancient society and life-ways in the desert region. Due to development, urbanization and land use, there are few, if any, other mound communities remaining that can match the integrity and environmental context present at the Marana Mound site. This archaeological community is a priceless treasure that should be preserved for future enjoyment, education, and research. I strongly support and advocate the preservation of the Marana Mound site.

Response requested Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

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Zipcode	85321
Message Subject	2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition
Comment	I am writing to ask that Pima County place the purchase of the Marana Mound Complex on the 2015 Bond Initiative. Preservation of this unique and undisturbed place of the past is vitally important, and it should be saved from future development. The county's purchase of the Marana Mound Complex would keep this ancient and culturally important land undisturbed, and the area could be then made into an archaeological preserve. Thank you. Bruce Wilson
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: ari posner <ari.posner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 4:16 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Allocation

Chairman Hecker,

Please allocate the maximum amount possible toward open space procurement, protection, and management. The county's residents have spoken on numerous occasions to make clear that we highly value open space. So much has dwindled in the past decade, it's time to protect as much as possible.

Thank you,
Ari J. Posner

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Bob Fischella
<sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 4:24 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 4, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I strongly support protecting natural areas and open space and urge you to fully fund the open space bond.

Open spaces are vital for our communities and for our way of life. They are crucial for our economy and are one of the primary draws for both tourists and for Pima County residents. Many people who have already moved into Pima County did so because of the wealth of wild lands in the nearby vicinity.

Open space also provides outstanding recreational opportunities, which further bolsters our economy. Last year, visitors to Saguaro National Park alone contributed \$41 million to the local economy. Wildlife watching activities bring in hundreds of millions of dollars to Pima County in retail sales.

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,

Mr. Bob Fischella
6219 E Via De La Yerba
Tucson, AZ 85750-1150
(520) 299-3076

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Bonnie Oliver <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 5:53 PM
To: bondinfo
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Sincerely,

Ms. Bonnie Oliver
45 W Fort Lowell Rd Unit 22
Tucson, AZ 85705-5927

Deseret Romero

From: rosalie bennett <rosie.tucson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 7:53 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Bond Allocation for Open Spaces

Attn: Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

I am writing to voice my support for the maximum bond allocation for open spaces in Pima County. The citizens and the County have clearly indicated in the past that they strongly favor the protection of open spaces in the Sonoran Desert. While the Sonoran Desert is like no other desert and has wonderful biodiversity, it's also a very fragile environment that needs ongoing protection.

Continuing development in some of these endangered areas, such as the San Pedro River, as an example, would permanently destroy the riparian habitat there. The San Pedro is part of the 1% of riparian habitat remaining in the state of Arizona. This, and other spaces in similar danger, require us to be constant stewards. Development would also impede freedom of movement of our desert animals to and from preserved areas, eventually causing a reduction in many of our key species.

In purely economic terms the County and the business community have reaped millions of dollars in revenue from visitors - hikers, birders, and other tourists - who come to see and experience our marvelous Sonoran Desert. Development benefits a few, but preservation of our desert habitat benefits many, many more.

Please take the right action and vote for the maximum bond allocation for open spaces. Preserve our beautiful desert's plant and animal life for future Arizonans and others from around the world. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Bennett
5051 N. Sabino Canyon Rd, #1190
Tucson, AZ 85750

Deseret Romero

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<sierra@sierraclub.org>
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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Brit Rosso
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Vail, AZ 85641-8932

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Slava Radakovi <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 7:25 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 5, 2014

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Tucson, AZ 85701

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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Slava Radakovi
355 Windsor Lane
Gibsonburg, AZ 85001
(000) 000-0000

Deseret Romero

From: Mark Stevenson <drbrdr@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 7:25 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: 2015 Pima Co bonding

Friends,

Open space is important to me. I hope that you will include plenty of funding for it in the bond issue. Pima County has done a good job of protecting open space in the past and I believe that those efforts should continue. You know the arguments, so I won't repeat them.

Thanks,
Mark Stevenson, MD
Registered voter
Tucson 85712

Deseret Romero

From: Kevin Dahl <kevindahl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 8:58 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please support open space bonds

Dear Advisory Board Members:

I write urging support of open space bonds in the next bond package.

We who have been in Pima County for awhile (I came here in the late '70s to go to school and found I just couldn't leave this wonderful place) have seen the effectiveness of using bonds to purchase by and permanently protect the most deserving and beautiful tracts of natural land.

This program has helped create a place where the outdoors is considered an important part of our lifestyle, and a important reason tourists continue to visit. It balances development, and helps prevent conflict -- helping assure new homes and businesses are built in the most appropriate parts of our valley.

