Additional Public Comments

December 8, 2014
December 2, 2014

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

RE: PR96 “Aircraft Flying Fields”

Dear Mr. Heckler:

I am writing on behalf of PR96 “Aircraft Flying Fields” in hopes that your Bond Advisory Committee will vote in favor of its funding. PR96 is a $1.5 million proposal that will provide monies for capital improvements for five area aircraft radio control clubs which have been safely operating RC aircraft for over 130 years. We cover Pima County from Green Valley to Avra Valley, from northwest Tucson to southeast Tucson and support a myriad of activities throughout the county.

The greater Tucson area RC Community supports youth activities, raises money for various charitable organizations, runs a safe structured flying environment, provides liability insurance, brings money into Pima County and hasn’t cost the city, the county or the state one thin dime in operations and maintenance expenses. We also are the sole support for two local area businesses: Hobby Barn located on 21st Street and Hobby Town on East Speedway Blvd.

I specifically represent a consortium from Southern Arizona Modelers (SAMs), which has been operating in Pima County for over 40 continuous years, and Tucson Radio Control Club (TRCC), which has been operating for over 50 years. I have briefed Superintendent Ray Carroll on PR96 and he has wholeheartedly endorsed PR96 in general and the specific proposal put forth by SAMs and TRCC. A copy of his letter to your committee is attached.

We know how to build flying fields. We know how to operate flying fields. We know how to maintain flying fields. We ask for your support and vote in favor of PR96.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack P. Shafer, Col, USAF (Ret)
October 16, 2014

Lawrence M. Hecker, Jr.
Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Support for PR 96 – Model Airplane Parks

Dear Mr. Hecker,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support for the upcoming bond election of the proposed bond project PR96 – Model Airplane Parks.

I have met with representatives from the Southern Arizona Modelers club and they gave me a presentation that included the history of their club, how they would team up with another club (Tucson Radio Control Club) and share the same site, a concept plan for the layout for the two clubs, and a cost estimate for the construction. The maintenance of the facilities would be by the clubs. The current site of the Southern Arizona Modelers is located at the Southeastern Regional Park and is where the two clubs would co-locate.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Southern Arizona Modelers and Tucson Radio Control Club for the bond proposal PR96 in the upcoming bond program. By combining these two clubs into one location would save land and could bring national events to the area.

Sincerely,

Ray Carroll
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

December 5, 2014

Re: Ajo Community Gold Course

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to show my support for the inclusion of the Ajo Community Golf Course in the next bond election scheduled for November 2015. The need is for funds to repair old and deteriorating infrastructure.

Ajo has become a home to many, many winter visitors and the golf course is an important amenity to our community so that the winter visitors will continue to come and even bring their friends.

I'm not sure what happens to the few business left in Ajo if the winter visitors do not come.

The golf course is an important piece of the economic well being of Ajo (and it belongs to Pima County). Only the county can fund this need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Ducic
Copper Phonebook, LLC
Hi Deseret,

Pima County bond proposal PR-96 is an important initiative. It vastly helps radio control enthusiasts improve and maintain flying sites all around Tucson.

Just as Soccer is promoted with the investment of new fields, (an important asset that helps people of all ages have a place to compete, grow, and do a popular sport as a family and a team), Model aviation is done as a father and child endeavor, and as a family. It is where many of our nation's pilots first grew their wings. I have been in the hobby/sport for over forty years!! I have helped countless children learn to fly their first plane safely at these model parks. I can assure you, none of them have ever forgotten that first solo flight or the morning it happened. This is a chance to further enhance an already good thing.

Thanks for all your time and consideration.

Randy Wegner  AMA # 263201

-----Original Message-----
From: Catalina Radio Control Modelers <m.kuhn@remedialtech.com>
To: CatalinaRadioControlModelers <CatalinaRadioControlModelers@groupsites.com>
Sent: Sat, Dec 6, 2014 2:09 pm
Subject: Model Airplane Parks

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[Catalina Radio Control Modelers]

In support of the Pima County Bond Proposal PR-96, to provide capital improvements to model airplane parks, please e-mail deseret.romero@pima.gov a brief note stating that you support this initiative. The bond committee will be voting on the Model Airplane Park proposal this week so it is critical that Deseret gets as many comments as possible as soon as possible.

Thanks, Mark Kuhn

You are subscribed as thesuperweg@aol.com
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Mailing list powered by GroupSpaces  Manage your group online
This is to let you know that support this.
I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that I am a member of Southern Arizona Modelers and I am in favor of PR 96.

