

Additional Public Comments

November 19, 2014



November 14, 2014

Chuck Huckelberry
Pima County Administrator
130 W. Congress Street, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Pima County Bond Program Project PR 181-Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex

Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

In August of 2005, the Sahuarita Town Council approved the Anamax Park Master Plan to include PR-181, the Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex. The following year the Town of Sahuarita and the YMCA agreed to partner on the operations and maintenance components of this project. With the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee's decision to move the Bond Program forward in 2015, discussions began last year to include two additional partners.

Sahuarita has no public multi-generational, multi-use recreation pool or indoor recreational facility for its citizens and the surrounding area. Adding the Sahuarita Unified School District and Rancho Sahuarita Company ("Developer") to the project contributes value to its sustainability. Benefits of adding these additional partners include a much stronger operational base and more programs and services for the entire community.

The Sahuarita Town Council voted to move the location of project PR-181 to Town Center from Anamax Park at their November 12 Council meeting. This location is situated much closer to the Town's current population and commercial growth and is adjacent to the school facilities. The Town has also done community outreach with public meetings including local user group discussions and the Parks and Recreation Commission, with favorable results. Relocating the Complex to the Town Center provides the opportunity to partner with the Developer through their donation of approximately eight acres of land in the Town Center including associated existing and future offsite and private infrastructure improvements. Partnering with the Sahuarita Unified School District provides additional programming capabilities, as they own adjacent facilities, including a state of the art competitive outdoor swimming pool which is currently underutilized. These partnerships would not be possible at Anamax Park. The change in location will not affect the cost of design or construction, so the current Bond funding request/County Administrator's recommendation is appropriate.

During the past six months, the partners together have been developing a preliminary programming strategy that will work to diminish duplication of services in the Town as well as define the necessary facilities to meet the programming and community needs. The YMCA is in the process of formulating a business plan to work in conjunction with the partners to ensure smooth operations of the facility. The future facility agreement will define more specifically the financial as well as programming roles. The



partners are committed to cooperate fully on this project, from design and construction through operations, and are in agreement this will prove to strengthen and sustain its long term success. This letter is a formal acknowledgment of support from all partners.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy and beneficial project for the Town of Sahuarita

A blue ink signature of L. Kelly Udall, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

L. Kelly Udall
Town Manager

A blue ink signature of Dane Woll, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Dane Woll, President & CEO of
YMCA of Southern Arizona

A blue ink signature of Jeremy Sharpe, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Jeremy Sharpe, Vice President of
Sharpe & Associates, Inc. and General Manager
of Interchange Opportunity Fund

A blue ink signature of Dr. Manuel Valenzuela, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr. Manuel Valenzuela, Superintendent
Sahuarita Unified School District

Cc: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee members

Deseret Romero

From: kovitzbob@gmail.com on behalf of Bob Kovitz, General Manager, Civic Orchestra of Tucson <Manager@cotmusic.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 4:03 PM
To: bondinfo
Cc: Deborah Keenan
Subject: City of Tucson park projects

Dear Bond Committee Members,

As the Parks and Recreation Commission for Tucson's Ward 6, I would like to recommend the inclusion of all of the top-rated Tucson parks/recreation projects that are in front of the committee.

The city of Tucson has suffered greatly over the past 7 years--and the Parks and Recreation Department has not been excepted. We have weathered reshuffling priorities, massive personnel layoffs and postponement of major capital improvements. If Parks are not an essential service, I don't know what is. I consider parks to be part of a larger economic development picture, attracting people and businesses that value recreation.

These projects, once completed, will serve the community well beyond the borders of the city of Tucson. In fact, I would suggest that inclusion of all of these projects would make voter passage of the bonds more likely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Kovitz
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Tucson Parks and Recreation Commissioner--Ward 6

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Deseret Romero

From: STEVE and PEG Denny <spdenny@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 10:16 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Agua Caliente Park Pond Restoration

Dear Sirs & Madames,

We would like to reiterate our support of the Agua Caliente Park Pond Restoration Project as part of the Pima County Bond Proposal. Agua Caliente Park is a wonderful "Oasis in the Desert". The park which is listed on National Register of Historic Places is a worldwide birding destination, a significant resource for environmental education for school children throughout the region and is enjoyed by 150,000 patrons annually. This park is an important part of our community and as such, we believe it is very important to restore the pond system. We appreciate your favorable consideration in keeping the Agua Caliente Park proposal as part of the Pima County Bond Proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Margaret & Steve Denny

Deseret Romero

From: Louie Padilla <louiepadilla@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 4:37 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Kennedy Park Improvements and Expansion

I'm writing on behalf of the 300+ kids that currently play baseball/softball with Tucson Mountain Little League.

Tucson Mountain's home fields are at Kennedy Park. One baseball and one softball field.

While most league's have 3, 4, 5+ fields to play on, we only have two. This, despite the fact that our registration numbers are higher than most other leagues.

Although Kennedy Park resides within the City of Tucson limits, Tucson Mountain serves both City and County residents. Our league boundaries extend well into Pima County limits.

