



September 3, 2013

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o **Deseret Romero**
Pima County Administration
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

SUBJECT: S. 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor

Dear Committee Members:

As Principal of Pueblo Magnet High School located on 12th Avenue just north of Ajo, I am writing to express my support for the S. 12th Avenue Cultural & Culinary Corridor project.

12th Avenue is a special place in Tucson. The area is a cultural and culinary destination with great restaurants, small businesses, great schools with a long tradition of producing successful graduates, and a strong community. Funding this project will improve the area and enhance its character, attracting visitors and locals to our businesses and our schools.

The area has been lacking investment for years. We are missing sidewalks all along the roadway, bus shelters, trees with shade, and the roadway has not been maintained. This creates a serious safety issue as well as an unattractive and unwelcoming appearance.

Investing in improvements along 12th Avenue will bring new business to the area and students to Pueblo High School. I believe that this project will provide a much needed enhancement to our community and hope that we can all work together to 'get it done.'

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vivi Watt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vivi P. Watt, Principal

CC: **Ramon Valadez** - Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Richard Elias – Supervisor, Pima County, District 5
Regina Romero - Council Member, City of Tucson, Ward 1

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

I appreciate your continued efforts in determining which projects will be the recipients of the 2014 Pima County bond, and it is my honor to write a letter in support and appreciation for Literacy Connects. I have been born, raised, educated, and employed in Tucson, which gives me a unique perspective on the educational and professional situation in Tucson today.

Undeniably, there is a strong correlation in Tucson between wealth and academic success—students from affluent families consistently outperform the low-income students in school, and later on, in the workplace. I am passionate about educational equity and rewriting the equation of opportunity. Young people's demographics should not determine their destiny. But in order for this dream to become a reality, we, as a community, need to support organizations like Literacy Connects.

Each year Literacy Connects provides students of all age brackets the opportunity to gain an appreciation for literacy and the arts that otherwise may not be available. Many of the programs they offer were developed in conjunction with classroom teachers over several years. Their long-standing relationship with Tucson schools enables them to offer holistic programming that aligns with Common Core Standards in English Language Arts, preparing students to thrive in the 21st Century workplace. As part of its continued efforts, Literacy Connects gives students the tools they need to yield results, transforming at-risk students into achievers.

Funding of this project is an investment in the future. With a permanent home, Literacy Connects will continue to help close the achievement gap in Tucson, elevating the income status of individuals and families. This in turn will serve the entire community through decreased crime rates and increased revenue.

Please consider a facility for Literacy Connects and JobPath in the 2014 bond package. I am grateful for such a program in Tucson, and I hope you will also see its value. I also encourage you to support Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands, programs that also strengthen the quality of life in Tucson.

I am excited to vote in the 2014 bond election and will inform others about its importance. Thank you very much for all your hard work in this process.

Respectfully,



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Ms. Suzanne Shields, P.E., Director
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August 9, 2013

RE: Corazon de los Tres Rios del Norte

Dear Ms. Shields,

Catalina Radio Control Modelers (CRCM) Club herein requests and maintains an interest in partnering with Pima County as a stakeholder in the **Corazon de los Tres Rios del Norte Plan**. As such, this letter provides an overview of CRCM.

CRCM has operated a radio control club and maintained facilities within the proposed Tres Rios del Norte plan boundaries since 1992 under a lease agreement with Pima County. The Club provides a location for safe operation of radio controlled (RC) model airplanes, model helicopters and model cars and currently has approximately 80 members in good standing. The Club's goal and philosophy are to enjoy model aviation, learn and teach aviation skills, particularly to youth, in a friendly and safe environment open to all walks of life, income levels and age groups. Our mission is to promote, develop, educate, advance, and safeguard radio controlled modeling activities.

The CRCM Club typically organizes 3-5 events per year that are open to the public. These events include Fun-Flys, Scale Plane demonstrations at Davis Monthan, Pot Luck Dinners, Night Flies, Aerobatic Competitions sanctioned by the International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC), and Mall Shows with flight simulators available for young and old. The CRCM county leased field has also used as a practice site for the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout. The Tucson Aerobatic Shootout is an international annual competition attracting hundreds of visitors from around the world including Australia, Austria, France, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. Prizes for this event exceed \$140,000. Additionally, aeronautical engineering students from the U of A utilize our field to test fly their radio controlled aircraft class projects. The Club has also hosted engineering students from Daniel Webster College in Nashua NH, Rice University in Texas, and Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Israel.

The CRCM Club is a Charter Member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). The AMA is the Chartering Organization for more than 2,500 model airplane clubs across the country. The AMA provides leadership, organization, competition, communication, protection, representation, recognition, education, and scientific/technical development to modelers. Additionally the AMA offers its chartered clubs official contest sanction, insurance, and assistance in obtaining and maintaining flying sites.

CRCM Provides Various Community Benefits, Including:

- Public recreation
- Youth education
- Remotely piloted vehicle (RPV) skill development and training
- Community economic benefit from events and competitions

As a stakeholder in the **Corazon de los Tres Rios del Norte Plan**, CRCM will:

- Provide guidance and input to Pima County during planning stages regarding design, construction and operation of a model airplane park
 - Operate and manage the upgraded model airplane park to ensure a enjoyable and safe modeling experience
- Supervise public events and competitions
- Host educational programs for U of A and other Universities

The CRCM Club and our membership look forward to working with the County on this project to reach common goals. Please do not hesitate contacting us if you have any comments, questions or to schedule any planning meetings.

Sincerely yours,



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PIMA COUNTY BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Survey Response

Response of the Joaquin Murrieta Park Renovation Supporters

Valerie Chandler, Representative

August 9, 2013

Thank you for allowing this coalition of Pima County residents to submit responses through our representative. Ms. Valerie M. Chandler has worked on this project for many years. She has assured that our interests were protected throughout this period. The documents we submit today reflect the input we have provided to her regarding the above project for the duration of our involvement with this endeavor. We hope you will agree with our conclusions and thank you again for allowing us to submit our opinions regarding this worthy project.

Joaquin Murrieta Park Renovation Supporters

Bond Advisory Committee Members,

My son, Emil J. S. Davis, died at Joaquin Murrieta Park on August 7, 2009. Emil had been suffering with mental illness for many years before his death. Though he successfully controlled his illness for the most part, there were times when impulse overcame him and trouble found him. On that fateful day, weeks without medication, a realization that his friends were maturing, his deep depression and a gun, all combined to turn his last impulse into a terrible tragedy. He struggled for hours to do no harm, but was not able to fight back his decision to stop being ill. Emil walked out of our home, went over to Murrieta Park and fired one bullet into his head.

I was waiting at my front door for help to arrive when the shot rang out. I begged Jehovah God to decide if I would stand up and deal with this or fall down and give up. His spirit answered immediately: Stand up, stay up, keep going! I accepted what happened, but now I had to allow God's comforters to help me remain strong.

Comfort came quickly and from all directions. From first responders who treated Emil's body tenderly, spoke to his family respectfully, and showed tremendous compassion as they tried to soften the graveness of his injuries. From friends and coworkers who arranged for a memorial service giving financial and material contributions to cover the services costs. From my family and congregation who took care of me, my home and the coordinating for that special day when over 200 community members came to pay honor to my precious Emil. These expressions of love bind us together for a lifetime.

How can one ever repay such loving kindness? Every effort on my part seemed inadequate until the opportunity arose to work on a plan to renovate Joaquin Murrieta Park. I jumped at the opportunity to give a lasting gift to the citizens who had given me so much and have worked to accomplish this endeavor since January 2011. After numerous twists and turns there finally is a beautiful-City approved-Master Plan! It is understood that Minor changes will occur along the way since no plan is ever 100%, but this one is darn close. But how will these renovations be funded? I have always believed that this project should and would be funded by Pima County.

Pima County is a staunch advocate for public space. You strive to balance the needs of business and local enterprise with those of voters and residents. You manage to succeed at the most important duty entrusted to a government entity: fine stewardship of the monies, properties, and constituencies assigned to you by the citizens. Your goal is to fund projects which will give maximum benefit to a majority of that citizenry.

For the reasons listed above I request today that you fund the renovations at Joaquin Murrieta Park. I am humbled to speak on behalf of the hundreds of Pima County residents who have approached me about this project. When I listen to them I hear disappointment over years of perceived neglect, but still they hope that maybe, just once, the promises broken by City administration will become dreams fulfilled, thanks to the stewardship of Pima County. They have waited many years to see the fruits of this particular endeavor realized.

The people who support this project come from every corner of the County and beyond. If you build it, they will come to the newly renovated Joaquin Murrieta Park to celebrate this wonderful joint effort of City and County.

The economy in Pima County is on the upswing. Many new businesses and potential residents have begun to check us out. The proximity of the Westside to downtown and the interstate make it ripe for development. The consultants for the Master Plan sought to understand the needs of both government and the residents. They have given us a park to serve as a recreational hub not just of Westside residents, but for all of Pima County. I am certain you will agree and will work to secure funding for the renovation of Joaquin Murrieta Park as quickly as possible.

I have included comments from County residents expressing what they envision from a park since they are the ones who will benefit from this fulfilled dream.

Thanks for reviewing this survey submission.



Valerie M. Chandler, Representative:
Joaquin Murrieta Park Renovation Supporters

RESPONSES FROM CITIZENS TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW

Questions:

What types of things do you use a park for?

How do parks improve life for you and those you know?