Thanks for your time
Van Hartline
2652 W. Kimberly Street
Tucson, Az 85705
I want to voice my support for PR96. Radio control flying at our club is enjoyed by men and women from age 9 to age 82.

Thanks,
Ken Gibson
As a retired resident of Pima County, I am an avid supporter of Radio Control airplane flying. I urge you to give full support to increasing the sport of R/C flying by funding improvements in existing clubs and creating at least one more flying field within the park and recreation system.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike Miller
Member - Catalina Radio Control Modelers
Hi Deseret,

My name is John Costello. I am a Pima county resident and member of Catalina Modelers RC club. RC aircraft flying is a big part of my life, and my son's life. We have been involved with the RC community in Tucson for over five years. RC aircraft flying is not only a great hobby for adults but also for youth that are interested in aviation as a hobby or carrier. There is a lot of new technology to learn in this hobby plus it is becoming more affordable especially with new low cost electric powered aircraft. An improved RC facility in Pima county could also be used to attract sUAS, or commonly called drone, companies as a test flight area. The sUAS business is growing fast. Anything you could do to support an RC aircraft facility would be greatly appreciate by myself, the other members of Catalina Modelers RC club plus all RC aviation enthusiast in Pima county.

I would like to thank Pima county for doing a great job in supporting Catalina RC Modelers over the years. We do appreciate Pima county's support.

Thank you,
John Costello
Hello,

My name is Lance Coenen. I request that Model Airparks are supported and sustained. Without them, those of us that love the hobby would be forced to fly in unregulated areas such as parks, streets, fields. This poses many risks. There has been an increase in Drones that is causing grave concerns with the FAA. We only fly our drones at the Air Park, line of sight only. Please help us maintain and build more air parks. Thanks

Lance
I would like to go on record as supporting PR96

George Campbell
To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Sahuarita Pool and Recreational Complex/YMCA bond project. There has recently been a change in location for the project. This new location is more centralized in the Town of Sahuarita and will be able to serve the community in many ways. Sahuarita currently does not have a community pool. Having a community pool will give our town's children and children of the Pima County better access to learning how to swim. Learning to swim in a life saving skill for children. Let's give them this opportunity. The recreational center will also give exercise access to adults and children. This project will be a great and needed addition to our community. Please keep this project and its new location as part of the County Bond project list.

Thank you,

Jessica McWhirter
Sahuarita, AZ Resident
Madam,

Good evening.

I fly with the Southern Arizona Modelers and am excited about the future when it comes to our hobby.

With this being said I would like to let you know that I am in complete support of PR 96.

Thank you.

Michael L. Squires
Deseret Romero

From: Mark W. Kuhn <m.kuhn@remedialtech.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: PR-96

Deseret,

I support PR-96 for Model Airplane Parks. I think the community needs safe places to fly model airplanes and quadcopters so people will not be flying unsafely in parks and neighboors.

Mark W. Kuhn
6988 N. Pusch Peak Pl.
Tucson, AZ 85718
Office/Fax: (520) 577-0880
Cell: (520) 405-3195
Hi Mx. Romero,

I am sending you this email in support of PR96 in that it pertains to Remote Control Model Aviation. I was fortunate this last summer to put on a demonstration for a group of children from one of the day cares this summer with the assistance of 5 other flyers from Southern Arizona Modelers.

The presentation lasted for approximately 2 hours and consisted of a group of 25 children ranging in age from 6 to 12 years of age. The teachers that escorted the children found the lesson and demonstration both educational and entertaining. This demonstration helped to introduce these young minds to aviation. It is things of this nature that we are always willing to assist with that brings an insight into aviation to children. This is among just one of many things that members of Southern Arizona Modelers do to further an introduction to aviation to young people.

Therefore I whole heartedly support PR96.

Respectfully

Mike Burns
Cpt, USMC (ret)
Dear Board Members,

I wish to convey my support of the Pima County Bond Proposal PR-96. Myself and many members of more than 2,500 clubs belonging to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) across the nation provide various community benefits including, but not limited to:

- Public Recreation
- Youth Education
- Remotely Piloted Vehicle Skill Development and Training
- Community Economic Benefit From Events and Competitions

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur B. Disney
AMA member 840747
Begin forwarded message:

From: Kelly Johnson <kjohnson4141@gmail.com>
Date: December 8, 2014 at 7:30:03 AM MST
To: <CHH@PIMA.GOV>, <Nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>, <shelleyduncan@me.com>
Subject: Youth Baseball

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Kelly Johnson, I am the head baseball coach at Sabino High School and I represent over 100 people in my baseball program, as well as doing work for the Arizona Diamondbacks Youth Baseball Program in Southern Arizona.

