



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 28, 2013

To: Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Attached Letter from the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission**

By way of this memorandum I am transmitting a letter from the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission to Mayor and Council dated Friday, May 24, 2013. It appears the letter's intent is to show that the bond package being developed by the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) would not provide equitable benefits to City residents. I do not believe this to be the case. Also attached is a map showing the location of projects currently on the BAC's tentatively approved list, which clearly shows the majority of projects would be located within or directly adjacent to the City of Tucson.

Furthermore, the BAC has not yet had the opportunity to consider the project updates I provided in February and the recent new and updated proposals totaling an additional \$650 million. Two of the key criteria adopted by the BAC in 2009 to assist in prioritizing projects were regional benefit and regional or jurisdictional balance. I continue to support the BAC's use of these criteria in order to ensure equitable benefit across the entire County.

While it is important to remember that the BAC's effort is a work in progress, one thing is certain – the County has a very good track record of providing equitable benefits in past bond packages. This record was confirmed by the recent Arizona Auditor General report on past County bond programs wherein they stated:

"In general, projects financed through the three bond programs tended to benefit individual jurisdictions in approximate proportion to the secondary property taxes paid by each jurisdiction's residents to pay off the bonds."

The greatest deviation from this pattern occurred in unincorporated areas of Pima County and the City of Tucson. For example, the citizens in the unincorporated areas paid 43 percent of the taxes and received 36 percent of the value of completed projects. In contrast, the citizens of the City of Tucson paid 43 percent of the taxes and received 50 percent of the value of completed projects."

Finally, I point out what I assume is an error in the second paragraph of the Commission's letter:

"..the total tentative Parks and Recreation proposal for the City of Tucson is \$193,752,000 of a total of \$533,742,000 (36%)." I believe the intent was to state:

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"..the total tentative Parks and Recreation proposal for ~~the City of Tucson~~ all cities, towns, tribes and organizations is \$193,752,000 of a total of \$533,742,000 (36%)."

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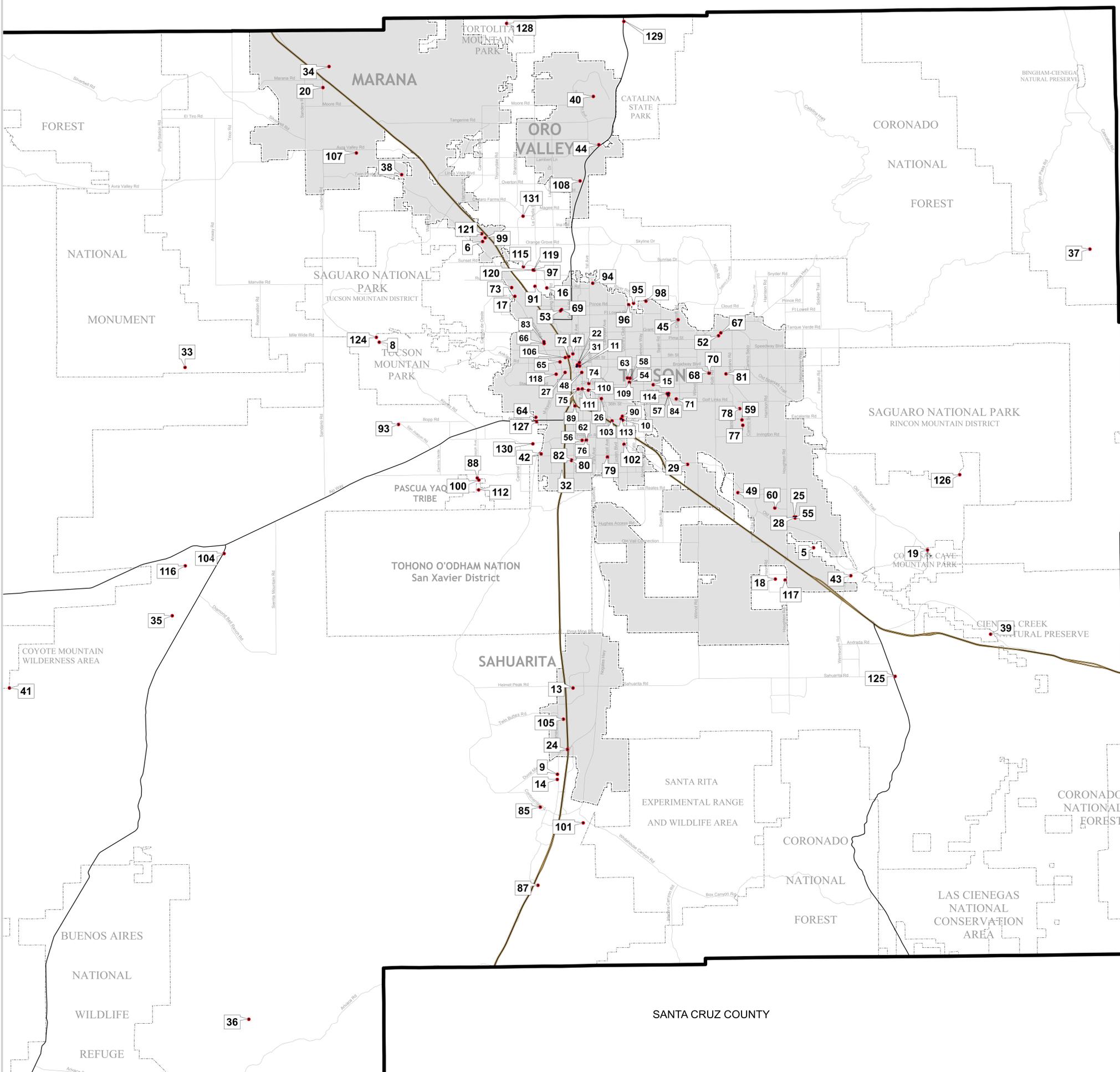
- c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission
Richard Miranda, City Manager, City of Tucson
Fred Gray, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Tucson