Answers:

A.S.

I use parks for soccer practice, birthday parties, and walks. They improve life for me because they bring people together, and they help me relieve stress when I take walks or do other activities there.

I.K.

Birthday parties, exercise (walk around the park), take my son to toss the football around or play basketball. It is good to be outside away from the television or just laying around. You can get some exercise without it being a chore.

N.A.

We use the walking path, Ramada's for parties and picnics and go swimming at our park.

L.L.

That is the weirdest/randomness questions ever. But I would say for #1-parks are good for gatherings, exercising, and recreational activities. #2-Parks improve people's lives because they are relaxing and offer a friendly outside environment.

B.P.

Take my grandkids there to play, parties, take walks, walk/run the dog(s), sit and read a book or newspaper on pleasant days. Get a chance to get out together and have a good healthy time like the good old days. (Away from television and video games).

M. C.

Kids playing...playground, softball, etc... Having picnics and walking.

F.L.

Park use: walking and relaxing; picnics. Charity events such as NAMI 2 years ago. My park doesn't have sports facilities, so no games. Parks are great for kids to run around and see nature and animals.

Sorry, no profound ideas about the function of parks.

M.V.

Birthday parties. Walking Dog, walking (for exercise) and photography.

L. H.

Lately I don't use parks **much**, but in the past I usually used them for exercise, a place for my kid to play, parties, picnics, and attending events that are held at parks, such as concerts, etc.

Parks improve life for everyone in the community because they provide space for the above-listed activities, making people healthier and happier!

Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Tuesday, August 06, 2013 7:41 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Feedback Form 2013-08-06 07:40 AM Submission Notification

Feedback Form 2013-08-06 07:40 AM was submitted by Guest on 8/6/2013 7:40:34 AM (GMT-07:00)
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Message Subject I-11 link imperils bonds

I generally vote for bond issues, and participated in the survey. I support many of the proposed funding choices. However, the inclusion of funding -- now set at \$90 million -- for a link to a proposed new Avra Valley highway, I-11, will force my neighbors and myself to vote against the entire measure. I-11 is a "poison pill" that can doom all your work, and should be removed. The reasons for that are below in a Guest Opinion I have just submitted to the Arizona Daily Star; I hope it will be shared with the full Committee. Guest Opinion: SAVE THE AVRA VALLEY !! By Albert Vetere Lannon The Star has published front-page stories about a proposed new 56-mile-long freeway, Interstate 11, through the Avra Valley as part of a trade corridor linking Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry supports I-11, despite a Pima County Board of Supervisor's 2007 resolution in opposition. Huckelberry stated, "We cannot be left out of this." Exactly who "we" are is unclear. No discussions were held with residents and property owners who will be affected, and none of the 47 families — Huckelberry's numbers — whose homes would be taken for the freeway were contacted. The I-11 Avra

Comment Valley route is the same as that of the I-10 Bypass, a proposal designed for trucks and hazardous cargo to bypass Tucson. In 2008 the State Transportation Board's then-chairman, real estate attorney Si Schorr, jammed through a vote without hearing from any of the 100 people present opposing the Bypass. An audience uproar resulted in five opponents being heard, even though the vote was over. It's worth repeating what was said then: Bruce Ellis, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: "(You would be) setting up certain future conflict with Reclamation and the Department of the Interior." (The Bureau of Reclamation oversees a wildlife mitigation corridor just south of Saguaro National Park that was established when the CAP canal was built. I-11 faces the same problem of squeezing between the mitigation corridor and the Tohono O'odham Reservation. Sandario Road has an 80-foot right-of-way while I-11 needs at least 300 feet. One proposed "solution" is to use Sandario as a base for an elevated freeway between the Reservation and the Corridor.) Sarah Craighead, then Superintendent, Saguaro National Park: "An I-10 Bypass that lies immediately west of the Park is inconsistent with the purposes for which the Park and the wilderness areas were established." John Windes,

Habitat Specialist, Arizona Game and Fish Department: “The Department does not find the I-10 Bypass proposal to be consistent with smart, thorough, and sustainable planning principles.” Pima County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2007-343 : “...the Pima County Board of Supervisors opposes the construction of any new highways in or around the County that have the stated purpose of bypassing the existing Interstate 10 as it is believed that the environmental, historic, archaeological, and urban form impacts could not be adequately mitigated.” ADOT staff said then that double-decking just six miles of the present I-10 could solve future transportation problems, but that it cost too much, \$700-900 million. While the cost-per-mile would be more than I-11’s, the total cost of double-decking I-10 would be about ten percent of the cost of building the Bypass, according to ADOT’s numbers. ADOT staff also said that double-decking I-10 would cause “visual impact, as well as increased air and noise pollution.” It is unfair and immoral to impose that risk on us. It is unfair and immoral to run trucks with hazardous cargo just a mile from two schools and a community center. It is unfair and immoral to pollute our air, destroy our viewshed, and bring freeway noise to our quiet community. Huckelberry’s plans include funding an I-11 link with money from the bond proposal currently being crafted, thus imperiling many worthwhile projects. Many of us will campaign and vote against any bond issue with I-11 money in it. My neighbors and I want to protect our valley, our desert and its multitude of wild things, for future generations. People have lived here peacefully for more than 10,000 years. The bureaucrats will not destroy our community. We won’t let them. Poet and historian Albert Vetere Lannon lives in Picture Rocks where he has worked to deliver good drinking water, chronicled local news, done environmental education and monitored archaeological sites; he can be reached at albertlannon@powerc.net.

Response requested Yes

Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

I have been following the news about the 2014 Pima County bond and would like to say a few words about projects that I think are really important. I have been a volunteer with Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, one of the partners of Literacy Connects, for almost 7 years. We have an English Language Acquisition component but I volunteer on the Basic Literacy side. I tutor adults who have a desire to help their children with homework, or read to their grandchildren, order from a menu, cook something new from a recipe, read what's in the mail for themselves, read the words under the pictures in the newspaper, or in the balloons over the comic page characters, take a trip on their own, use a computer, for email, to fill out a job application, or even a Pima County bond survey.

One of the dreams of volunteers and students is one day to have a center where families can come together and participate at whatever literacy level they need or desire. Imagine a community that is 100% literate. We do! We took a step closer to that dream with the formation of Literacy Connects. We are now involved with life-long literacy. Our collaboration with JobPath added a direct connection to the workforce. We have dedicated staff and 100's of passionate volunteers, as well as tremendous community support for our programs. What we do not have are the resources to bring us all together in one place with room to grow.

I hope that you appreciate the contributions of Literacy Connects and JobPath to the economic and cultural health of our community and will include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Facility in the 2014 bond package. Our diverse programs are known and appreciated throughout the community. I am sure that our facility in the bond package would be a positive step toward its passage.

Other projects that I hope you will support are: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands.

As a 48 year resident of Pima County, a retired businessman and a volunteer in the community, I appreciate the work that you have agreed to do, sorting from all of the needs of our county. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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July 26, 2013

Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
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Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee

I am writing in regards to the 2014 Pima County Bond. I am the president of the advisory board for Reach out and Read Southern Arizona which is a program of Literacy Connects. Our mission at Reach out and Read is to promote early literacy by having pediatricians provide new books to children at their routine well child visits from age 6 months to 5 years. We also provide guidance to the parents regarding early literacy. Along with the other programs of Literacy Connects our programs help children succeed in school and adults succeed in the job market. Thousand of children and families are helped by these programs yearly.

Literacy Connects is currently located in a space that was originally planned only for Literacy Volunteers. As we have expanded to include five different programs the space has become too small and is limited our capacity to help families in Pima County. I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and Job Path Facility in the 2014 bond package.

With this project included in the 2014 Pima county bond I will vote for the levy and encourage my friends and colleagues to do the same.

Thank you for your consideration and for the work you do to review the bond projects.

Sincerely yours,



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July 27, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

As a board member of Literacy Connects and a founder of Reach Out and Read Southern Arizona, I hope that you will support the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs facility in the 2014 bond package. Literacy Connects supports both adults and children with research based programs to improve literacy skills. These programs help kids to succeed in school and adults to have a second chance at improving their lives. In turn these successes will improve our workforce and drive our economy forward. JobPath and Literacy Connects have already been working together to help families move out of poverty and into training for productive employment. Both of these programs are not able to reach their full potential because they are currently limited by their space. Two of the four programs in Literacy Connects operate out of their directors' homes because we do not have office space for them. More clients could also be served and new programs started with increased classroom space.

I know that there are many projects proposed for the upcoming bond election. (I did my survey!)_ and supported other areas such as affordable housing, neighborhood reinvestment and some of the environmental issues. All of these will help Pima County move forward in the next decade.

It will be easy to support the bond when these types of programs are included. It will also be easy to advocate for them with other members of the community. As chair of the Advocacy Committee at Literacy Connects, I will rally as many of our friends as possible to support this bond.

I know that all of you are volunteers and that to vet all of the current proposals involves a huge amount of work. I am grateful for your time and effort. Together Pima County's next bond will both improve our infrastructure and improve the lives of our citizens.

Thank you,



Barbara Smith, MD FAAP

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July 26, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

Thank you the opportunity to communicate our thoughts on priorities for Tucson as you consider the 2014 Pima County bond.

