

# Public Comments

December 10, 2014

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 1:43 PM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: Friday, December 12th at 8:00am the Pima County Bond Committee hearing

**From:** jose casares [mailto:jlcasares68@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 1:39 PM  
**To:** Chuck Huckelberry; shelleyduncan@me.co; Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Friday, December 12th at 8:00am the Pima County Bond Committee hearing

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is **Jose Luis Casares**, I am a **parent Volunteer** of **Western Little league district** and I represent Countless children and parents (**1000+**) , who may not be aware or are unable to express their opinions on this matter at this time.

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 has a long history of supporting baseball in our community** and given a chance can continue to be **recognized nationally and internationally**. Just this last summer in the National Little league playoffs unlikely teams from inner city and rural areas , Like Chicago, Philidelphia, and captured this countries air waves and hearts on NBC sports to see the talents of such unlikely young sportsman like "Mo'Ne" Davis, and the crew of the "Jackie Robinson" West Little League. After all the 2014

**INTERMEDIATE 50/70 BASEBALL WEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT  
CHAMPIONS WERE FROM NOGALES, ARIZONA.**

**WHY NOT GIVE CHILDREN FROM TUCSON SOMETHING TO DREAM IN. MY SON BELIEVES THAT OUR LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM CAN MAKE IT TO THE NATIONALS AS WELL.**

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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,

**Jose Luis Casares**

Pima County Resident

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**Subject:** FW: Ajo golf course

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**From:** Gerald & Anne Holm [mailto:geranne@winkwireless.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 1:39 PM  
**To:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Ajo golf course

I am a Canadian winter visitor and home owner in Ajo, who believes the golf course provides needed recreation, economic benefit in employment, and added visitors to Ajo.

Many of my friends and relatives, who are residents of the northern states and Canada, are pleased to find an affordable golf course, and have planned, or extended their vacations in Ajo; due to it.

Thank You  
Gerald Holm  
341 w. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
Ajo, Az.

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 12:54 PM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: Pima County Bond Election

**From:** Cathy Hutton [mailto:ajotrans@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 12:20 PM  
**To:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Pima County Bond Election

Nicole, I am writing in favor of getting the Ajo Community Golf Course on the bond list for next year! Here are just a few reasons I am in favor of the bond:

1. Economical importance.
2. Provides 2 Full time jobs, and additional seasonal jobs
3. Many folks buy homes in Ajo to retire, "Because there is a Golf Course". This spreads their money to other local businesses.
4. Ajo High School uses the Golf course for the Golf Class.
5. Each year, 10 students are accepted for the "Hook A Kid on Golf" program. 10 kids have a week of training and receive a set of their own clubs for participating.
6. The local Transit Agency can transport anyone out to the Golf Course for \$.75 per ride, what a deal!

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Cathy Hutton, CTTM, CSSM, VMMI  
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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 12:11 PM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: Ajo Community Golf Course

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**From:** Carol Peek [mailto:lcpeek@tabletoptelephone.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 12:08 PM  
**To:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Ajo Community Golf Course

I support the Ajo Community Golf Course in their request to be included in the Pima County Bond package tentatively scheduled to go to the voters in November 2015. The golf course is listed for \$320,000. This is not a large amount considering their needs to repair their aging and deteriorating infrastructure.

In 2009 this public, community facility was removed from the bond package. We received support shown by a petition, emails, letters, support from local businesses, and attendees at the scheduled meeting. At that time we were placed back in the bond package, but \$50,000 was removed from our request. We were asked to find matching funds. We did this.

A Freeport McMoran grant supplied and installed a 50,000 gallon water tank to replace a WWII rusting tank that was at the very end of its useful life. This was an urgent repair. If the old tank would have ruptured, there would have been no water to the course.

Ajo is highly dependent on tourism, and is working very hard to attract tourist dollars. The golf course is a draw for tourists and winter visitors who play affordable golf in a relaxed atmosphere, and/or enjoy a meal at the golf course restaurant and bar. Some winter visitors are in Ajo specifically to play golf, and would leave it were no longer available.

The golf course supports the local highschool golf team, and hosts and volunteers assist in a summer program called "Hook a Kid on Golf".