I am writing this email to show support for the Tucson Youth Baseball Association and its quest to develop a premier youth baseball facility on the grounds of the Kino Sports Complex. Such a facility would do wonders for the youth baseball community in Southern Arizona, and create a positive impact for local businesses, families and many more. The youth baseball community is facing many problems right now that have an impact on many people.

Currently, there is a lack of field space to accommodate the number of players playing baseball at the ages of 14 and below. With the lack of field space and the increase in year-round travel baseball, families and teams are forced to travel to Phoenix and other cities outside of Tucson to play in tournaments and leagues. With beautiful year-round weather, and a strong club baseball community, Tucson has all of the ingredients to be a national level tournament destination. A premier youth baseball complex would make this happen, keeping local families and teams in Tucson, saving them thousands of dollars, while bringing in families and teams from all over the state, the country and the world, having a positive impact on local businesses year-round.
Deseret Romero

From: Danny Bronstein <dbronst3790@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 06, 2014 11:15 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Support PR96

This email is to voice my support of PR96.

Regards,

Danny Bronstein
14046 E Stanhope Blvd
Vail, AZ 85641
SAMS RC Club Member
I support PR96, I believe it will be good for Pima County and it's citizens. The more then 800 members of the county RC clubs bring a lot of economic benefit to this community.

Ron Anderson
Green Valley
Please support the Bond PR-96 proposal to help keep our Model Airplane Parks in good condition. It gives young people great training in self confidence and responsibility. Kids the learn how to fly a Model Airplane put all their energy into the sport which helps keeps them busy and out of trouble.

Thank You Bob Emery

Sent from Windows Mail
Deseret Romero

From: marion preston <preston2fly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 06, 2014 2:01 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: pr96

I fully support pr96.
Marion Preston Tsgt USAF Retd.
Southern Az. Modeler
Ms Deseret Romero,
I support the possible 2015 bond election – Parks & Recreation and I specifically support PR 96 project Model Airplane Parks.

Marcus Hines
Southern Arizona Modelers (SAM)
2156 E Spurwind Lane
Green Valley, AZ 85614-6359
971-237-1836-c
Dear Mrs Romero,
Please help our community to build a site where our youth can learn the hobby/sport of model aviation.
This hobby/sport will not only provide them with a wholesome recreational activity but also help open new doors to future technology careers.
Thank you
Carlos Rangel
Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Welsh <theheat34w@gmail.com>
Date: December 8, 2014 at 7:21:52 AM MST
To: <CHH@PIMA.GOV>, <Nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>, <shellyduncan@me.com>
Subject: Youth Baseball facility at Kino Sports Complex

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Robert Welsh, I am coach of the Tucson Royals Club Baseball Team as well as a team manager and former board member for District 12’s Santa Rita Little league and I represent a couple of hundred kids that would benefit greatly from having a quality baseball facility here in the greater Tucson area.

I am writing this email to show support for the Tucson Youth Baseball Association and its quest to develop a premier youth baseball facility on the grounds of the Kino Sports Complex. Such a facility would do wonders for the youth baseball community in Southern Arizona, and create a positive impact for local businesses, families and many more. The youth baseball community is facing many problems right now that have an impact on many people.

Currently, there is a lack of field space to accommodate the number of players playing baseball at the ages of 14 and below. With the lack of field space and the increase in year-round travel baseball, families and teams are forced to travel to Phoenix and other cities outside of Tucson to play in tournaments and leagues. With beautiful year-round weather, and a strong club baseball community, Tucson has all of the ingredients to be a national level tournament destination. A premier youth baseball complex would make this happen, keeping local families and teams in Tucson, saving them thousands of dollars, while bringing in families and teams from all over the state, the country and the world, having a positive impact on local businesses year-round.