We are supporters and volunteers of Literacy Connects, particularly its Literacy Volunteers program for adults and Reading Seed for children in our schools. We understand the difference our programs make to individuals, their families and the entire community. We believe literacy is one of the core economic problems of our community (and country), and a problem we can alleviate, if we have the will to invest. We have looked at the research-based data over the life of the various components of Literacy Connects, and there is no doubt that their programs help people, who would otherwise fail, succeed in our community. These successful programs need to be expanded; their capacity to reach those that sit on waiting lists for help needs to grow; their staff and volunteers need facilities and space to breathe.

JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. Both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. Both work for the betterment of Pima County.

Please include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

Other community initiatives, such as Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands work to improve Tucson. They deserve consideration, as well.

Should these organizations be included in the 2014 Pima County bond considered, not only will we vote for its successful passage, we will work toward making it happen.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects, and thanks for the opportunity to make our voice known to the Commission. With your help, Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure, but also helps improve lives.

Sincerely,



Harriet Kronman



Len Kronman

TO: PIMA COUNTY BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: JANET FRAKES

I am writing to urge you to support the the proposal of Literacy Connects for funding for a shared facility for adult education programs in Tucson.

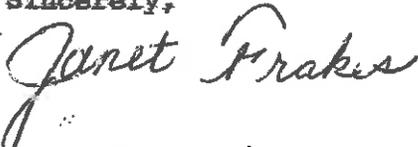
Since 2002, I have worked as a volunteer teacher in Literacy Volunteers English Acquisition classes. In addition, I have served two-terms as president of the Literacy Volunteers Board of Directors. Working in both these capacities, I have seen both the great accomplishments which have been made--and also am aware of the even greater potential for the future.

The merger of Literacy Volunteers with a number of agencies with related goals certainly will strengthen the efforts to better the lives of adult learners in many ways. But, space for these agencies is a great barrier. While we work in many community sites, there is clearly a need for a centralized core space which would not only unify these agencies, but which would save money which could be used to expand programs.

After 11 years, I am still working with LVT (now Literacy Connects), and I feel that we are making strong contributions both to the individuals in our programs and to the community at large. I urge you to support our request for funding to help us expand our work.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information. (I'm enclosing my card.)

Sincerely,



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July 29, 2013

Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

As a volunteer and donor for Literacy Connects, I appreciate the opportunity to provide input about the inclusion of projects in the 2014 bond levy. I know you have many deserving projects to consider, but I urge you to put the Literacy Connects and JobPath Facility at the top of the list.

As a former county employee and now, as a full-time volunteer, I feel I have a unique perspective on the needs of Pima County residents. As a public health nurse for 35 years, I experienced first-hand the struggles of families and communities who were burdened with the effects of low literacy and its impact on health status, employment and community engagement. I vowed that upon retirement I would volunteer with programs that addressed these issues. Since 2008, I've been privileged to volunteer as a basic literacy tutor and trainer with Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, and as a reading coach with Reading Seed, both programs of Literacy Connects. The excellent initial and on-going training provided to volunteers is research/evidenced-based and this transfers to the instruction we provide to our students.

I'm not exaggerating when I say these programs are life-changing, both for volunteers and students, but there is much more to be done. The lack of space and the multiple locations of the partner programs limits volunteer training and program services. If we could all be united in one facility, services could be broadened, fragmentation could be reduced, and more lives could be impacted.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the inclusion of the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs facility in the bond package. I know your job is difficult. You all have my gratitude for answering the call to service for Pima County.

With the hope and conviction that together we can make our world a better place for all,


Betty Ord

Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th floor
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Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

Each year as I write my checks for year end giving and throughout the year when I am asked for donations I stop and dream about a society where education and the environment are top priorities. When I listen to the news and become disheartened after hearing more statistics linking crime, domestic violence and abuse to lack of education/literacy I have to stop and wonder how we really value human life.

Every time I write a check to Literacy Connects I say to myself, if only everyone could read I wouldn't need to support all of these organizations. If everyone could read we as a society could solve many of our every day problems it really is as simple as that.

As you work to determine the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I want you to really think about projects that I believe are priorities for our community. I am a donor of Literacy Connects and have seen firsthand the impact their research-based programs have on both children and adults. In both cases our current and future workforce and economy are improved. JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. Both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. Both work for the betterment of Pima County.

I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

In addition, I strongly support other projects that, in my opinion, work for the greater good and improve Pima County. I encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. To me, each of these projects is vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community. I live in a middle to low income neighborhood. We are the working poor. I see the negative effects of illiteracy every day. Our neighborhood has been the recipient of Neighborhood Reinvestment dollars in the past. The benefit of these dollars is seen daily as neighbors can walk along a nice sidewalk to and from the grocery store instead of walking in the street. Our small pocket park is used daily by young people leaving a cramped house or apartment, enjoying the quite beauty of the park with friends or just a place to be alone. If we give up all our lands to developers Tucsonans will have a diminished quality of life.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, I will spread the word to my colleagues and friends to also support the levy.

Mr. Larry Hecker, Chair, and Members
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July 27, 2013

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

We are writing regarding the list of proposed projects for the 2014 Pima County Bond. The list is impressive and prioritizing among the topics is a challenge. Each one would enhance the living standards of the citizens of Pima County. Having lived here since 1949, and watched our community grow and develop, we are impressed with the awareness and thoughtfulness of those who submitted their views of how to make Pima County an even better place to live.

We have made an effort to consider the projects that will raise the living standards of our citizenry through provisions for education, job training, upward mobility, recreation and conservation, and pride in community. In submitting our preferences we urge the committee to attend particularly to such projects.

As long time volunteers and donors to Literacy Connects, and volunteers to Job Path, we have seen the resulting successes of students. Approval of this bond coalition, Literacy Connects and Job Path, will be a step up in opportunity for the many people these groups serve, enabling them to overcome fear and shame of failure. Those served realize satisfaction in personal learning accomplishments. They are able to contribute more economically and socially to the community of Pima County. They help to break the chain of illiteracy that reaches from one generation to the next as they participate in their childrens' learning.

We also want to support the projects for environmental preservation, neighborhood reinvestment and affordable housing. They also improve and enhance our community, bringing pride and appreciation; a feeling of good fortune to live in Pima County.

We thank you for your service, your time, your thoughtfulness, as you make recommendations for the future of Pima County.

Sincerely,
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July 29, 2013

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

Re: 2014 Pima County Bond Inclusion of Literacy Connects & JobPath Programs

Dear Mr. Hecker et al:

I am a volunteer and donor for Literacy Connects. I have seen firsthand the impact their research-based programs have on children and adults. Tucson and Pima County benefit when kids are helped to succeed in school and adults are helped to have a second chance. JobPath and Literacy Connects have worked collaboratively for several years, but, at this point, both of these groups are being constrained by their limited space.

I also strongly support other projects that work for the common good to improve Pima County. Particularly, I encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. These projects also have the ability to improve the health and vibrancy of our community.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County Bond, I will vote for the levy. What's more, I will spread the word to my friends to support the levy.

Thank you for your work in helping the Pima County Commissioners to look at all of the proposed bond projects. I appreciate, too, the opportunity to give you my opinion about this.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Wilkison

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

I thank you for considering the views of the citizens of Tucson in determining choices to be included in the upcoming Pima County Bond Project. As a retired librarian and first generation American, I have a personal, as well as community interest in this process. One of my most touching memories comes from an old black and white photo of my newly arrived mother in a night school class, along with other adult students from many countries, attempting to become literate in English...and this after working at a menial job all day. Literacy has been a driving force in my life and I experienced first hand how it opened doors for me and others in my generation to have a better life. I would wish these opportunities for others.

I strongly believe that Literacy Connects provides this open door for those seeking to become literate. I have witnessed many testimonials over the years which have never failed to bring tears to the eyes of listeners, as to how lives were changed by this great gift bestowed by volunteers of Literacy Connects. I would hope the citizens of Tucson will bestow the great gift of a building, with more space and availability of physical resources, to accommodate more would-be learners.

Although I know very little about JobPath, the concept of collaboration with Literacy Connects and their ultimate goal of lifting people out of poverty seems like an excellent symbiotic working partnership. A larger building would seem the fine choice for accommodating these two non-profit organizations.

I will most definitely and enthusiastically vote for these bond projects and will encourage all my personal and professional friends and neighbors to do so, as well. Thank you for all the work you do to make our community strong, viable and a place in which we are proud to live.

Sincerely,



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July 30, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

With regard to the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I believe there are priorities for our community. I am a volunteer and supporter of Literacy Connects and have seen firsthand the impact of their programs on children and adults. Our entire community benefits as a result of programs that help kids succeed in school and adults gain literacy skills. In both cases our current and future workforce and economy are improved.

JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. Both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. Both work for the betterment of Pima County.

I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

I strongly support other projects that, in my opinion, work for the common good and improve Pima County. I encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. To me, each of these projects is vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, I will spread the word to my colleagues and friends to also support the levy.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. With your help, Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure, but also helps improve lives.

Respectfully,

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Frank Mascia, FAIA

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ARCHITECTS

July 30, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

With regard to the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I believe there are priorities for our community. I am a Board Member of Literacy Connects and have seen firsthand the impact of their programs on children and adults. Our entire community benefits as a result of programs that help kids succeed in school and adults gain literacy skills. In both cases our current and future workforce and economy are improved.

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Respectfully,

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Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th floor
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July 29, 2014

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

I am the director of Reach Out and Read southern Arizona. I work with pediatricians to make early childhood literacy a part of every well child visit they conduct for children under 6 years old. At each visit our doctors give a brand new book to the baby and advise the parents on the importance of books sharing daily with their children. We know that children that are read to love books and children that love books have a running start on school.