Frankly, it is one of those great investments. As they say, no body is making any more land.

Please support adequate funding for open space bonds.

Thank you,

Kevin Dahl
1609 E. Spring St.
Tucson, AZ 85719
kevindahl@yahoo.com

Deseret Romero

From: Darcy <darcy2@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 10:20 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Support Open Space in the 2015 Bond Package

Dear Bond Advisory Committee Members,

Please support protection of open space in the 2015 bond package. Open space areas are vital to Pima County's unique and wonderful quality of life for both residents and visitors. These spaces are also critical for the health of our environment and many of our unique native animal and plant species. Cities such as Portland, OR that have wisely invested in and protected open spaces have proven the value these natural areas add to their city's economy and desirability.

Please don't pass on this opportunity to create a lasting legacy in our region.

Thank you.

Darcy Nagle-O'Brien

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Deseret Romero

From: Marge Pellegrino <margepell@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 10:36 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Please!

Please know that we support additional purchases of open space.

The reason tourists come here is for our unique environment, not more sprawl.

For the health of the environment, for the health of the community, please consider purchasing as much natural space as possible.

Thanks!

Steve and Marge Pellegrino
341 E. Yvon Drive
Tucson, AZ 85704

Deseret Romero

From: CAROL FOSTER <tucsoncarol@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 11:04 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Supporter of open spaces

I am writing in support of the funding for more open space in Pima County. When I take a walk on a desert trail, even one that I've done many times before, I am always amazed at the variety and beauty of the plants and wildlife. The changes that occur even a week or two apart continue to confirm nature's cycles and continuing growth.

There is renewal and hope in our open spaces. Ferns that sprout in a recently running drainage; ants busy getting ready for winter; views of clouds unimpeded by buildings; grass seed heads waving in the breeze; javelina tracks in a wash; woodpeckers scolding me for being in their space. These are all necessary for those of us lucky enough to live here. We require open spaces to stretch our imaginations and limbs. Many of us chose to live in this area BECAUSE of the open spaces - wild and free and ours.

Please fund the purchase of more open space before it's too late.

Thank you,

Carol Foster

While You Are Away Services

520-982-1208

Deseret Romero

From: Tim Helentjaris <tnhelentjaris@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 12:22 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: upcoming discussions on planned bond allocations

I just wanted to add my support to the idea of maintaining significant financial support in the future to purchasing and maintaining open spaces in Pima County. I consider this one of the primary advantages of living here, it certainly played a strong role in my decision to move here in the first place. I think there are still many remaining areas that could be protected and add to the quality of life for Pima County residents.

Tim & Norma Helentjaris
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Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Catherine Williams <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 1:56 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 5, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I strongly support protecting natural areas and open space and urge you to fully fund the open space bond.

Open spaces are vital for our communities and for our way of life. They are crucial for our economy and are one of the primary draws for both tourists and for Pima County residents. Many people who have already moved into Pima County did so because of the wealth of wild lands in the nearby vicinity.

Open space also provides outstanding recreational opportunities, which further bolsters our economy. Last year, visitors to Saguaro National Park alone contributed \$41 million to the local economy. Wildlife watching activities bring in hundreds of millions of dollars to Pima County in retail sales.

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,

Mrs. Catherine Williams
2249 E 2nd St
Tucson, AZ 85719-4930
(520) 289-7434

Deseret Romero

From: Barbara Kelly <bkgkelly@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 5:17 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Include Open Space in 2015 Bond Issue

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

Dear Committee Members,

A key reason I chose to move from the East Coast to retire in Tucson was Pima County's successful efforts to work with environmentalists and the business community to preserve open space here. Without that, southwestern Arizona could be one big subdivision under a big sky.

So I urge you to include open space in the 2015 bond issue. It's at least as important as fixing our pitiful roads and more important than other potential bond beneficiaries.

Open space is clearly more than aesthetics. Our amazing desert and wildlife, including Saguaro National Park, attract tourists and residents like me -- and the dollars we spend. It contributes to quality of life and a stronger economy for us all.

Pima County government has been a strong advocate for open space.
Please continue!

Thank you.

Barbara Kelly
8201 E. Placita Del Oso
Tucson, AZ 85750

Deseret Romero

From: Cathy Merritt <cathymerritt111@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 5:58 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: open space

the sonoran desert is a treasure. it cannot exist without open space. please fund this program so we can continue to enjoy our wonderful space. by the way, it's also good business. no one wants to move to or recreate in a place that looks like detroit. many thanks jon merritt green valley

Deseret Romero

From: Sierra Club <information@sierraclub.org> on behalf of Jack Kenan <sierra@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 6:26 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please fully fund the open space bond!