The costs of field usage for many city and county baseball fields have increased to a level that has made it very tough or impossible for many families to allow their children to play the sport of baseball. With high prices and the limited number of age-specific fields, the number of entry-level players in Southern Arizona has decreased. With the development of a youth baseball complex, that is funded by tournament usage, the price to play to play the sport for Pima County residents will lower dramatically allowing more kids to play, creating energy for baseball in the region which will result in higher participation numbers for entry level organizations such as Little League.
I have been to Phoenix countless times for tournaments and I always find myself asking why we don’t have at least one quality youth baseball facility in Tucson that could be used to hold USSSA, Triple Crown and Little league All-star tourneys. I know from personal experience that the number of facilities in Phoenix allows these organizations to hold many tournaments there and in doing so, brings a steady revenue to the hotels and restaurants located in and around these parks.

Having youth sports in the development of a child is very important. Leadership, patience, work ethic, teamwork and adversity are all examples of lessons that are being taught to the youth in our community through their involvement in baseball. A facility like this would give kids and families across Southern Arizona a place for these life skills to develop, fostering a stronger bond in the community both socially and economically, but more important a place where we will see our youth develop into our community’s leaders of tomorrow.

I appreciate your hard work during this important process and hope you can see how this project will benefit the young baseball players, their families and the community of Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your time,

Robert J. Welsh

Pima County Resident
Begin forwarded message:

From: mimi phillips <mimip2@gmail.com>
Date: December 7, 2014 at 8:37:42 PM MST
To: <Nicole.Fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: Re: Ajo Community Golf Course:

To Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

For years, our golf course has been a significant asset and long time tradition to the Ajo community but it is badly in need of repairs. In fact, no major repairs have been done for 30 years! Bond funding is essential to save its life.

Ajo is economically challenged. It is imperative that we highlight and preserve all of our local resources that provide economic impacts! Our golf course creates jobs, attracts tourists and hosts significant events......all of which keep money in our community! Not only is it one of only a few recreational facilities available to our rural community members but it attracts hundreds of our out of town guests. Many are also attracted to its restaurant (one of very few locally!), Additionally, it positively impacts our youth with its Get Kids Hooked on Golf program.

We urge you to keep the Ajo Community Golf Course on the bond!

Mimi Phillips
420 La Mina Ave.
Ajo, AZ 85321
Begin forwarded message:

From: "P. Hanson" <phansonx@gmail.com>
Date: December 7, 2014 at 9:19:14 AM MST
To: <Nicole.Fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: Ajo Community Golf Course - Pima County Bond Election

To Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

I am writing this in support of the Ajo Community Golf Course receiving funds from the Pima County Bond Election coming up in November 2015.

I have been living in Ajo year-round for the last seven years. The town is struggling to stay viable, and the Golf Course plays an important role in keeping the economy going. It employs people, and it brings both tourists and winter residents to Ajo where they spend money. It offers an incredible venue for events, e.g. the Old Time Fiddlers Show every February. It provides a constructive activity program for the town's youth. Ajo is short on good places for breakfast, and the Golf Course's Sunday breakfast offers the best green chile breakfast burrito around!

I know the infrastructure is old and in great need of repair. We need the funding from this bond to keep the Community Golf Course going.

Thank you,

Priscilla Hanson
PO Box 765
Ajo, AZ 85321
From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 8:34 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lil Jones <liljones@tabletoptelephone.com>
Date: December 6, 2014 at 11:43:26 AM MST
To: <Nicole.Fyffe@pima.gov>
Cc: 'Carol Peek' <lcpeek@tabletoptelephone.com>
Subject: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

I am the Chairman of the Western Pima County Community Council. We are a liaison between our area and Pima County government. At our last board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to send you an e-mail supporting the inclusion of the Ajo Community Golf Course in the next bond election. We support the golf course in their search for funds for upkeep and improvements to the course. The course is very important to the economic health of our community. It draws in players who start out as winter visitors and tourists passing through and go on to become property owning residents providing a healthy addition to county property taxes.

The infrastructure of the course is old and in precarious condition. It is maintained on a daily basis by hard working volunteers, but if something of a more serious nature occurred, it might not be possible for the golf course to continue in operation. Freeport MacMoran (the largest corporation in Arizona) indicated its support of the golf course by the donation of a water storage tank to replace one that was in eminent danger of collapse.

Besides the golf course itself, Ajo Community Golf Course provides a restaurant and bar that is utilized by local residents during the winter season. It is one of the few large banquet areas and has hosted weddings, proms, local clubs and a Fiddle Contest on an annual basis. All of these events improve the economy of the area as they bring in out of state dollars and local dollars to circulate through the town and the county.

Please continue to include this request in the next bond election. Our request for $320,000 is small in comparison to the total bond amount, but the need for our town is huge.