I am writing you today to support the 2014 bond. I want to see literacy for all ages supported. While my effort focuses on early childhood, I am pleased to be part of Literacy Connects. With my partners we are able to impact children and adults. I also am pleased to support JobPath and the work that they do. Helping families move out of poverty and into the work force is good for everyone. This work takes many hands and many different kinds of efforts. Our challenges coordinating our efforts are compounded by having several different locations. Simply put we all need one space to work more effectively together and to provide more unified services for the families we serve.

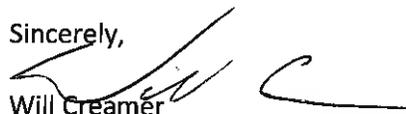
I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

Likewise, I strongly support other projects that work for the common good and improve Pima County. I encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. Each of these projects is vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community.

I am working with my RORSA Advisory Council, which is made up of pediatricians in our community to talk among their peers and build support for this bond. Over 55 pediatric clinics in southern Arizona practice Reach Out and Read. They distribute over 55,000 books to primarily low income families. These doctors know that good health is far more than medicine. Good health involves feeling hopeful about one's future. Nothing gives one more hope than becoming literate and getting on the right path for a job.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. With your help, Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure, but also helps improve the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,


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Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
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130 W. Congress, 10th floor
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July 26, 2013

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

The greatest challenge I face as a small business owner is recruiting and retaining qualified talent for the dozens of great-paying, knowledge worker jobs our business will create in the next five years. For the past five years, I have seen a steady decline in the quality and quantity of candidates, particularly with regard to their reading and writing skills. I am greatly concerned about our region's capacity to continually supply a strong workforce unless we invest in literacy and job skills programs.

As you work to determine the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I wanted to express to you my opinions for projects that I believe are priorities for our community. I am a believer in Literacy Connects and have seen firsthand the impact their research-based programs have on both children and adults. Our entire community benefits as their programs help kids to succeed in school and help adults to have a second chance. In both cases our current and future workforce and economy are improved. JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. Both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. Both work for the betterment of Pima County.

I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, I will spread the word to my colleagues and friends to also support the levy.

I sincerely appreciate the effort the committee has invested to further this process and want to commend you all for your personal commitment to Tucson. In turn, I will pledge to do my part to continue to contribute to our economic engine through the success of our small business.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Hecker and Members of the Advisory Committee,

In reading the projects listed in the Pima County (PC) Bond Survey, one can be overwhelmed by the sheer number of the projects submitted by the various PC community organizations and jurisdictions. How much more so must be the Herculean task of the Advisory Committee to choose projects that satisfy the diverse interests of so many Pima County communities.

Yet, in narrowing down the projects, the Advisory Committee may find guidance in the research of economists and sociologists whose independent findings supported what the Bureau of Labor Statistics also reported, namely, that "illiteracy is one of the major causes of poverty and is a devastating drag on the economic development of communities."

Literacy Connects is a Pima-wide literacy movement comprised of five programs of all volunteer tutoring effort, each focusing on different age groups from young children to adults. The tutoring services are free for the asking to those who struggle to read or write English, who thus cannot fill out an employment application, read a prescription label on a medication bottle, register to vote, or follow job related written instructions, among other activities.

Job Path serves Pima County by providing low-income adults with training, skills development and education, bridging them with the needs of county technology and business enterprises. However, Job Path's effort is directed at those who are mostly literate. Thus, amalgamating the efforts of both LC and JP under one roof would provide a center of concentrated focus on literacy and jobs.

Clearly, in the PC Bond Survey, under Job Growth, Education and Work Force Training, the Bond project listed as LITERACY CONNECTS AND JOB PATH PROGRAMS FACILITY recommends itself for Pima County-wide economic development.

One should be ever mindful of kindling hope with communities' desirable needs, in order to to gain a favorable vote on the Bond. Therefore, in my view it is advisable to meet at

least some additional community needs. May I suggest the Committee tap common community interests in the bond package; in particular, Affordable Housing; and Community Open Space.

Trusting that the Committee will find Literacy Connects and Job Path Programs Facility, as well as the above-mentioned additional projects worthy of including in the PC Bond, I remain

Respectfully yours,


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July 31, 2013

Larry Hecker, Chair, and Members of Committee
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
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Tucson, Arizona 85701-1317

Re: Selection of Projects for 2014 Bond Package

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

Many thanks for serving on this important committee. I salute you all for your willinness to do this work for the good of the residents of Pima County.

I am writing to ask the committee to include **Literacy Connects Job Path Programs Facility** in the 2014 bond package.

Both Literacy Connects and Job Path provide or support job preparation and help families move out of poverty, with large economic payoff to the county. As a donor and former board member of Literacy Connects, I know that LC helps tens of thousands of children, adults and families every year acquire literacy skills and improve their ability to succeed in life. Literacy Connects prepares children to enter and succeed in school, and adults to earn their GED's, and then get jobs, leading to economic benefit to the county in the form of workers' increased spending, increased taxes paid, and reduced public welfare payments.

Job Path likewise helps hundreds of adults every year move off public assistance, into job training and then into jobs. An independent 2010 impact study found that, as a result of increased wages of its graduates, Job Path created an economic impact on Pima County ranging from \$4.8 million to \$8.3 million per year over a five-year period. This was a return on investment of \$2.41 in new wages for every \$1 in program cost.

Literacy Connects and Job Path have worked together for years and both are painfully constrained by limited space. Both organizations work for economic development and improved quality of life in Pima County. The **Literacy Connects Job Path Programs Facility** deserves to be included in the 2014 bond package.

Additionally, I would urge the committee to include these four additional projects that will significantly improve quality of life for the residents of Pima County:

1) Affordable Housing; 2) Neighborhood Reinvestment; 3) Community Open Space; and 4) Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands.

I would gladly support and vote for a bond issue containing these five specific projects and would work to get it passed.

Respectfully,



Anne Bradford Stericker, PhD

July 30, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

I am writing to you today to urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package. These projects are very important and should be high priority projects for our community.

As a donor and supporter of Literacy Connects I have seen the immediate impact that their research-based programs have on both children and adults. Our entire community benefits as their programs help children succeed in school and help adults attain needed skills to be more successful in the workforce. In both cases, our current and future workforce and economy are strengthened and improved.

JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for a number of years helping hundreds of families to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce each year; however, both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. Together they work for the betterment of Pima County. It is time that the county supports these critical efforts. Additionally, I encourage you to support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space & Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. Each of these projects is vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy and will encourage my colleagues and friends to also support it as well.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. With your help, Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure, but also helps to improve the lives of our citizens.

Sincerely,



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July 31, 2013

Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 West Congress Street, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Hecker and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your work on the upcoming Bond Election. As volunteers and supporters of Literacy Connects, we are writing this letter to urge you to include the proposal from Literacy Connects and JobPath for a new or renovated Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package. These organizations are a lifeline for thousands of individuals and families living in Pima County.

Pima County benefits from the programs run by Literacy Connects and JobPath as their literacy programs give children, young adults and adults a second chance to be part of the workforce which helps improve the local economy. For the past several years these organizations have been working collaboratively to move families out of poverty and into training and to become fully functional members of the community. They are, however, limited by their current offices, which are inadequate and do not meet the needs of their students. As you know, sharing offices will reduce the overhead and administrative costs of running two nonprofits.

In addition, we ask that you support other projects in the bond package which include Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat protection Priorities and Associated Lands. These projects are also vital to improving the health of our community.

You can rest assured that we will vote for the Pima County Bond and tell our friends and colleagues to vote as well.

Thank you for your support and thoughtful consideration of our request to support programs which will enhance the quality of life for our community.

Sincerely



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July 31, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Members of the Committee,

As you work to determine the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I wanted to express to you my opinion about the projects that I believe should be priorities for our community. I am a volunteer and donor for Literacy Connects and have seen firsthand the impact their research-based programs have on both children and adults. Our entire community benefits as their programs have positive outcomes with children and youth succeeding in school and adults reaching a higher potential. In both cases our current and future workforce and economy are improved. JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. Both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. Both are having impact on the success of Pima County.

I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

As I shared in the online poll regarding the bond, I also strongly support other projects that, in my opinion, work for the common good and improve Pima County. I encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. The projects in these categories are vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, I will spread the word to my colleagues and friends to also support the levy.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. With your help, Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure, but also helps improve lives.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Wade Humenik

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July 29, 2013

Larry Hecker, Chairman
Committee Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 West Congress, 10th Floor
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Dear Chairman Hecker and Committee Members:

As you work to determine the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I want to tell you my opinions about projects that I believe are priorities for our community.

I am a volunteer tutor at and donor to Literacy Connects. I have seen firsthand the impact their research-based programs have on both children and adults. Our entire community benefits as their programs help children succeed in school and adults have a second chance at improving basic literacy skills and securing better jobs. In both cases our current and future workforce and economy are improved. Education strengthens our families and their futures.

JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. You can see the compelling connection between Literacy Connects and JobPath.

Both of these programs are constrained by their limited space. Both work for the betterment of the whole of Pima County. I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

I also support other projects that work for our common good in Pima County, such as Neighborhood Reinvestment and Affordable Housing. Both of these projects are vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond program, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, I will spread the word to my colleagues and friends to support the levy.