The golf course hosts the Old Time Fiddlers Show and Contest which brings hundreds to Ajo. They bring RVs and sometimes stay for extended periods...bringing economic activity to Ajo. The golf course hosts a golf tournament for the Red and White Reunion event, which brings ex-residents back to Ajo.

The golf course is a complement to the Eric Marcus Municipal Airport. Single pilots, and flying clubs, fly into Ajo to enjoy a meal at the golf course restaurant. They bring resources from outside of Ajo into the community where they boost the economy. There is no water or facilities at the airport, and pilots are within walking distance of the golf course facilities.

Ajo needs jobs. The golf course employs groundskeepers, cooks, and waitresses, and their salaries circulate around Ajo and help the local businesses.

Volunteers maintain this Pima County facility as a service to the community at no expense to Pima County. Funds for infrastructure repair would lengthen the life of this county facility.

If the golf course was to have to close because of a large expensive infrastructure repair, the community of Ajo would definitely feel the economic impact. Please consider not only the golf course, but the entire community of Ajo in your decision to include this Pima County facility in the bond package.

Carol Peek  
Communications Director  
Ajo Community Golf Course



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December 9, 2014

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

Dear Members:

The Ajo Community Golf Course is important to the economy of Ajo. It is a draw for winter visitors and tourists who are a boost to the local economy. Ajo's economy is dependent on tourist dollars, and the golf course brings golfers to play affordable golf, and tourists who come to the golf course to enjoy a meal. The golf course hosts the annual Old Time Fiddlers Show and Contest that brings hundreds to Ajo. Many bring RVs and stay for two weeks or more.

The golf course restaurant is one of the few available in Ajo, and enjoyed by golfers, tourists, and residents alike. It is large enough to host many community groups. It employses, groundskeepers, cooks, and waitresses. Ajo needs jobs, and their salaries circulate around Ajo and help the local economy.

I support the golf course and their effort to be included in the bond election package as a source of funds to repair or replace aging infrastructure. Without help with large repairs, the golf course will eventually have a repair that is too expensive for their limited budget.

Sincerely,



Pat Bush, owner  
Jim Bush Sand and Gravel &  
Rubbage Control  
1015 N. Cameron Ave.  
Ajo, AZ.

**Deseret Romero**

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**From:** Arleenintucson@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 11:56 AM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** proposal pr-96

**I am not a R/C flyer however my husband is, but I am active with the club buying food for there cook outs.**

**Arleen**

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Christian & Lori <throughhikers@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 11:33 AM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Velodrome in 2015 bond package

I am writing to ask you to include funding for a bicycle velodrome in the 2015 bond package. Our nearest track is six hours away in San Diego. Tucson is home to world-class road and mountain biking but it still lacks a velodrome. A velodrome would cement Pima County's place as the top cycling destination in the Southwest and would bring many visitors.

Thank you,  
Christian Timmerman  
Tucson, AZ

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Joseph Robles <Joseph.Robles@raytheon.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2014 5:09 PM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** Sahuarita bond project

I am in support of Sahuarita project PR-181 and ask the committee to keep it on the final project list for funding. I also am in support of more lighted sports fields in our community with the North Santa Cruz and Quail Creek Park expansions.

Joe Robles

Sent from my iPhone

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Bob Reynolds <reynolds.r.d@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2014 8:42 PM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** Support of PR96

As the longest serving Academy of Model Aeronautics Associate Vice President, representing Southern Arizona for 36 years, I most definitely approve of the ideals and goals of PR96.

Bob Reynolds  
12901 E. Speedway  
Tucson, AZ 85748-7123  
reynolds.r.d@att.net

Academy Of Model Aeronautics member number L3006 (L denotes life member)  
AMA Fellow  
AMA Distinguished Service Award  
AMA Administrative Leader  
AMA Contest Director  
AMA Associate Vice President, District 10, Retired

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** JOHN A GONZALEZ <johnagon@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2014 10:23 PM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** PR96

This is just one event that the Radio Control Groups bring into the city and county.

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Date: Mon, 8 Dec 2014 20:22:45 -0800

From: reynolds.r.d@att.net

Subject: PR96

To: johnagon@email.msn.com

The AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astrophysics) Foundation finalized listing of teams for the 19th annual 2015 Design, Build, Fly competition to be held at the TIMPA flying site, Hosted by Raytheon Missile Systems, on 10-12 April 2015. The event is held every other year here in Tucson with the other year held in Wichita, Kansas.