We just completed our Fall Ball season in which our teams have the opportunity to play at various fields throughout Tucson and Pima County.

It's during this season that are kids, parents, and coaches notice the lack of attention Kennedy Park has received over the years.

In addition to having a greater number of fields, most other parks have received upgrades far more often than Kennedy Park.

We ask that you please include the Kennedy Park Improvements and Expansion plan on the 2015 Bond Election.

It's long overdue.

Respectfully,

Louie Padilla
Tucson Mountain Little League
235-7784

Deseret Romero

From: Alan Shimato <shimato@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 10:36 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Flowing Wells Skate Park project

Hello,

I'd like to say that as a long-time Tucson resident, working professional, active community volunteer, and adult skateboarder I support the Flowing Wells Park Skateboard Park project and urge you to also continue your support of this project.

Thank you,
Alan Shimato

Deseret Romero

From: Terri La Chance <terrilachance@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 7:41 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Skatepark project

Hello,

I support the Flowing Wells Park Skateboard Project and urge you to continue your support of this project.

Thank You,

Terri La Chance

Sent from my iPad

Deseret Romero

From: Phyllis Montgomery <phyllismontgomery6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 7:35 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Buffalo soldiers

My name is Trooper Phyllis A. Montgomery, and I of coarse support this project, I am with the 9th and 10th Horse Calvary,
I am also 2nd vice with the National GSAAC for the Ladies Aux. Thank you for your support...

Trooper Phyllis Montgomery

Deseret Romero

From: Suzanne Logsdon <dragonflyofblue@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2014 11:02 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Support for Flowing Wells Skate Park

I am writing in support of the Flowing Wells Skate Park proposed project. Having a facility, which includes a skate park, will allow for community members to be able to skate in a controlled environment, and bring community members together in such a popular activity for kids and young adults alike.

Thank you for your support!

Suzanne Logsdon

Pima County Administrators Office
Attn: Nicole Fyffe
130 West Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Bond Advisory Committee Members,

I am proud to provide this letter of support for the Buffalo Soldier Memorial Project. As you know at this present time there are no monuments or memorials in Tucson representative of contributions African Americans made in settling Southern Arizona and the West. In addition to this, I feel this memorial is needed for some of the following reasons:

- The memorial would be of benefit in the areas of education, quality of life and recreation activities.
- The location of the memorial will increase the use of the Quincie Douglas Library and its facilities.
- This memorial can be a fitting tourist attraction and a great addition to other military attractions such as the Pima Air and Space Museum and Museum of the Horse Soldier.
- From a historical perspective it would compliment Arizona Historical Society - Downtown History Museum and their efforts to recognize the Buffalo Soldiers.
- The memorial honors the past and currently servicing members of our military.

Recently Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild proclaimed July 28, 2014 Buffalo Soldier Resolution Day. The proclamation recognized the achievements of the Buffalo Soldiers and their "fierce bravery and fighting spirit" that helped settle this region and allowed Arizona to achieve statehood status.

Just as Ms. Quincie Douglas made great contributions to the city of Tucson, the Buffalo Soldiers made important contributions in settling Southern Arizona and the Western United States. The Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center would be a very fitting site for the memorial.

In this spirit, I strongly support the Buffalo Soldier Memorial project and urge its approval to the full Board of County Supervisors. I am very interested in supporting this project to its completion and would like to thank committee members for their interest and hard work on this important bond issue.

Respectfully Yours,

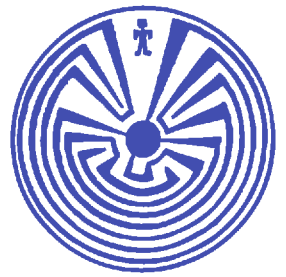
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Signature

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November 5, 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 and Cocoraque Butte Acquisition

Dear Committee Members:

The Marana Mound Site represents one of the most well preserved largest prehistoric Hohokam settlements that remain in southern Arizona. The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan identifies the Marana Mound Site as a high priority for preservation.

The site is under threat from encroaching development, due to its location within the boundaries of the growing city of Tucson.

The Tohono O'odham regard the Hohokam as their ancestors and the Marana Mound Site represents a significant ancestral and sacred Traditional Cultural Place for the Tohono O'odham.

The Cocoraque Butte Site, located a short distance from the boundary of the Tohono O'odham Nation is one of the most important rock art sites in southern Arizona. The site represents a significant sacred Traditional Cultural Place for the Tohono O'odham Nation. This is a site still visited by tribal elders and is talked about in traditional stories.

Due to their significance to the Tohono O'odham Nation as a Traditional Cultural Places and sacred sites and its importance to the archaeological community, we would strongly urge the inclusion of the Marana Mound Site and Cocoraque Butte Site as a foremost properties in the bond acquisition plan

Sincerely,

Peter L. Steere, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Tohono O'odham Nation

P.O. Box 837

Sells, Arizona 85634

Deseret Romero

From: Kyle H McCarter <Kyle.H.McCarter-NR@raytheon.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 11:33 AM
To: Deseret Romero; Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Sahuarita - Pool and Community Center - AWESOME

Greetings Ms. Romero and Ms. Fyffe,

I was THRILLED to learn that a new pool and recreation center are being considered for Sahuarita, AZ.