Thank you for your work in helping the County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. Through your work, Pima County will have a bond levy that improves the county's infrastructure and enriches the lives of our citizens.

Sincerely,



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July 31, 2013

Mr. Larry Hecker, Chair and
Other Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members:

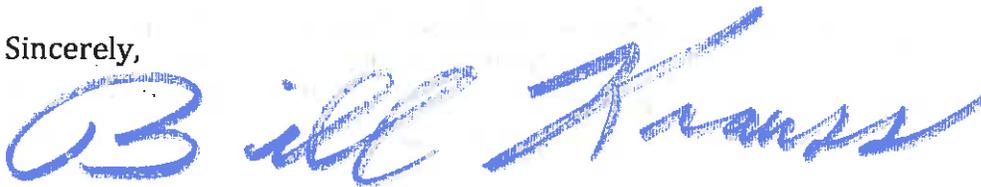
I made my living as a CEO coach/consultant—centered on the CEO Roundtable. (Larry, I think we visited on this many years ago.)

About 7 years ago I started doing similar coaching, *pro bono*, for the Executive Directors of small nonprofits on the premise that they do much with little. During the years I have worked closely with about two dozen small nonprofits including organizations like Casa de los Niños, Interfaith Community Services, Ben's Bells, Native Seed Search, Old Pueblo Community Services, The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, and many others.

Several years ago I was approached by Social Venture Partners and asked to work for one of their "investees," **Literacy Volunteers of Tucson**. I declined stating I wanted my *pro bono* efforts used to help alleviate the conditions of those with the greatest problems in our community—poverty, homelessness, abuse, and hunger. Fortunately Social Venture Partners prevailed in educating me that raising literacy of all—especially those on the bottom rungs—helps solve all of our community's problems. In business terms, it attacks **both** the revenue and cost sides by raising revenue (jobs, tax collections, etc.) while lowering expense (crime, homelessness, unemployment, underemployment.)

I have given the bulk of my time and money, outside of the Executive Directors Roundtable, for the past many years to Literacy Connects. I know this organization is a **leverage point** that helps us with our community's many, many challenges. I understand the proposed County bond levee is considering funding a building for **Literacy Connects** and a partner, **Job Paths**. Please accept this communication as a strong endorsement for this choice—as well as a commitment to work long and hard to see that any subsequent bond issue is passed.

Sincerely,



William L. Krauss

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July 31, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

I am writing in support of funding for the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility. As a supporter and advocate for literacy for all children and adults in the Greater Tucson area, I am well aware of the tremendous benefits our community receives because of the tireless work of the Literacy Connects staff and volunteers. We need strong programs that enable adults to learn to read and to gain better jobs; we need strong programs that reach out to children and youth. AND we need links between those who enhance literacy and those who can get people into the workforce.

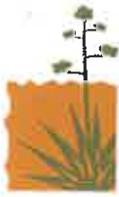
A building that would provide much needed space for JobPath and Literacy Connects would enable both organizations to establish an even closer working relationship than they now enjoy. I realize that every request for funding competes with every other request, but in this case funding would enable collaboration, synergy, and success in supporting those in our community who very much need our support.

Please consider and approve including this building in the 2014 Pima County bond. I will not only vote for the levy, I will campaign for others' votes. Thank you for considering my request and thank you for serving our community as Pima County Commissioners.

Sincerely,



Renée T. Clift



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Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
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July 30, 2013

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

Through the upcoming 2014 Pima County Bond, our community has the chance to work towards projects which would positively impact our quality of life. We are writing to express our support for the inclusion of the Literacy Connects and Job Path Programs Facility in the 2014 Pima County Bond.

As Executive Director and Board Chair of a nonprofit funding and capacity building organization, we have worked very closely with Literacy Connects and their program Reading Seed. Our organization, Social Venture Partners (SVP), selected Reading Seed for investment for many reasons: they have measurable impact on student literacy in Tucson, they have a collaborative spirit, and they are eager to do more. But, what stood out most, what is a *core value* of our partnership of philanthropists, is the impact that Literacy Connects has in solving a root cause of poverty in our community.

SVP funds organizations which support the acquisition of life skills for our fellow Tucsonans. Our Partners then volunteer their professional skills to build the capacity of the organization to serve more people with greater quality. Our Partners were instrumental in forming the LC merger of 5 organizations, including Reading Seed and Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, and continue to work hard because they believe in the model, the vision, the people, and the potential for positive community impact.

Under one roof, Literacy Connects and Job Path will work towards alleviating a root cause of poverty for people of all ages in our community through programs which empower children and adults with the life skills to be successful, healthy and happy. That's where it starts.

It ends with making it a priority. An accessible, collaborative **workspace** for clients and staff would enable both Literacy Connects and Job Path, which have worked in successful collaboration for several years already, to benefit more citizens who need and desire the training and skills to survive, provide, and thrive.

We encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. These projects likewise protect the public good and affirm the development of an environment which promotes community engagement and a higher quality of life.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, we will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, we will spread the word to our partnership, colleagues and friends to also support the levy. Thank you for the time and effort that you have invested in serving our community through this committee and your efforts to make our city better.

Sincerely,



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July 30, 2013

Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
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Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

I am writing today to express my support for the inclusion of the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package. Both Literacy Connects and JobPath provide education services that many Pima County residents (both adults and children) need to either avoid poverty or to move from poverty to a more sustainable financial situation.

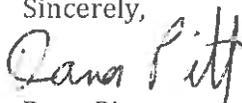
Pima County is a great place to live. However, our lack of a well educated work force creates a negative loop: an inadequate work force leads to a lack of employers offering good jobs, which leads to an inadequate tax and charitable giving base, which leads to a poorer, less educated community, which leads to a lack of a well educated work force. This loop threatens to irrevocably damage our home. Literacy Connects and JobPath, working together, can help break the cycle. And, Literacy Connects provides not only basic literacy programs, but also enrichment programs that can touch the lives of everyone in Pima County, regardless of one's education level. Literacy Connects and JobPath need more, better and more permanent space. The inclusion of a facility for these programs in the 2014 bond package would help ensure that everyone in our community has access to the education tools needed to build a successful and secure life.

In addition, I would like to voice support for the following potential 2014 bond projects: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. Education is a key to our well being, but we also must have vibrant, livable neighborhoods, good housing for all and appropriate care for and protection of our wonderful natural resources.

I would be proud to vote for and support a bond package that includes the projects discussed above.

Finally, I know that you have put in many, many hours of work on the bond committee. I know that there are too many worthy projects and not enough dollars, which will require you to make difficult decisions. I am sure it can be a thankless job. So, thank you for your efforts to make Pima County a better place for all of us.

Sincerely,



Dana Pitt

Support for the Literacy Connects and Job Path project

July 29, 2013

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

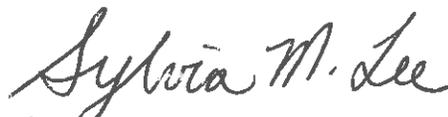
Dear Mr. Hecker and members of the Pima County Bond Advisory committee,

As a native Tucsonan, I know firsthand the poverty that has plagued Pima County as far back as I remember. A proposed bond project that will help two proven non-profit organizations that directly improve the lives of our county residents is the joint Literacy Connects and Job Path project. I am on the Board of Directors for Literacy Connects and I know that every year, hundreds of children and adults are helped by the Literacy Connects' research-based programs. Our entire community benefits as Literacy Connects helps kids succeed in school and helps adults improve literacy skills so they can get better jobs and their families can have a better quality of life. Job Path helps hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into workforce training and get a good job in our community. Job Path and Literacy Connects have worked collaboratively for several years. Both of these organizations fit well working together and both are being constrained by their very limited space. Literacy Connects is utilizing multiple rental facilities to house its programs because of space limitations and Job Path has the same issues in rented office space.

Another bond project that I support is the **Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands**. Each of these projects is vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, I will spread the word to my colleagues and friends to also support the levy. Thank you for the work you do to help determine which of the proposed bond projects will be most beneficial to our community. With your help, Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure, but also helps improve lives. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

As you work to determine the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I wanted to express to you my opinions for projects that I believe are priorities for our community. I am a volunteer, donor, and board member of Literacy Connects and have seen firsthand the impact their research-based programs have on both children and adults. Our entire community benefits as their programs help kids to succeed in school and help adults to have a second chance. All adults and children who seek assistance from Literacy Connects greatly desire to learn and become more involved in our community leading to improvements to both our workforce and economy. The community is a large supporter of Literacy Connects in that Literacy Connects also has over 1,000 volunteers – it is truly a grass roots effort to improve the education and condition of those in need in Tucson. JobPath has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. Both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space.

I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

Likewise, I strongly support other projects that, in my opinion, work for the common good and improve Pima County. I encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. To me, each of these projects is vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy. Furthermore, I will spread the word to my colleagues and friends to also support the levy.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. With your help, Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure, but also helps improve lives.

Sincerely,



Clifford M. Bowman
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August 1, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

Since you are now considering the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I would like to express my opinion on the project that I believe is most important to our community. I am a volunteer with and donor to Literacy Connects and have volunteered with the joint program Literacy Connects has with Job Path. I have seen first hand the successes the students in this joint project have achieved, and as these individuals grow and develop our entire community benefits. We need a citizenship which can function successfully in the workforce and participate intelligently in the civic activities of our society. And an informed citizenship requires a citizenship which is literate.