The Design, Build, Fly is a competition for designing an aircraft to a set of standard specifications, writing reports as to why and how the model will perform: building the model; and then flying it here in Tucson so a specified set of flying conditions and missions.

There are 100 University teams with 1432 students involved in the competition for 2015. The US has 60 teams from 27 states with 1043 students signed up. There are 19 foreign countries with 40 teams and 389 students.

Not all teams or all students will make it here to Tucson. There are always models built to the specifications that do not fly as intended, (a learning experience) which leads to teams not traveling. Two years ago we ended up with 60 teams and 600 students.

Obviously there are more than students that travel with the teams. University Advisors, parents, Event Administrators, and friends all come to share the experience. Many come early to fly here in Tucson.

Unfortunately, the event has to take place without public knowledge. Because of the number of young students and the value of the their models/equipment we close the flying site to the general public. It is a student event and they are the ones that must enjoy it as their event.

Bob

The Tucson Youth Baseball Association (TYBA), a 501(c)(3) organization, is promoted to the growth and reinvigoration of Youth Baseball in the Tucson area. We carry out player clinics, coach's clinics, and also donate funds and equipment to as many local Little Leagues, Club teams, and organizations as possible.

Some of our fondest memories growing up are that of youth sports. Organized sports at an early age play a substantial role in teaching us important life lessons. These valuable lessons include hard work, perseverance, self-confidence, teamwork, dedication, and how to overcome adversity. The TYBA wants to make these life lessons a possibility for any child that wishes to play regardless of their family's, team's or school's financial status. We want to help provide each child with an opportunity to develop a strong foundation so that they have the opportunity to grow into our community leaders of tomorrow.

### **Youth Stadium Complex:**

In accordance with the TYBA mission, we wish to build a youth stadium complex that will be like no other in the state of Arizona and possibly across the United States. The project will be a multi field complex. We hope to not only excite and reinvigorate Tucson baseball with its amenities and grandeur, but also help create positive economic impact for the community. By being a premier youth facility we hope to attract tournaments and out of town teams. We also hope to help keep the cost of youth baseball down to increase participation overall and make baseball available to as many kids as possible, despite their socioeconomic standing. We wish to make this complex a fun, family destination that can be utilized year round by not only children of all ages, but also adults.

### **Vision:**

Our vision is to design a 6 field complex that will house the following:

- 2 Premier Stadiums
  - 46'/60' field for majors
  - 50'/70' field for intermediate division, pony and Cal Ripken baseball
  - Stadiums to have built-in concrete seating
  - Both to include artificial turf
  - Both to include bull pens
- 4 Auxiliary Fields
  - 2 - 46'/60' fields for softball, little league and t-ball
  - 2 - 50'/70' field for intermediate division, pony and Cal Ripken baseball
  - All grass fields
- Concession area
  - Privately ran concession stand
  - Long tables for family style seating
  - Large grill

- Fully shaded
- Ramadas and bbq's
  - Picnic area for tournament events and team parties
- Kids amusement area to include:
  - Playground
  - Splash pad
  - Hand ball wall
  - 40 foot wiffle ball field
- Batting cages

### **Funding:**

We wish to use public and private funds for this project.

- Once the scope of the project has been determined and an estimated budget has been set, we will commit to a dollar amount for our contribution. For current planning purposes we are estimating 1 million dollars as our private contribution. This can change as the scope develops
- With a 1 million dollar contribution from the TYBA we would ask for a 3 million dollar contribution from Pima County.
- Our funds will come from, but not limited to, the following sources:
  - Personal donations from the officers of the Tucson Youth Baseball Association
  - Money raised through clinics and events by the Tucson Youth Baseball Association
  - Donations from major league baseball players who grew up in the Tucson Area
  - Donations from local businesses who wish to have a presence in the complex

### **Operation:**

TYBA wishes to control the operations of the baseball complex and would provide the following:

- Maintain financial responsibility for annual upkeep.
- A management company would be retained to run the day to day operations:
  - Responsible for all staffing and scheduling
  - The hiring of a grounds and maintenance crew.
  - Managing the foodservice concession
  - Organizing and running tournaments and special events
  - Over all scheduling for shared use
  - Preparing financial documents and work in conjunction with our CPA

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

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

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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.