Sincerely, Lillian Jones
Chairman, WPCCC
Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 8:35 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Ajo Community Golf Course

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Harley Murray <ajo.harley@gmail.com>
Date: December 6, 2014 at 6:55:21 AM MST
To: Nicole.Fyffe@pima.gov
Subject: Ajo Community Golf Course

Greeting, I am writing in support of placing Ajo Community Golf Course on the Pima County 2015 Bond issue. The Ajo Community Golf Course is so very important to the economic well being of Ajo. Quite a large portion of the population is in Ajo because of the golf course. My wife and I are two such people. We moved here for retirement, bought home and remain here because of our ability to golf and enjoy a small unique community.

The golf course supports the economy of the community in many ways. RV people stop to enjoy golf, eat in the restaurant and spend several nights enjoying the lush setting in the evenings and early mornings. They explore and shop in Ajo.

We call the golf course "our gem in the desert". The restaurant is the most favoured in the community. It not only provides dinning in a unique setting but more importantly provides cook and waitresses jobs. The winter season is particularly busy with large participation in the
Annual Old Time Fiddlers for its 37th year in 2015. Large groups of local organizations use the restaurant for meetings, dinners and holiday banquets.

The golf course provides much needed youth activities with the Hooked on Golf program. Many tournaments held each winter bring participants from outside of the community. Fund raising tournaments for local needs such as the Desert Senita Health Clinic are held each winter.

The golf course is in desperate need of improvements beyond the ability to be provided by the many volunteer workers and the normal income of the golf course. The irrigation system is in constant repair, the water and electrical system requires constant repair. The Ajo Community Golf Course needs the funds from the bond issue to remain in operation. The economic impact of the closure of the golf course would be disastrous to Ajo.

Please give serious consideration of placing the Ajo Community Golf Course on the 2015 Bond Issue being sent to the voters.

With great sincerity,

Harley Murray
240 East 4th Ave
Ajo, AZ 85321
I would like to support PR96. Being a member of the radio control hobby, sport since the 70s and in that time I've seen it both be a fun activity and a multi learning hobby.

John Gonzalez
I strongly support PR96.
A? G. Flores

Sent from my iPad
Support Pr96.
With gratitude.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone
To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my support for PR96. This prop is greatly needed for this area. I fill that if this is passed and built the city of Tucson would be able to support large RC Flying events on the national level. This would bring $$$$ to the area. We need to think out of the box when it comes to park and recreational activity's.

Thank You
Tim Strong, USAF Retired
From: buller dennis <dbuller1316@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 06, 2014 6:17 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Pr96

I am in favor of the proposal to assist in making the radio control clubs a safer and fun place to fly.

Sent from my iPhone
I am a retired man if it were not for flying R/C planes I would be totally bored. Please help Catalina R/C Modelers.
I am a snow bird from New York here for 5 months. When here I fly at Catalina R/C Models, and enjoy the time spent here very much.

    Thanks a snowbird
From: AC <slidingfool@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: I support PR96 and hope that you can as well. Thank you, Arland Crump.
Dear Deseret Romero,

I am writing in support of the Bond Proposal PR96 which includes radio control flying.

Thank you,
Sabrina Beery
To the Advisory Committee for the Pima County Bond Election —

We are Ajo winter residents enjoying our 22nd year in this little oasis in the desert. We will not be able to attend your meeting on Friday, December 12 when you consider the allocation of funds from the Pima County Bond Election, but we hope you will consider what we have to say.

The **Ajo Golf Course** and restaurant are a CRITICAL part of this community, providing jobs for maintenance men, grounds keepers, cooks, waitresses and others. The golf course attracts to Ajo tourists and visitors who might not otherwise come. It puts us on the map for people on golf vacations. Its restaurant is one of only three restaurants in Ajo, and it has the largest meeting/dining room in the area. It is so short of funds that the waitresses sometimes work for tips alone. The parking lot is large enough to hold multiple RVs and motorhomes, attracting visitors who spend money at other businesses in Ajo for weeks at a time.