Nov 5, 2014

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130 W. Congress St., 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

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Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Jack Kenan
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Pinetop, AZ 85935-3555
(928) 369-1715

Deseret Romero

From: tmalven@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 6:38 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open space meeting

Dear Council Members, I am asking you to purchase as much open space as possible. Open spaces give people room to breathe, exercise and enjoy nature. As Tucson metro area grows, we need more and more open space so everyone has an opportunity to enjoy it. Thank you for your time. Tania J Malven 2228 E Kleindale Rd 85719.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Deseret Romero

From: Francis Graffagnino <fmagraffagnino@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 8:03 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: PROTECT THE FULLY FUNDED BOND PACKAGE IN 2015

Please see the letter below that supports this issue and substantiates our reasons. A hard copy of this letter was sent to the board.

Thank you.
Sincerely yours,
Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino

Estrella

10207 E. Calle Pueblo

Tucson, AZ 85747

Nov. 5, 2014

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

To the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My husband and I are writing to urge you to support a new fully-funded bond package in 2015 to protect important biologically habitat that otherwise would get developed.

Our reasons are as follows:

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

Eligible properties include expansions to:

- Tortolita Mountain Park;
- Riparian Habitat Along the San Pedro River;
- Davidson Creek;

- **Agua Caliente/Tanque Verde Confluence;**
- **Marley Ranch (Phases II and III);**
- **Rosemont Ranch; and**
- **Other lands needed to allow for wildlife movement between protected preserves;**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTEMTION TO THIS CRITICAL ISSUE.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ann and Frank Graffagnino

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

11/05/2014

Dear Mr. Hecker and members of the BAC,

We're writing to support continued bond funding for open space preservation.

Open spaces and the iconic landscapes are Tucson's greatest asset – we've tried, and failed, to come up with a similar sized US city that enjoys as much access to wilderness as this one. In fact, it's surprising that Tucson isn't marketed more with a tagline like “your portal to adventure or solitude”.

Sprawling urban development will not improve this city: preservation of its natural beauty will.

Please continue to fund open space purchases.

Thank you.

Greg Corman and Susan Fehlow
4200 N. Oxbow Road
Tucson, AZ 85745

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

bondinfo@pima.gov

Dear Mr. Hecker,

Please do not cut any funding from the Open Space fund for the following reasons:

1. Open space supports a high quality of life and provides opportunities for recreation, which is a top attraction for both residents and visitors.
2. 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 .
3. Open space is a lasting investment and protects unique Sonoran Desert plant and animal species.
4. Open space is a necessary balance to future development, and protecting more open space around metropolitan Tucson promotes infill development.

My husband and I recently sold our house in Wisconsin and moved down here permanently because this beautiful area. We bought an existing house almost 10 years ago and have put up rain barrels and planted drought resistant trees and plants around our home in an effort to conserve nature.

We hope to attend your meeting tomorrow at the River Park Inn.

Sincerely,

Mary Donovan-Popa and Warren Popa
7759 W. Amber Sky Lane
Tucson, Az 85735

Deseret Romero

From: Joseph McGinn <josephmcginn11@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 8:24 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Support of Opes Spaces Bond

I wanted to let you know of my and my Wife's support for the upcoming open space bond. We believe open spaces are an intergal part of the Tucson life-stile and expand and protecting them is vital to the life experience th at makes this part of Arizona special

Dr Joseph McGinn

LAUREL J. LACHER

November 6, 2014

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

Re: 2015 Bond Package

Chairman Hecker:

I am writing to express my sincere hope that you and others on the Bond Advisory Committee will include open space as a component on the County's 2015 bond package. Tucson has a lot of problems, but its strongest feature is its natural beauty and abundant open space. My understanding is that some highly valued natural areas in the Tortolita Mountain Park, along the San Pedro River, in Davidson Creek, near the confluence of Agua Caliente/Tanque Verde washes, and other areas important for wildlife movement between protected preserves could be in jeopardy without this bond funding.

Maintaining and growing Tucson's best asset – its natural lands – is critical for Tucson's continued economic success and vitality. Attracting smart industries can only be accomplished by offering employees a good reason to want to be in Tucson. Suffering our bad roads, hot summers, and high crime rates can only be balanced by valuing and expanding our open spaces as a retreat from hectic city life and for minimizing our impact on our native desert.

Please ensure that open space has a firm place on the 2015 bond package!

Sincerely,



Laurel Lacher, PhD, RG