Member, Ajo District Chamber of Commerce

GREGORY A. BRADER.  
660 4th ST #255  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107  
415-297-6400

12-5-14

Date

# Please help Ajo -  
This would be a huge

asset to help Ajo - help itself economically.

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:52 AM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: KINO Sports complex renovations

**From:** Rincon CC Majors [mailto:rincon.cc.majors@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:31 AM  
**To:** Chuck Huckelberry; Nicole Fyffe; shelleyduncan@me.com  
**Subject:** KINO Sports complex renovations

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Jason Schlauderaff, I am a T-ball and A ball coach/Majors Coaching Coordinator for Rincon Little League and I represent over 600 kids in the Rita Ranch/Vail 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.

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Thank you for your time,

**Jason Schlauderaff**

Pima County Resident

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**From:** Michel Lalonde <michellalondedc@yahoo.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2014 9:23 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Tucson Velodrome Proposal

To Whom it may Concern,

Just got the news regarding the potential for a Velodrome in Tucson!

As a long time bicycle racer, I feel a properly planned and administered Velodrome would be a successful generator of revenue.

More importantly however, the establishment of such a facility would bolster Tucson's profile as a 'Cycling Mecca', and place it in a select group of North American cities as a destination location.

I raced for several years at the now defunct Olympic Velodrome in Montreal, Canada, and have many fond memories of competitions and gatherings at that incredible venue.

Regarding administration, Tucson's cycling community contains individuals with a wealth of experience which should be tapped into.

Thank you for this big Vision for Tucson's future, and best wishes!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Michel Lalonde  
Benson

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Allison Cara Alterman <allisona1@email.arizona.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2014 6:15 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** In Support of the Tucson Velodrome

To whom it may concern,

My name is Allison Alterman, I am a junior at the University of Arizona and a member of the UA Cycling team. I am writing today to express my sincere hope that funding for a velodrome in Tucson will be granted. I believe that by having the only cycling track in the state and surrounding area, the velodrome would attract many out-of-town visitors. Thank you for your time.

**Deseret Romero**

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**From:** Carole Hanson <carolehanson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 08, 2014 3:16 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Velodrome

PLEASE approve the bond money for a velodrome! It will bring in lots of \$\$\$\$. Thank you - Carole Hanson

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Christian & Lori <throughhikers@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 4:02 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** bond funding for velodrome

As a long-time Tucson cyclist, I ask that you include funding for a bicycle velodrome in the 2015 bond package. It would only be about the size of one soccer field and would be utilized by many locals and tourists of all ages for both fun and fitness. Our nearest velodromes are in San Diego, CA and Hermosillo, Mexico. Cycling is an important part of Tucson tourist attractions (thousands of riders spend millions of dollars during El Tour de Tucson, for instance). A velodrome would fill out our bicycle offerings.

Sincerely,  
Lori Adkison

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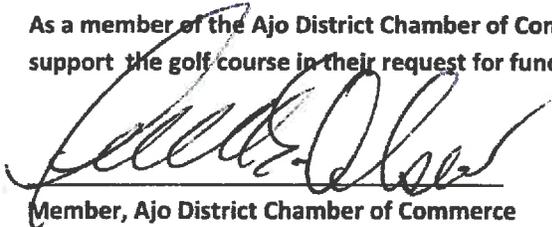
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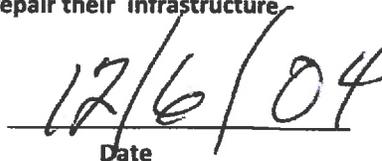
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Member, Ajo District Chamber of Commerce

  
Date

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Bob Craig; I am an umpire, former UIC of District 12 Little League as well as a father of two former youth baseball players.