The Ajo Golf Course is a vital part of Ajo’s economy. If you wish to help this town in any way, please fund our Golf Course.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Ruef & Bill Perry
240 Estrella Ave
Ajo, AZ  85321
520-387-3660
From: Bea Trueba [mailto:beotru@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Ajo Community Golf Course

The Community Golf Course not only serves the golfing public but provides a much needed option for a
dining experience. It is a drawing feature for both the local and tourist people. It is a much needed
major economic driver for the local economy. Loss of the Golf Course would cause a severe economic impact
to Ajo and Pima County. Thank You. Joe & Bea Trueba 131 W. 10th St. Ajo, AZ
Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 10:02 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Use of Kino Sports Complex

-----Original Message-----
From: matt-hue@cox.net [mailto:matt-hue@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Chuck Huckelberry; Nicole Fyffe
Cc: shelleyduncan@me.com; jhltw@gmail.com
Subject: Use of Kino Sports Complex

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

Our names are Matthew and Jonah Lauten, we are a coach and player of Southern Arizona Baseball and Catalina Trojans and the Kino League.

I am writing this email to show support for the Tucson Youth Baseball Association and its quest to develop a premier youth baseball facility on the grounds of the Kino Sports Complex. Such a facility would do wonders for the youth baseball community in Southern Arizona, and create a positive impact for local businesses, families and many more. The youth baseball community is facing many problems right now that have an impact on many people.

Currently, there is a lack of field space to accommodate the number of players playing baseball at the ages of 14 and below. With the lack of field space and the increase in year-round travel baseball, families and teams are forced to travel to Phoenix and other cities outside of Tucson to play in tournaments and leagues. With beautiful year-round weather, and a strong club baseball community, Tucson has all of the ingredients to be a national level tournament destination. A premier youth baseball complex would make this happen, keeping local families and teams in Tucson, saving them thousands of dollars, while bringing in families and teams from all over the state, the country and the world, having a positive impact on local businesses year-round.

The costs of field usage for many city and county baseball fields have increased to a level that has made it very tough or impossible for many families to allow their children to play the sport of baseball. With high prices and the limited number of age-specific fields, the number of entry-level players in Southern Arizona has decreased. With the development of a youth baseball complex, that is funded by tournament usage, the price to play to play the sport for Pima County residents will lower dramatically allowing more kids to play, creating energy for baseball in the region which will result in higher participation numbers for entry level organizations such as Little League.
Tucson is in the unique position of being able to host baseball year round, so the opportunities this would bring are numerous. Also, in a day and age when youth have many bad influences, sports like baseball should be encouraged by local government as a benefit to the whole community, and thus in its best interests ultimately. We have forged many great friendships that started on the field. Many great role models for these youth are available in this community, but they are short on the resources to actually make it happen. Many teams, including our own, have had to scramble or jury-rig facilities that are run down to just have practices or even games.

Having youth sports in the development of a child is very important. Leadership, patience, work ethic, teamwork and adversity are all examples of lessons that are being taught to the youth in our community through their involvement in baseball. A facility like this would give kids and families across Southern Arizona a place for these life skills to develop, fostering a stronger bond in the community both socially and economically, but more important a place where we will see our youth develop into our community’s leaders of tomorrow.

I appreciate your hard work during this important process and hope you can see how this project will benefit the young baseball players, their families and the community of Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your time,

Matthew Lauten (Coach) & Jonah Lauten (14, player)

Pima County Residents
From: Tim DeNiro [mailto:tim@cretucson.com]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 9:40 AM
To: Chuck Huckelberry; Nicole Fyffe
Cc: shelleyduncan@me.com
Subject: Pima County Bond Committee Dec 12 meeting Youth Baseball

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Tim DeNiro and I am a parent of three high school age boys who have been playing competitive youth baseball in Arizona for over 10 years. We have spent countless hours and dollars in support of their baseball careers and enjoyed every minute of it.

I am writing this email to show support for the Tucson Youth Baseball Association and its quest to develop a premier youth baseball facility on the grounds of the Kino Sports Complex. Such a facility would do wonders for the youth baseball community in Southern Arizona, and create a positive impact for local businesses, families and many more. The youth baseball community is facing many problems right now that have an impact on many people.

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Thank you for your time,

Tim DeNiro

Pima County Resident
My name is Tony Gabusi, I am the head baseball coach at Cienega High School and I represent 50 players each year who play high school baseball in Vail. As a co-founder of Baja Arizona Baseball Academy and a member of the USA Baseball group I am well aware of the field issues in Tucson.

I am writing this email to show support for the Tucson Youth Baseball Association and its quest to develop a premier youth baseball facility on the grounds of the Kino Sports Complex. Such a facility would do wonders for the youth baseball community in Southern Arizona, and create a positive impact for local businesses, families and many more. The youth baseball community is facing many problems right now that have an impact on many people.