Our growing town has a large population of young families with children of varying ages. As you know, those living outside of the Rancho Sahuarita community have limited public supported community center type facilities where our neighbors young and old can gather, play, and exercise.

The community, as a whole, is very active. I'm sure a pool and state of the art community center (maybe with some outdoor sports fields) would be put to very good use :)

I do sincerely hope these latest rumors are true. This is SUPER!!

Regards,

Kyle McCarter
(Sahuarita Resident)
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Sahuarita, AZ 85629

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Nov. 7, 2014

Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Deseret Romero
Pima Co. Admin. Office, 10th Floor
130 West Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Committee,

This is so exciting—the chance to preserve a truly unique site, the Marana Mound Complex and create an archaeological preserve. I encourage you to place it on the 2015 Bond Initiative.

As a geologist with an interest in archaeology, I am exactly one of those people who would visit as a tourist. My husband and I graduated from the U of A, so we know about the brainpower that resides in Tucson.

The site looks fascinating online, and I'm sure after you work to figure out how to purchase it, the site will be every bit as fascinating when we visit.

Sincerely yours,



Eleanora I. Robbins, PhD

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Bryan Martyn
Executive Director



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November 12, 2014

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

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

Dear Bond Advisory Committee Members:

I am writing this letter in support of the acquisition of the Marana Mound Site, a well-preserved Hohokam archaeological site that the Pima County Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan identifies as a high priority for protection. This prehistoric site, which is at imminent threat of destruction from urban development, consists of widely spaced compounds that represent separate residential and social units organized around a central platform mound. It is one of the largest settlements and the earliest of platform mound sites in the vicinity of Tucson, and has been interpreted as an elite residence with related ceremonial and community functions.

The Marana Mound site has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for its potential to yield information important in prehistory (Criterion D). In our opinion, the site provides unparalleled value as a cultural and scientific resource, and its preservation is very important to the cultural heritage of Arizona, particularly as modern growth and development encroaches and modifies the natural desert landscape. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. Garrison".

James W. Garrison
State Historic Preservation Officer

Deseret Romero

From: JPC559@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 2:03 PM
To: Deseret Romero; Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Support of Sahuarita Pool and Rec Center

Dear Ms. Romero and Ms. Fyffe:

As a longtime resident of the Sahuarita and Green Valley area I sincerely hope you will consider the addition of the pool and recreation center for Sahuarita. This community desperately needs this to support the growing needs of the community, especially with the growth projections for this area. We have already long outgrown our current parks. I do not live in Rancho Sahuarita and cannot utilize the facilities and my family and friends rely greatly on the parks provided for sporting and other recreational events. Please strongly consider this need for the future of this area.

Thank you,
Julie Ciruli

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 5:55 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-14 05:55 PM Submission Notification

Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-11-14 05:55 PM was submitted by Guest on 11/14/2014 5:55:00 PM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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Message Subject Marana Mound Purchase

Comment I am writing to encourage Pima County to purchase the Marana Mound Complex. Surely this is a unique opportunity to study ancient Native American history. Would this not, also, attract tourists to the area? I currently am living in California but would not hesitate to visit the Marana Mound excavation site whenever this becomes a possibility. I am confident that others in the United States who are interested in archeology would also travel to Arizona for this purpose. Thank you.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Nov. 7, 2014

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

Dear Chairman Hecker,

I would like to strongly encourage the committee to approve the \$120 million proposed for open space purchases in the 2015 bond package. As urban sprawl consumes more and more of our wonderful Sonoran Desert, open space preservation is vital to retaining the quality of life that attracts visitors to Tucson and maintains a healthy environment for its human and wild residents. Open space is good business. Open space is an investment that endures, delivering an immeasurable return for future generations. Please think in the longterm and vote for more open space.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Merrill Collett".

Merrill Collett

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Tucson, AZ 85754

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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 Graftagnino
Mary Ann and Frank Graftagnino
Mary Ann and Frank Graftagnino 11/7/14

Deseret Romero

From: Deborah <purpdillo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:52 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Temple of Music and Art

Pima County Bond Advisory:

We want to make it known that we support a bond issuance to upgrade and improve the Temple of Music and Art in downtown Tucson. As long time supporters of the Arizona Theater Company as well as other events at the Temple of Music and Art we feel it is in the best interest of the City Of Tucson to support the Temple of Music and Art. When you consider the amount of money and publicity relating to Rio Nuevo and the amount of money put into the Fox Theater, both of which were to draw people into the downtown area it makes sense to support a bond issue to maintain the Temple of Music and Art. As avid supporters of the shows put on by Arizona Theater Company and in discussions with people who have seen the same shows in Phoenix it is reassuring to hear that Phoenix does not compare. It would be a shame to see such a historic building fall into disrepair again, it happened once and shame on you if it happens again.

Steve Collins & Deborah Moss
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