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Tentatively Approved Projects

-  Interstate Highways
-  State Routes
-  Major Streets
-  Municipalities
-  Other Administrative Boundaries

MAP No	PROJECT ID	PROJECT NAME
68	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Palo Verde Park
69	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Jacobs Park
70	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Palo Verde Park
71	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Golf Links Park
72	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Oury Park
73	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Christopher Columbus Park
74	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Santa Rita Park
75	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Jacabo-Ochoa Park
76	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Rudy Garcia Park
77	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Abraham Lincoln Park
78	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Lakeside Park
79	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Sunnyside Park
80	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Mission Manor Park
81	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Stefan Gollub Park
82	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Mission Manor Park
83	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Mission Manor Park
84	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Joaquin Murrieta Park
85	PR75	Green Valley Performing Arts/Learning Center III
87	PR80	Canoa Ranch Historic Rehab & Master Plan
88	PR86	Lawrence Community Center and Swimming Pool
89	PR93	Yaqui Park Community Center
90	PR95	Swimming Pool Renovation Kino
91	PR95	Swimming Pool Renovation Flowing Wells
93	PR97	Avra Valley Watchable Wildlife Site
94	PR103	Rillito Racetrack Conversion
95	PR105	Brandi Fenton Memorial Park Phase II Environmental Education Center
96	PR106	New Tucson Girl's and Boy's Chorus Building
97	PR109	Curtis Park Skateboard Park and Improvements
98	PR110	George Mehl Family Foothills Park
99	PR115	Ted Walker Park Sporting Dog Training Site
100	PR116	Lawrence Park Improvements
101	PR137	BAJA Seniors Sports Complex
102	PR138	Benson Highway Park Development & Land Acquisition
103	PR140	Ajo Detention Basin Park
104	PR141	Robles Community Park
105	PR181	Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex /YMCA
106	PR201	Oury Pool Renovations
107	PR210	Bureau of Reclamation Sports Park
108	PR217	James D. Kreigh Park Updates
109	PR220	Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion
110	PR225	El Casino Park
111	PR226	JVVC/Ochoa Gym (South Tucson Request)
112	PR228	Lawrence Hiaki Pathway (Pascua Yaqui)
113	PR231	Arizona Velodrome Center
114	PR235	Freedom Park Adult Learning Center
115	PR237	Flowing Wells District Park Expansion
116	PR262	Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project
117	PR266	PC Southeast Regional Park (Fairgrounds) - Horse Racing Facility
118	PR267	Sentinel Park - A Mountain Park Improvement Project
119	PR273	Pima County Northwest BMX - Concrete Bowl Bike Park
120	PR274	Indoor Sports Complex Curtis Park
121	PR277	Pima County Softball Tournament and Recreation Park
124	PR281	Public Natural Park Trail Access, King Canyon Trailhead
125	PR281	Public Natural Park Trail Access, AZ Trail at Sahuarita Trailhead
126	PR281	Public Natural Park Trail Access, Pistol Hill Trailhead
127	PR281	Public Natural Park Trail Access, Robles Pass Trails Park Staging Area
128	PR281	Public Natural Park Trail Access, Chalk Mine Rd Trailhead
129	PR95	Swimming Pool Renovation Catalina Pool
130	PR95	Swimming Pool Renovation Manzanita Pool
131	PR95	Swimming Pool Renovation Thad Terry Pool

UNDEFINED LOCATIONS		
1	CD1	Affordable Housing Program
2	CD2	Neighborhood Reinvestment Program
3	CD3	Pima County Comprehensive Housing Center
4	FC2	Floodprone and Riparian Land Acquisition (Combined w/ FC52 and PR219)
7	FM1	One Stop Career Center
12	FM35	West Valencia Branch Library
23	FM97	Theresa Lee and Tuberculosis Clinic Relocation
30	FM110	Elections Equipment
50	OS2	Habitat Protection Priorities & Associated Lands
51	OS3	Community Open Space
61	PR34	Urban Greenways City of Tucson
86	PR77	Shooting Sports Program Site Improvements
92	PR96	Model Airplane Parks
122	PR278	River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide
123	PR280	School Districts Partnership