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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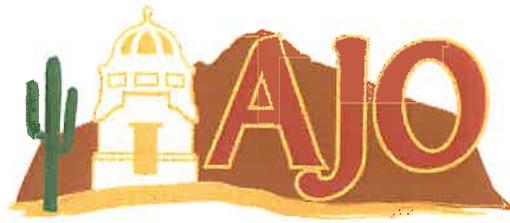
I have been involved with youth baseball since my oldest who was 5 and is now 21; I cannot tell you the impact baseball has had on him. He is now playing in college and I believe a large reason for this was youth baseball. My youngest now 15 and in high school had the opportunity to play in the Western Region LL Semifinals on TV and that experience cannot be recreated. I can't imagine the impact of having a facility as being proposed can have nor can I imagine the years of joy that would be a byproduct of such a facility, not only to the players but to the many parents who can share in the joy of watching their sons and daughters participate in such a facility.

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.

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**Bob Craig / Pima County Resident since 1987**



**Ajo District Chamber of  
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December 12, 2014 Public Meeting

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Ajo Community Golf Course we wish to express our strong 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.

This project is important for Ajo's healthy economy, which 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 also 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.

The Ajo Community Golf Course is an integral and important part of Ajo, and I again strongly recommend their inclusion in the next Bond Election. If I may be of any other assistance, please contact me at Ajo District Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,  
Bety Allen  
Executive Director, ADCoC  
1 W. Plaza Street  
Ajo, AZ 85321  
520-387-7742

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 8:41 AM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: Ajo Community Golf Course

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**From:** Greg & Yvonne Burton [mailto:burtcoug@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 8:45 PM  
**To:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Ajo Community Golf Course

Dear Pima County Bond Review Commitee;

I just recently found out that after several years of being included on the original Pima County Parks and Recreation Bond Proposal, the Ajo Community Golf Course has now been dropped. I am writing to request that we be reinstated on the bond.

Ajo has really been going through difficult economic times. There is virtually no job base since the copper mine closed and the only boost to our economy out here is the little bit of pulse we receive from our winter visitors. The golf course is one of the communities biggest draws for winter tourists. It is also very important to the community as a whole by helping sustain our limited housing market, providing a place for the community to meet and hold events such as the "Old Time Fiddlers Contest" and for community residents and tourists to play golf. It is home to the Red Raider golf team and hosts a very popular summer golf program called "Hook a Kid on Golf". (Kids always play for free at the Ajo Community Golf Course).

While many of the Tucson city golf courses are operating under million dollar deficits the Ajo Community Golf Course does not cost Pima County a dime in operating costs. For over 50 years our

course, while it belongs to Pima County, has always payed it's own operating costs. We maintain the course ourselves, with the help of a dedicated group of volunteers and a few paid staff. Few courses in the nation do that and what a deal for Pima County!!

We rarely ask for much but we really need this potential bond money to help us upgrade our deteriorating irrigation system and our clubhouse infrastructure if we are going to keep our course alive.

Please include us in the 2015 Parks and Recreation Bond Proposal. We believe our community golf course has earned some help from Pima County.

Sincerely;  
Greg Burton  
221 W. Estrella  
Ajo, AZ

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 8:41 AM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee - Ajo Golf Course

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**From:** Richard Meunier [mailto:rematty@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:12 PM  
**To:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Pima County Bond Advisory Committee - Ajo Golf Course

### Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

Three years ago, we retired and began looking for a winter home in a small town. We purchased a house in Ajo because of the variety of activities here. The Ajo Community Golf Course was a major factor in our decision. We are not fanatic golfers, but we enjoy playing regularly. Few towns comparable in size to Ajo have a community golf course that is convenient, inexpensive, and a focal point for community and social activities. We believe that other people have chosen Ajo for similar reasons.

Since coming to Ajo, we have observed several things about the golf course.

First, money spent at the golf course stays primarily in Ajo. Revenues from the golf course and restaurant go to maintaining the course, purchasing supplies, and paying employees or essential contractors. No outside corporations or individuals share in the revenue.

Second, the course serves the Ajo community in many ways, from hosting the high school golf team to providing a restaurant and meeting facility for various community groups.

Third, the Ajo golf course operates largely through volunteers who donate countless hours to keep the mechanical equipment functioning, the course in playable condition, and the buildings in working order. Some of these volunteers also donate their time and skills to other community groups in Ajo.

Fourth, the physical plant and equipment are ancient and desperately need upgrading. The volunteers do a marvelous job, but the facility will deteriorate further unless capital improvements are made soon.