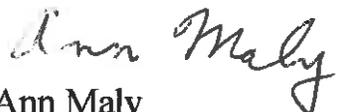
But both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. I encourage you to include the Literacy Connects and Job Path Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

I also support other projects that work for the common good of our community. I encourage you to support Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands.

With these projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will vote for the levy and encourage my colleagues and friend to do the same.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners.

Sincerely,



Ann Maly
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Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

As you work to determine the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I wanted to share with you my support for projects that my family and I believe are critically important to our community.

I am a supporter of Literacy Connects and a parent with school-aged children in public school. I have seen firsthand how their research-based programs have helped struggling and emergent readers succeed in school. As a member of the Literacy Connects' Advocacy Committee, I have also had the great fortune to work with adults who have been given a second chance at a promising future because of the programs and people this organization rally together. As a public education supporter and advocate, my work has enabled me to learn more about JobPath, which has worked collaboratively with Literacy Connects for several years. They help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. The vital work of these successful organizations is being constrained by their limited space. The collaborative work of both of these programs is critically important to ensure a strong and educated workforce, which will enhance and strengthen Pima County's economic sustainability.

I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

As a Tucson resident and property owner, I strongly support other projects that, in my opinion, work for the common good and improve Pima County. I encourage you to also support: Neighborhood Reinvestment, Affordable Housing, Community Open Space and Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. To me, each of these projects is vital to improving the vibrancy and health of our community and makes this a place I'm proud to raise my family.

With the above projects included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically advocate for this community enriching opportunity. I look forward to the opportunity to vote for the levy.

Thank you for the work you do to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. Your oversight ensures Pima County will have a bond levy that not only improves the County's infrastructure and economic sustainability, but also helps improve lives.

Sincerely,



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Tucson, AZ 85712

Larry Hecker, Chair and Members

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

130 W. Congress, 10th floor

Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee,

Thank you for all the time and effort you are expending in your work to determine which projects should be included in the 2014 Pima County bond. I serve on the board of Literacy Connects and have been involved for years in literacy programs for infants and families. The programs offered by Literacy Connects provide literacy services across the entire life spectrum and enable all of our clients to improve their lives by education. Most of our clients come to us looking for help and we, as an organization, should not turn them away. Our current working environment is terribly cramped and we cannot serve all who come to us and need our services. JobPath is in a similar situation in that their clients come to them for help, looking for work and skills to attain work. Our organizations have worked together in a collaborative manner for year to help individuals and families gain the skills they need to succeed and move forward in school and in the work force. These two organizations do an incredible job to help those who most need and want help in our county.

Please consider the proposed Literacy Connects and JobPath program facility in the 2014 bond levy. We are currently doing all we can to promote literacy and job skills for those in need in Pima County. We could do more, but need more space to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ME Cochran, M.D." in a cursive style.

Mary E. Cochran, M.D., M.P.H.

Larry Hecker, Chair and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th floor
Tucson, CAZ 85701

Dear Mr. Hecker and committee:

As you plan upcoming projects for the 2014 Pima County bond, I just wanted to inform you of my views that I believe are important priorities in our community. I have attended Literacy Connects for 2 years and they have changed my life. I am now a tutor helping other students. I have benefited greatly from the help given to me by Literacy Connects and I believe our community benefits as well as their programs help kids to succeed in school and give adults a second chance to learn to read and get their GED. JobPath, who has worked with Literacy Connects for several years, has helped hundreds of families to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce every year. Both organizations work to help improve Pima County and both of these organizations are confined by their limited space.

I implore you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

There are many other projects that are also necessary to improving the vitality and health of our community that I support. In addition I encourage you to support the following: Affordable Housing, Neighborhood Reinvestment, Community Open Space, Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands. I believe these projects also work for the common good and help to improve Pima County.

Not only will I eagerly vote for the 2014 Pima County Bond levy with the above projects included, but I will actively extend the word to my friends, family, and associates to also support the levy.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for the hard work that you do in assisting our Pima County Commissioners evaluate all of the proposed bond projects. With your support, Pima County will have a bond levy that will help improve lives, and improve the County's infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Marty Calanche 
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August 1, 2013

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 West Congress, 10th Fl.
Tucson AZ 85701

Atte: Larry Hecker, Chair
Re: Priorities

Dear Larry:

Looking for the best bang for the buck, Literacy Connects is at the top of my list of local projects worthy of your consideration for funding. That entity tackles this community's greatest need head on---harnessing the people of this County to live up to their maximum potential. Literacy Connects and Job Path, jointly, will return ten fold.

I look forward to getting behind the 2014 bond drive and hope that you will include the funding requests for both Literacy Connects and Job Path.

Having recently retired from my law practice, I have a renewed respect for the work that you do to make our community alive and vital. Thank you.

Cordially,

Kate McMillan

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Tucson AZ 85702

August 1, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee,

As you work to determine the projects to be included in the 2014 Pima County bond, I would like to take this opportunity to express to you my opinions for projects that I feel that would be beneficial to our community and respectfully ask that you and your committee consider these projects as priorities in your decision-making. I am a volunteer and donor of Literacy Connects. It has been so inspiring to see up close Literacy Connects' well run operation and the impact their research-based programs have on both children and adults. These programs help children to succeed in school and help adults to have a second chance. This of course will benefit our community with improved human resources required to support our current and future workforce and improve our economic growth. Additionally, to help this journey to improve our community, JobPath and Literacy Connects has worked collaboratively for several years, to help hundreds of families every year to move out of poverty and into training and the workforce. Sadly, both of these organizations are being constrained by their limited space. These organizations are committed to working for the betterment of Pima County and I urge you to include the Literacy Connects and JobPath Programs Facility in the 2014 bond package.

In addition to the above, there are many other projects that I support and strongly believe will work for the common good to help improve Pima County. Therefore I encourage you to also support the following projects that I feel are crucial for our community's sustainability and health:

- Neighborhood Reinvestment
- Affordable Housing
- Community Open Space
- Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands

With the inclusion of these important projects in the 2014 Pima County bond, I will enthusiastically vote for the levy and ask that my associates and friends also support the levy.

I would like to thank you and your committee for giving your valuable time as volunteers to help our Pima County Commissioners vet all of the proposed bond projects. I am confident that your efforts will result in Pima County having a bond levy that will improve the County and the lives of its citizens as well.

Sincerely,



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Our File No.

August 2, 2013

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

Re: 2014 Pima County Bond

Dear Larry and Committee:

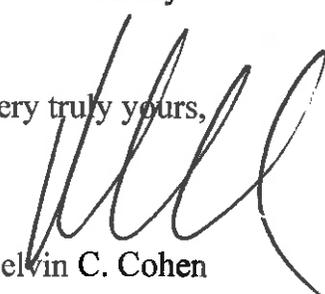
I write in support of the request by Literacy Connects for the 2014 Pima County Bonds. For many years I have been involved with and supported Reading Seed, now Literacy Connects. Literacy Connects has over 1000 volunteers who act to positively change our community's future. In order to have a viable workforce, that workforce needs to be educated. Literacy Connects has proven successful in improving child and adult literacy.

Literacy Connects delivers services through a wide range of neighborhood facilities, but needs its own home.

I request that the committee support providing a home for Literacy Connects and the Job Path programs on the 2014 Bond package.

Should you desire any information about Literacy Connects and Job Path, we would be happy to oblige.

Very truly yours,


Melvin C. Cohen

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c: Betty Stauffer

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In the mean time, the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance, working collaboratively with dozens of partners, has tackled watershed restoration in the tributaries at a variety of scales and continually works to bring top-notch resource management, restoration, scientific, and regulatory expertise to the watershed community. Over 15 years of dedicated work has created an effective collaborative environment necessary to do the work. A major source of financial and institutional support, such as the Pima County bond program, would launch Altar Valley watershed work to the larger scale that is essential for success throughout the watershed.

Positive economic benefits include both cost reduction and the generation of additional sources of conservation revenue for the region.

- Bond funding would have a multiplying effect, as it would be used to catalyze other funding sources. This process is already at work in the Altar Valley, where a \$50,000 from Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation was leveraged into a \$200,000 plus watershed restoration project. Similarly, two National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grants using previous SDCP Bond land acquisition as in-kind match are at work in the Altar Valley, each of which more than doubles the value of the original grant.
- Similarly, Pima County institutional support, in combination with the wide range of private and public sector partners already working in the Altar Valley, can accomplish far more working together than any one entity can do alone.
- Public infrastructure maintenance costs for County and State maintained roads, the Ajo Highway bridge west of Three Points, and downstream areas affected by flooding would be decreased.

This project builds on Pima County residents' strong support for open space acquisition and the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. ***The Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project is a unique public works project that adds conservation infrastructure to implement SDCP goals.*** Over 200,000 acres of the Altar Valley is now owned or leased by Pima County as part of the Conservation Land System. This project will enhance the value of Pima County's acquisitions by increasing the conservation value of Pima County land as well as adjacent lands. All together, the combined effect results in enhanced conservation of an over 600,000 working landscape and open space resource – a true Sonoran desert conservation jewel that can be a source of continued and enhanced pride for the residents of Pima County.

We believe that Pima County's regional investment in sound land use planning and conservation planning, as evidenced by the SDCP and MSHCP, in concert with ongoing watershed work in the Altar Valley, make this the right time to seriously commit resources and energy to Altar Wash restoration. Thank you for your support for the Altar Valley Restoration Project, PR 262, thus far. We hope that your commitment remains steady as you work through planning for the next bond election.