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5	FC44	Reclaimed Water to Protect Cienega Creek
6	FC58	Santa Cruz River: Rillito and CDO Confluence
8	FM8	Arizona Sonora Desert Museum - Education Facility Phase III
9	FM9	Green Valley Government Center Master Plan Implementation
10	FM11	Pima Community College Healthcare Campus
11	FM34	LSB - Asbestos Abatement and Fire Sprinklers
13	FM45	Sahuarita Branch Library
14	FM48	Jayner Green Valley Library Renovation and HVAC
15	FM49	Ekstrom-Columbus Library Expansion and Remodeling
16	FM51	Flowing Wells Library
17	FM54	Pima County Animal Care Center (PACC) Improvements
18	FM77	Fairground Infrastructure Improvements
19	FM79	Colossal Cave Mountain Park (Parklands Foundation)
20	FM84	Marana Health Center Expansion (Marana Request)
21	FM92	Ajo Country Club and Golf Course
22	FM96	Art of the American West - Tucson Art Museum
24	FM104	Catholic Comm Services - Sahuarita-Green Valley Clinic
25	FM105	Catholic Comm Services - Vail Area Clinic
26	FM106	Catholic Comm Services - Quincy Douglas Center
27	FM107	Tucson Children's Museum - New Museum
28	FM108	Vail Government/Community Ctr. Library, Park, Sheriff
29	FM109	Pima Air and Space Museum Cold War Museum
31	FM112	Joint Municipal and Justice Courts Facility
33	HP103	Archaeological Site Acquisitions, Cocoraque Butte
34	HP103	Archaeological Site Acquisitions, Marana Mound
35	HP107	Open Space Repair and Rehab of Historic Bldgs, King 98 Ranch
36	HP107	Open Space Repair and Rehab of Historic Bldgs, Rancho Seco
37	HP107	Open Space Repair and Rehab of Historic Bldgs, A7 Ranch
38	HP108	Site Interpretation/Preservation, Los Morteros
39	HP108	Site Interpretation/Preservation, Pantano
40	HP108	Site Interpretation/Preservation, Honey Bee
41	HP108	Site Interpretation/Preservation, Coyote Mountains
42	HP108	Site Interpretation/Preservation, Dakota Wash
43	HP109	Vail Area Historic Sites
44	HP111	Steam Pump Ranch Rehabilitation
45	HP115	Historic Fort Lowell Park - Master Plan Implementation
46	HP125	Ajo Curley School Gym & Town Plaza
47	HP126	Dunbar School Rehabilitation
48	HP128	Performing Arts Rehabilitation
49	OS1	Davis Monthan Approach Corridor Open Space Acquisitions
52	PR4	Udall Park Expansion
53	PR5	Jacobs Park Recreation Center
54	PR6	Reid Park Zoo African Expansion
55	PR13	Southeast Regional Park (Esmond Station Regional Park)
56	PR18	El Pueblo Center Improvements
57	PR19	Freedom Center Expansion
58	PR20	Reid Park Improvements
59	PR28	Lincoln Park Improvements
60	PR29	Purple Heart Park Expansion
62	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Rudy Garcia Park
63	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Reid Park
64	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, John F. Kennedy Park
65	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Menlo Park
66	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Joaquin Murrieta Park
67	PR35	City of Tucson Sports Fields and Lighting, Morris Udall Park

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May 24, 2013

City of Tucson Mayor and Council
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SUBJECT: Future Pima County Bond Election / Updated Tentatively Approved Bond
Projects List

Dear Honorable Mayor Rothschild and Council Members:

The Parks and Recreation Department has provided updates to the Parks and Recreation Commission on the future proposed Pima County Bond Election Planning process at its March 27 and April 24 meetings.

The Commission understands that the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee has been diligently working on a bond proposal since 2007. The Parks and Recreation component of the bond package, tentatively approved by the Bond Advisory Committee, calls for \$210,792,000 for Parks projects. The County Administrator has recently provided updated allocations where projects have been completed or funding for a particular project is no longer needed, and as a result of the adjustments, the total tentative Parks and Recreation proposal for the City of Tucson is \$193,752,000 of a total of \$533,742,000 (36%). Of the \$193,752,000, the projects requested by the City Parks and Recreation Department equal \$60,870,000 or 31% of the tentatively approved projects.

The Commission recommends that the Mayor and Council remain engaged in the future Bond package planning process to ensure that the City of Tucson receives a proportionate and fair share of the total bond package based on population and on the needs identified by the City.

Thank you for allowing the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission to provide input and recommendations on this important upcoming bond proposal.

Sincerely,



Ms. Caroline Grey-Ganz
Chairperson
Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission

cc: Members of the Tucson Parks and Recreation Commission
Larry Hecker, Chair, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Richard Miranda, City Manager
Kelly Gottschalk, Assistant City Manager/CFO
Fred Gray, Director of Parks and Recreation