In summary, the golf course is a valuable asset to Ajo. It benefits the community, and it helps attract tourists, winter visitors and new permanent residents. It undeniably contributes to the local economy. If the course deteriorates to the point where it must shut down, fewer winter visitors will be attracted to the town, and some current residents will leave. The long-term impact of abandoning the golf course will not be positive for either Ajo or Pima County.

Richard Meunier and Vicki Sund

Dec. 10, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Gene Biernat, I have been active in Little League Baseball and Softball for about 36 years until my retirement a few years ago. I was a coach, board member and president at CDO LL. Also was the LL District 5 Administrator for the last 13 years, and was instrumental in getting LLB to change the tournament format for all West Region regional tournaments, and bringing the West Region Junior Softball Tournament to Tucson in 2005, where it still is held.

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 seen many tournament complexes in other states, first class facilities that bring in many tournaments and economic benefits. Tucson could be successful in hosting youth baseball tournaments, year round, provide economic benefits to our community. The location at Kino would be good, but there are other "vacant" locations in the area that are owned by the Cities and County if Kino proves to be not feasible.

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,  
**Gene Biernat**  
Pima County Resident

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 9:35 AM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: Ajo golf course bond issue

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

**From:** Marlene Hinman [mailto:hinman325@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 9:24 AM  
**To:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Ajo golf course bond issue

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee % Nicole Fyffe: Howdy, The Ajo Golf Course is a pearl to the Ajo Community. Aside from the golf the facility is used for a variety of other activities which bring needed revenue to the community. The golf course itself is a major draw for winter visitors. I encourage ya'll to look favorably to approve a bond issue.

Frank Hinman, a winter visitor and property owner

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 9:35 AM  
**To:** Deseret Romero  
**Subject:** FW: Ajo golf course

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

**From:** Marlene Hinman [mailto:[hinman325@gmail.com](mailto:hinman325@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 9:28 AM  
**To:** Nicole Fyffe  
**Subject:** Ajo golf course

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> I am a none golfer. I totally SUPPORT putting the Ajo Golf course on the bond. The AGC is a very important draw for winter visitors to the Ajo community. With out the AGC the community would really suffer, there would be many less visitors and the town would dry up.

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> Marlene Hinman  
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## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Travis Burkel <tburkel@email.arizona.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 8:47 AM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Tucson Velodrome

Dear Committee Members,

Please support the velodrome project. By building a velodrome in Tucson you are attracting a wealthy demographic into Tucson to bring in money to the local economy. According to a study by USA Cycling the median income of its members is 75-100k and 65% of its membership have a college degree. Compare this income statistic with that of Tucson where the median income is around 30k. This velodrome will not only be used lovingly by locals, but it will make Tucson even more of a destination for out of state visitors. I have to go to a presentation in Phoenix on Friday and will be unable to attend the meeting. I do hope you will consider the positive economic impacts that the velodrome will have for Tucson.

Economic effects aside, the Velodrome will help promote a healthy life style among Tucson's youth. It is an efficient way to introduce youth into cycling and to create a hobby that will last a lifetime and have a positive effect on their health. The health and safety of our youth should be our number one priority. This velodrome provides us with the opportunity to make exercise fun and exciting in a safe controlled environment.

Tucson needs a velodrome. The economic impact would be substantial and the difference it would make in the health of our youth and in our community is priceless.

Sincerely,

Travis Burkel

Below is a link to my data source

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/USACWeb/forms/encyc/2013-USAC-Membership-Survey-Report.pdf>

<http://www.usacycling.org/encyclingpedia-usa-cycling-stats-and-demographics.htm>

University of Arizona  
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Sallye Williams <sallyeraye@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:57 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Tucson Velodrome

Dear Mr. Hecker,

I urge you to consider the Tucson Velodrome project for county funding. The Velodrome has the potential to make Tucson *the* bucket list destination for professional & amateur cyclists alike. The City and Pima County have invested millions of dollars into linear parks, trails, bike paths, bike lanes and to date are the only city-region to be listed as gold status on the League of American Bicyclist's list of Bicycle Friendly Communities.

Building a Velodrome near or on the Loop would be a major coup for Tucson, a major successful forward thinking project that would have an enormous economic impact to benefit all. Thank you for your consideration; continuing to build a bicycle friendly community can only benefit Tucson positively.