Sincerely,



Patricia King
President,
Altar Valley Conservation Alliance



Mary Miller
Vice-President - Programs
Altar Valley Conservation Alliance

CC: Ms. Nicole Fyffe, Pima County
Ms. Diana Durazo, Pima County
Ms. Carolyn Campbell, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

REMEMBERING *January 8th*

"Together we thrive"

June 10, 2013

Mr. Lawrence Hecker
Chairman, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Hecker & Muehlebach
405 W Franklin
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Chairman Hecker,

January 8, 2011 is a day etched into the consciousness of all Pima County residents. It is a day we all remember, a day of unbearable sadness and senseless tragedy. We also remember our community's amazing response to what happened that day, the spontaneous memorials and the countless expressions of solidarity. The shooting that took place two and a half years ago at Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' "Congress on Your Corner" broke our hearts. The outpouring of good will that followed it reminded us how fortunate we are to live in a community like ours.

The January 8 Memorial Foundation was created in March 2012 with representatives from the first responders, the University Medical Center, community organizations, family members who lost loved ones, former members of Congresswoman Giffords' staff and victims of the shooting. We are a non-profit 501c3 organization whose primary mission is to develop a permanent memorial to what happened on January 8, 2011 and our community's response to those events.

Since the Foundation was formed, we have conducted planning workshops for survivors, facilitated anniversary activities, maintained the memorial archives and held monthly work sessions to discuss memorial planning concepts. This process has shaped our vision for a memorial – a vision that begins with the fundamental obligation to remember the six people killed and 13 people shot and on January 8. We strongly believe, however, that an enduring tribute to the lives altered and lost must also:

- Acknowledge the incredible community response;
- Honor the first-responders and medical professionals;
- Collect and exhibit photographs and other memorabilia;
- Create a place for civic dialogue and healing events; and
- Celebrate the democratic principles at the root of the "Congress on Your Corner"

Mindful of these objectives, we have been working with Pima County and the City of Tucson to explore potential site locations for a January 8 permanent memorial. We are particularly excited by a possibility that was recently introduced to us: the Old Pima County Courthouse. Our Foundation can think of no better place for a memorial to a historic event that tore at the heart of our community than this iconic structure that symbolizes the historic heart of Tucson.

For 84 years, the Old Courthouse has stood as a gracious symbol of our representative democracy. The voices of elected leaders and ordinary citizens alike have for generations resonated within its famous pink walls. In many ways, the Old Courthouse serves as a gateway to our local governments. Our Foundation believes that locating a January 8 memorial in such a building would be a fitting way to recognize the constitutional rights of free speech and assembly that compelled our neighbors to attend Congresswoman Giffords' "Congress on Your Corner."

The historic Old County Courthouse could be a place that can transcend the tragedy of January 8 in a setting that celebrates our local democratic ideals and unites our local governmental institutions. We envision creating a setting that would create a new opportunity for citizens to engage in civic discourse and visit exhibit space that would tell the story of how a community was affected and how citizens responded to the events of January 8. Some of these exhibits could include:

- Video displays of stories told by survivors, first responders and medical personnel;
- Photos of the temporary memorial sites and other photos;
- Six biographical memorials to honor those who lost their lives;
- Some of the more prominent artifacts and artistic pieces being stored in archives; and
- Public art and landscape design inspired by the memorial items.

We want to start a dialogue with your committee to help define a vision for our community and to explore partnerships to support our vision. Pima County Bonds could be one funding opportunity, but our Board will also pursue other funding partners including federal appropriations and private donations.

On behalf of our Foundation Board, we look forward to continuing this dialogue and to your suggestions for realizing the important task of creating a January 8 memorial for all of Pima County.

Sincerely,



Stephen Brigham
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CC:

Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator



**PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

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June 14, 2013

Larry Hecker
Chairman
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
C/o Nicole Fyffe
County Administrator's Office
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Re: Support for Committee's original \$30 million recommendation for affordable housing

Dear Mr. Hecker and Members of the Bond Advisory Committee:

On behalf of the Pima County Housing Commission, I am requesting that the Bond Advisory Committee not reduce the original \$30M recommendation for affordable housing bonds in Pima County's next general obligation bond election.

The Pima County Housing Commission was created in 2004 to oversee the voter-approved bonds for affordable housing as well as to assist the Board of Supervisors in developing and implementing policies that increase homeownership and improve the quality of housing for residents of Pima County. We take our job very seriously, and the majority of us have worked together with county staff to ensure the success of this program.

We believe the full amount is needed to meet the housing needs of low and moderate-income families of Pima County. Although the housing market is starting to show signs of recovering, we still have a long way to go. Housing is an essential component to the slow but steady economic recovery.

One good example of this is Habitat for Humanity's Corazon Del Pueblo subdivision of 393 entry-level or affordable homes for working-class families. A mixed-income environmentally-friendly neighborhood of both market-rate and subsidized homes – with such amenities as three neighborhood parks, walking paths, and a bike-path – Corazon del Pueblo was built-out in partnership with 5 local for-profit homebuilders and Habitat. The \$1.1 million dollars in General Obligation bonds not only ensured the build-out of

common-area infrastructure in the neighborhood, it also helped to leverage an additional \$45 million in capital to build-out the neighborhood and the homes.

That capital came from a variety of sources, including the local private sector, the philanthropic sector, and millions of dollars in Federal grants that might just as easily have gone to another community. Additionally, the build-out of the subdivision created an estimated 552 construction jobs, and an estimated 100 post-construction jobs across the community.

The 2011-2012 Pima County Housing Bond Program Annual Report describes how the 1997 and 2004 bond authorizations totaling \$15M have been successful in providing significant capital for improving, preserving, and expanding affordable housing opportunities throughout Pima County while providing jobs that are vital to our economic recovery. The Bond Performance Audit you recently received for our program will illustrate the property tax revenue generated on the new developments using the General Obligation Bond Funds for Affordable Housing program.

The need for affordable housing remains strong, as affordable housing is a foundational human service with a solid record of accomplishment of beneficial economic impact in our local community. The HOME federal funds received by Pima County and used for affordable housing have been cut by 45% since 2010. Public investment in our community's housing infrastructure leverages other financial investment from other sectors of the economy and creates jobs, while also providing hard-working families with the opportunity to pursue the American dream and contribute to the health and well-being of their local economy.

At a pre- application meeting held Monday, June 12, 2013 to explain a new funding availability notice totaling \$750,000.00 for new bond projects, there were 21 potential applicants attendance. This is a good indicator of the need and demand for affordable housing in Pima County.

In conclusion, the Pima County Housing Commission strongly supports keeping the approved amount of \$30M for housing on the proposed 2014 Pima County General Obligation Bond Election that will continue to stimulate our local affordable housing market, attract additional capital, and create much-needed jobs in our community.

Respectfully,

Frank Thomson
Pima County Housing Commissioner, on behalf of the entire Housing Commission.

Cc: Hank Atha, Deputy County Administrator
Margaret Kish, Director
Betty Villegas, Housing Program Manager

Deseret Romero

From: Carol Shinsky <cashinsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 8:36 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Bond Program

One of the most important aspects of Pima County government is the open space bond program.

Pima County's Conservation Acquisition Commission has recommended \$285 million on the next bond package vote and I support their recommendation.

I have resided in this county for over 40 years. I work and play in an area that has set a high standard for quality living. Going forward with a positive agenda promoting open space, eco-tourism and vibrant clean industry is a standard worth supporting.

I have been dedicating all my time for the last seven years to stopping the Rosemont Copper project. A plan will be formulated to acquire the Rosemont property and develop the Santa Rita Regional Park system.

Funds will be needed for a myriad of recreational sites and open space preservation. The voters of southern Arizona, and Pima County specifically have been very supportive of these bond packages. I urge you to support a fully funded bond package. The citizens of this county deserve no less.

Thank you.
Gregory C. Shinsky
Board of Directors
Save the Scenic Santa Ritas

Deseret Romero

From: Carol Shinsky <cashinsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 4:33 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Bond Program

Please count me as a voice in support of a fully funded open space bond program. Our Sonoran Desert is a rare and greatly endangered ecosystem. It is also the reason for the millions of dollars that tourism brings in to our county and local businesses. I applaud Pima County and the City of Tucson for past efforts to preserve our open spaces and the 2004 Open Space Bond Program that was overwhelmingly approved by voters shows that the majority of citizens are in support of these efforts.

There is so much more that needs to be done and I encourage this committee to fully fund the open space bond program so that Pima County continues to grow while preserving what makes this such an exceptional place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,
Carol Shinsky
15791 E. Hillton Ranch Road
Vail, Arizona 85641

June 13, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee members:

I am writing to urge the maximum bond funding for Habitat Protection Priorities and Community Open Space. The Pima County Conservation Acquisition Committee recommended \$285 million in bond funding to secure open space lands and I urge you to support that recommendation.

There are economic advantages to preserving open space and protecting natural areas. The November 2012 report by Headwaters Economics, *West is Best, How Public Lands in the West Create a Competitive Economic Advantage*, states "Entrepreneurs and talented workers are choosing to work where they can enjoy outdoor recreation and natural landscapes." Our county, state and federal protected lands are some of our most valuable assets.

In addition, open space lands provide climate change mitigation as the soils and plants absorb carbon every day. With Arizona heating up every year, maintaining a zone of protected open space land around the metropolitan area is very important.