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Thank you for your time,
Tony Gabusi
Head Baseball Coach
Cienega High School
12775 E. Mary Cleveland Way
Tucson, Az. 85641
520-909-2128 mobile/text

Pima County Resident
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Arizona River Park Inn
350 South Freeway
Tucson, Arizona

Re: Ajo Community Golf Course
December 12, 2014 Public Meeting

Dear Members:

This letter is to indicate my support for the inclusion of the Ajo Community Golf Course in the next Bond Election tentatively scheduled for November 2015. Their need is for funds to repair old and deteriorating infrastructure.

The presence of the golf course enhances economic development in Ajo.

Local businesses benefit from the presence of the golf course as a draw for full-time and part-time residents who bring their talents and resources.

Ajo's economy is highly dependent on tourism. Tourists come to Ajo to play affordable golf in a relaxed atmosphere, and linger to patronize local businesses. The golf course will again host the 37th Annual Ajo Old Time Fiddlers Show and Contest which brings tourists from all over the country.

The golf course complements the Eric Marcus Municipal Airport. Those who fly in are able to use the facilities of the golf course restaurant and bar, which are within walking distance. The airport has no facilities, and air traffic is increasing.

The golf course supports the local school sports program by hosting the Red Raider Golf Team at no charge. Team members play any time at no charge with supervision. During the summer the golf course hosts and their volunteers support the "Hook a Kid on Golf" program for ages 8 to 15. A challenge tournament follows the Hook a Kid on Golf Program where youth who in recent years have participated in the program compete.

The golf course club house/restaurant has large capacity rooms. It hosts local organizations who need a large facility with food/bar service.

As a member of the Ajo District Chamber of Commerce I would like to add my name to those who support the golf course in their request for funding to repair their infrastructure.

[Signature]
Member, Ajo District Chamber of Commerce
Arizona Realty in Ajo

[Signature]
Patricia A. Yennetti

[Date]
12/16/14
From: Andrew Scott <ascotto02@sympatico.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 10:46 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Election Project PR96

Re: Model Airplane Parks for Green Valley R/C Flyers

I strongly support PR96 Model Airplane Parks for inclusion in the 2015 Pima County Bond Election. Our current field is a small dirt field on private land with limited vehicle access, and use by courtesy of the owner. This same land is scheduled for development.

A new flying field on Pima County land with our club of over 100 members funding all operating and maintenance costs would allow us to expand our membership and provide good facilities.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew C Scott, Pima County homeowner.
Deseret Romero

From: Marian Daniel <marianiddings@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 10:48 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Support of PR96

Deseret,

Good morning.

I would like for you to know that my family supports PR96.

My husband builds and flies r/c airplanes.

My daughter is learning how to build and fly model aircraft. She would like to be a pilot of unmanned aircraft/drones when she grows up and flying model aircraft will help her work towards obtaining the skills she needs to be successful in this profession.

Thank you for your time,

Respectfully,
Marian Daniel
Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 11:10 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Tucson Youth Baseball

From: Vistoso Vacation Rentals [mailto:lillymark@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, December 08, 2014 11:07 AM
To: Chuck Huckleberry; Nicole Fyffe
Cc: shelleydunkin@me.com
Subject: Tucson Youth Baseball

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Mark Lilly I am a former coach of CDO Little League and past coach and board member of Thornydale Little League.

I am writing this email to show support for the Tucson Youth Baseball Association and its quest to develop a premier youth baseball facility on the grounds of the Kino Sports Complex. Such a facility would do wonders for the youth baseball community in Southern Arizona, and create a positive impact for local businesses, families and many more. The youth baseball community is facing many problems right now that have an impact on many people.

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Thank you for your time,

Mark Lilly

Pima County Resident

Mark Lilly
Vistoso Vacation Rentals
655 W Vistoso Highlands Dr
Oro Valley, AZ 85755

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mark@vistosovacationrentals.com
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 Sonoran desert Mountain Bicyclists, a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycle Association recommends substantial funding for open space in the next Bond Election.

Pima County has been very progressive in acquiring open space to protect our environment and quality of life, and also in recognition that open space can provide economic benefits through tourism and increased property values. However, much remains to be done to acquire available open space as our population continues to grow in the future, before it is too late.

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. Substantial funding for open space in the 2015 Bond Election would make it possible to preserve the most important parcels in Pima County.