Sallye Williams  
Volunteer Director  
Perimeter Bicycling  
(520) 358-8678  
[sallyeraye@msn.com](mailto:sallyeraye@msn.com)

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** PK Steffen <pksteffen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 8:26 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Tucson Velodrome

I am writing in support of a velodrome here in Tucson. There isn't one in the Southwest and Tucson would be the perfect place. Many Tucson and Phoenix cyclists would use the facility. There has been talk of Phoenix building one as well. We should jump on the opportunity to further develop Tucson as a world class cycling destination.

Many cyclists that I have spoken to would be willing to pay a subscription to use the track. Events could draw large numbers of spectators to Tucson.

We have internationally famous cycling coaches based here the likes of Gord Fraser, Jimmy Riccitello, Neil Stewart to name a few. Plus we have many pro cyclists such as Kathryn Bertine, Travis McCabe, etc. This wealth of coaching experts together with the loyal Tucson cycling community would provide plenty of expertise and volunteers to keep it up and running.

Let's do this before Phoenix does and boost the local economy while bolstering our position as a premier cycling destination.

Thanks,  
Paul Steffen  
JDRF cycling coach

Sent from my mobile  
+1 520.665.1896

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Matthew J. Swenson <lundar352@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2014 7:28 PM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Velodrome

Tucson needs a velodrome!!

Sent from my iPhone

## Deseret Romero

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**From:** Craig Boydell <azboydells@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014 10:31 AM  
**To:** bondinfo  
**Subject:** Tucson Velodrome Proposal

I just want to take a couple of minutes to add my support to the proposal for a velodrome in Tucson. I have ridden in a velodrome, and as a cyclist, would absolutely utilize one if there it were available here in Tucson. As a firefighter/EMT, I recognize that there is a need to provide a safe environment where people of all ages can recreate.

There are so many people beyond just cycling enthusiasts who will benefit from such a facility. While riding on the Velodrome in Manchester UK, I witnessed young school children riding the track as part of their PE class!

Let's further Tucson's legacy as a world-class cycling destination and fitness community with a world-class velodrome!!

Thanks,  
Craig Boydell  
Vail AZ  
647-3663

**Dear Committee Members,**

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable region because I grew up in Tucson and biking and walking allowed me to get to and from school as well as internat UofA and later complete a degree here. ~~Back~~ Biking and walking for me meant more opportunities growing up. 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,

Angela Schlegel \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
5500 Pershing Ave Apt 414 (address)  
Saint Louis, Mo 63112



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 a walkable region walking lowers our ~~carbon footprint~~ health (physical and mental), lets us enjoy our (own) glorious weather, and lets us meet our fellow walkers! 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,

Roberta Brack \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
1785 N. Justin Ln. \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
Tucson, AZ 85712

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



**Dear Committee Members,**

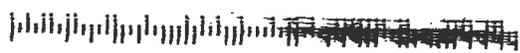
I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable region because as a business owner with over 25 staff the ability to work and walk to other vendors from our office, liveable streets make business sense.

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,  
Nicole Koch \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
2634 E. 4th St \_\_\_\_\_ (address)  
Tucson AZ 85716

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 a walkable region that allows people to ~~enjoy~~ enjoy beautiful shaded places that are healthier for people, our environment and way more fun and less stress.

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,  
Wes Osward (name)  
249 N. Westmoorland Ave (address)  
Tucson, AZ 85745

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

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**Dear Committee Members,**

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable region. I want to be able to walk safely in my age. I don't want to be dependent on my car. I want to be active and healthy.

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,  
Alicia M. Thompson (name)  
3411 S Camino Seco #436 (address)  
Tucson, AZ 85730

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 a walkable region. I value clear skies, breathable air, getting to great places whilst moving my body & walking my dog without fear of being sun over.

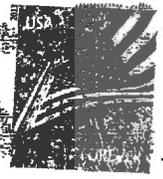
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Thank you!! :)

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

Sincerely,  
Blair Feldman (name)  
125 E. 16th St. (address)  
Tucson AZ 85701

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 a walkable region.

*I love Tucson, and I want to feel safe  
open with my neighbors and in my neighborhood.*

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,

GREGG GARFIN (name)

1725 N. JUSTIN LN. (address)

TUCSON AZ 85712

**Pima County  
Bond Advisory Committee**  
c/o Pima County Administrator  
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