Thank you for your consideration,

Zach MacDonald - President

Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists  
www.sdmb.org  
PO Box 65075  
Tucson AZ 85718
Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and I am writing to you in support of fully funding the Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal put forth by Living Streets Alliance and I look forward to voting YES for it in 2015.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Bond Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Lisa Fleming

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Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable neighborhood in my community. I am writing to you in support of fully funding the Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal put forth by Living Streets Alliance and I look forward to voting YES for it in 2015.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Bond Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Kevin King
Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable region and it supports individuals walk - shop - communities + walk - shop - local.

I am writing to you in support of fully funding the Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal put forth by Living Streets Alliance and I look forward to voting "YES" for it in 2015.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,
Kate Van Roekel
2625 E. Ellis
Tucson, AZ 85716
Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable region because there are too many people killed or injured with no sidewalk and frequent pedestrian fatalities.

I am writing to you in support of fully funding the Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal put forth by Living Streets Alliance and I look forward to voting "YES" for it in 2015.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Bond Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Pima County
Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator
130 W Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701
Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want to express my concern about the safety and comfort of the sidewalks and the pedestrian crossing at the 130 W Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85710 location.

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I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want to walk safely.

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Dear Committee Members,

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Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Bond Advisory Committee.

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Greetings. I am a long-time Tucson year-round resident, homeowner, and voter writing to support county financing of a velodrome in Tucson. Tucson is a world-class bicycling destination, and cycling tourism brings more than $70 million per year into the area. We host cycling visitors ranging from casual riders to international top-tier professionals, attracted to the area by our weather, topography, cycling culture, and “bicycle friendly” status. We currently have facilities for all major cycling disciplines including BMX, mountain, and road, but one major gap exists; the lack of a velodrome. A velodrome would enable the local cycling community to grow and become even more competitive (it already includes a number of national champions and Olympians), while providing one more draw to cycling enthusiasts from outside the area. With the right pricing structure and business model, a velodrome could pay for itself and generate profits through use fees and provide additional cycling-related economic activity for the region by attracting visitors from all over the southwest. Thank you in advance for your consideration of county financing for this worthwhile and economically viable activity.

Kind regards,
Nelson Cronyn
96 E. Limberlost Drive, Unit 101
Tucson, AZ
Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee;

I am writing to voice my support for building a velodrome in Tucson/Pima County. I am a cycling advocate and served for 8+ years on the Tucson/Pima County Bicycle Advisory Committee and also served for over 4 years on the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee. Pima County is one of the premier cycling counties in the nation, attracting cyclists of all genres; road, mountain, BMX and of all abilities. The annual revenues generated by organized events such as El Tour de Tucson as well as year-round visitors are in the millions. The addition of a velodrome would attract more world class cyclists and encourage bicycle related industries to consider our county as a prime location. I urge you to begin the process to build a velodrome and help Pima County's continued growth.

Sincerely,

Steve Bresler
Dear Pima Bond Advisory Committee,

I'm writing in regards to support putting a velodrome on the bond. First off Tucson is nationally constantly recognized as consistently being one of the top bike friendly cities in the country. On top of that Tucson is also internationally recognized as a training destination, especially in the winter. Not only do we have numerous training camps lead by professional athletes, such as Tom Danielson, we have professional teams train here.

But while Tucson is known as a training mecca of sorts, it's not really a destination for cyclist to compete. Imagine if we could bring more cyclists here to spend more money in our community. Maricopa county holds a fair amount of races and cyclist from there don't really come here to train. But if we had a velodrome more events would be held here thus giving Pima county a way to receive money from Maricopa residents. Very few places in the country have a Velodrome, so if we can get one that would make us more a travel destination. On top of that though I feel you would have a tremendous amount of support from the community and like I said, it would set us apart from a lot of places within the country as only a handful of cities have a Velodrome. Thanks you for your time and I hope that the velodrome makes it on the bond act for voters to decide if they want it or not, at least give the community the option to decide if they want this (which I'm sure a lot of people will).

- Brett C
Hello Reader,
My name is David Greif, an avid cyclist, member of the UofA Cycling Team, and a passionate member in the development of cycling in our community. The excitement in our team and surrounding riders for this project is immense and I truly hope this project continues.
As a student, I chose the UofA primarily because it is very well known for having some of the best riding and seasonal conditions for year-round training. As well the Cycling team was recently recognized as a varsity team by Collegiate Cycling. With a velodrome, not only would our team benefit immensely in attracting new members but in the flourishing of community cycling members!
Thank you for your time,
David Greif
619-990-2000