A number of areas are high priority to purchase with bond funds. These include parcels in the Santa Catalina – Tortolita wildlife corridor, the Rosemont Ranch property, property adjacent to Catalina State Park, land in the Upper Santa Cruz river area and south Altar valley and the Painted Hills property. Timing is everything, and once a piece of land is bladed and degraded, it cannot be restored.

Pima County residents have a deep appreciation for the Sonoran Desert, the Sky Island mountain ranges, the river valleys and the oak woodlands that surround us. We vote for conservation time and again.

Again, I urge that the Committee adopt the recommendation of the Pima County Conservation Acquisition Committee and fully fund the \$285 million bond fund request.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mizell
Consultant
4225 E. Fairmount St.
Tucson, AZ 85712

Deseret Romero

From: john decoville <john_decoville@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 10:34 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Bond funds for Open Space preservation

Dear Bobnd Study committee:

What is up for preservation through purchase?

Are the potential lands listed on the County's website?

I intend to participate and would like to know the scope of this enterprise both for lands and for the marshalled financial resources.

Thank you very much,

John R. deCOVILLE
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Tucson, Arizona 85737

Larry Hecker
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Chairman
County Administrator's Office
130 West Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Dear Chairman Hecker,

My name is Laura Acosta and I am a 15 year resident of Sahuarita and a Commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Town of Sahuarita. I will be unable to attend the rescheduled Bond meeting as I will be out of town, however I did want to share my thoughts on the importance of using the bond funds (which my family voted for) to enhance the needs of our community.

I moved to Sahuarita when it was a population of 3,000, little did we know this town would explode with homes and population today of approximately 26,000. As a result, we have not been able to keep up with the needs of this community, especially in the Parks and Recreation area. We are in desperate need of lighted sports fields and enhancements of Quail Creek – Veterans Municipal Park and North Santa Cruz Park.

I have sat through numerous meeting with our community sports organizations in attendance complaining they do not have the appropriate fields to have their expanding organizations practice. It's a constant battle trying to accommodate all their needs, which unfortunately cannot be accommodated, due to lack of facilities.

I am an original member of the Commission and was actively involved in the needs of the expansion of Anamax Park. I must tell you that this community is in desperate need of the Anamax expansion, which includes a recreational swimming pool and indoor gymnasium.

As a Commissioner and resident I continue to receive many complaints and concerns from our residents about the lack of sports fields (lighted) and fitness and swimming pool. Due to the diversity of our community these amenities are greatly needed.

I thank you for your time and anticipate that our needs will be heard and supported.

Sincerely,


Laura Acosta
Town of Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Commissioner
17411 S. Camino Confianza
Sahuarita, Arizona 85629



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Larry Hecker, Chairman, and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Members:

Reid Park Zoological Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting, advocating for and enhancing the value of Reid Park Zoo for the community. We strongly support the Reid Park Zoo Hippo Exhibit which was submitted by the City of Tucson as one of Parks and Recreation Department's proposed projects. It is part of the updated Master Plan approved by Mayor and Council. This project meets the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee's established priorities.

Pima County residents make the most of the educational and recreational features of Reid Park Zoo. This project is vital to Pima County bond funding because it supports the high quality visitor and education experiences that our community deserves in its Zoo. It will reach a wide cross-section of the community and will provide educational experiences to children and adults of all ages as they learn about conservation and connect with wildlife.

The Reid Park Zoo and the Nile Hippo Exhibit is supported by the public in Pima County.

Reid Park Zoological Society has presented this project to the Zoo's constituents through multiple channels including e-mail, social media, website, print magazine, public meetings and individual meetings with potential donors. As we have participated in this process, we have received very supportive comments and pledges of support. Here are some statistics that demonstrate the public's support:

- Reid Park Zoo had a record over 607,000 visitors last year.
- Reid Park Zoological Society has over 12,000 member households representing approximately 75,000 members.
- Reid Park Zoo has over 20,000 followers on social media.
- Reid Park Zoo's website has up to 100,000 pageviews monthly.

Reid Park Zoo is enjoyed by residents throughout Pima County

Reid Park Zoo serves primarily Pima County although we also serve outlying areas such as Sierra Vista and Nogales. A survey of our membership households shows that 90% of our memberships are with Pima County residents with approximately two-thirds of those located within the limits of the City of Tucson and one-third outside City limits. School visits are from throughout Pima County including Marana, Oro Valley, Vail, and Sahuarita. Reid Park Zoo is truly a regional attraction.

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Reid Park Zoological Society is committed to leveraging bond funds to make this project a success

Reid Park Zoological Society has demonstrated success in fundraising for the Conservation Learning Center and Expedition Tanzania, the new elephant habitat, raising over \$7 million for these projects. The Society has a proven fundraising track record and has a dedicated board and professional staff backing the fundraising for this project. This combination of public funding and private funding from the Zoo's strong donor base will make this a success.



The capital campaign committee of the Reid Park Zoological Society has begun the development of case statements, meeting with potential major funders and development of timelines to be met for fundraising. A professional marketing campaign will be in place for the public phase which will bring the entire community across the County together to complete this exhibit. Bond funding will be key to make this happen.

Reid Park Zoo is a key resource for educators and students.

Over 24,000 students visited Reid Park Zoo as part of a field trip. Teachers take part in workshops learning how to use the Zoo as a science resource with grants offered to include a curriculum developed with teachers and a trip to the Zoo with hands-on learning experiences. The Nile Hippo exhibit will feature extensive educational exhibits to engage students to learn scientific skills in observation, science and conservation.

Our mission is conservation.

A key part of the Zoo's mission is to educate the public about conservation and sustainability. We set an example with our Conservation Learning Center, rated LEED platinum and our solar powered Elephant Center. As a part of the educational exhibits in the Nile Hippo exhibit, a key component will be conservation education both in the wild and what can be done at home.

The Hippo Exhibit is part of Reid Park Zoo's Updated Master Plan.

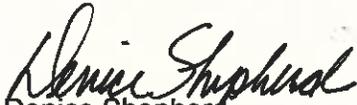
This is part of a carefully phased, planned capital improvement to continue to provide the best Zoo for Pima County. Located approximately where the old elephant exhibit was, this will be completed as one of the first phases along with the Animal Health Center for which we are seeking private funding. Construction will begin as Pima County Bond support and other resources are secured.

Support for Operations and Maintenance for a major exhibit.

The City of Tucson provides support for Operations and Maintenance. Increased attendance from a major exhibit such as this will provide a funding source. Reid Park Zoological Society will continue to provide support to meet Zoo goals through creative partnering.

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting new exhibit for the residents of Pima County.

Sincerely,


Denice Shepherd
Capital Campaign Chair


Nancy Schlegel
President

Deseret Romero

From: Sloane Haywood <sloane.haywood@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 6:12 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Bond Support

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

Dear Chairman Hecker,

I'm writing to advocate for a fully-funded open space bond program. This is a project that supports a higher-quality of life for all species.

Thank you for including my view in your decision.

Sincerely,
Sloane Haywood
707 S. 6th Ave
Tucson, AZ 85701

Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W Congress St., 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701
[electronic submission to bondinfo@pima.gov]

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I respectfully encourage you to support a fully funded open space bond program. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Rich and Diana Spiegel
Pima County Residents

Deseret Romero

From: Bettina Bickel <bbickel08@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 2:27 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Please protect Pima County open space

Larry Hecker, Chair

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

130 W Congress St., 10th Floor

Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

As a visitor to Pima County and someone who cares about the Sonoran desert and its unique wildlife, I believe Pima County's open space is one of its greatest assets and urge you to support a fully funded open space bond program, including the maximum funding for *Habitat Protection Priorities* and *Community Open Space*. Pima County residents support open space preservation. The 2004 Open Space Bond Program was approved by Pima County voters by an overwhelming 2-to-1 margin. The approval and diligent use of these funds has protected saguaro studded hillsides in the Tucson Mountains, canyon lands in the Tortolita Mountains, unique riparian lands near Cienega Creek and the Brawley Wash, desert grasslands in the southeast area of the County, the rolling hills of the Altar Valley, and much more.

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I respectfully encourage you to support a fully funded open space bond program.

Sincerely,
Bettina Bickel
9218 N. 51st Dr.
Glendale, AZ 85302

Deseret Romero

From: Bob Gilby <bgilby@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 6:47 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: I support a fully funded open space bond program

Larry Hecker, Chair

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

130 W Congress St., 10th Floor

Tucson, AZ 85701

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Sincerely,

Bob Gilby

Deseret Romero

From: Thomas Wiewandt <tom@wildhorizons.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 11:36 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Funding for the Open Space Bond Program

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

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

I'm pleased to live in a community that adamantly embraces the preservation of desert lands as open space. Please help us by backing a fully funded open space bond program, with maximum funding for Habitat Protection Priorities and Community Open Space. As you know, the Open Space Bond Program was enthusiastically approved by Pima Co. voters in 2004, and I'm impressed by how wisely these funds have been spent for habitat protection in our area. But this is not enough.

Vast tracts of biologically precious open space in Pima County remain unprotected; and pressures from population growth will continue to rise in the months/years ahead. The economy is recovering, and we must act NOW. Our county's Conservation Acquisition Commission, the key oversight group, has determined that \$285 million should be allocated in the next bond package to purchase unprotected habitat essential for the aesthetic and recreational integrity of our community and the well-being of native flora & fauna.

Some areas of critical importance are already "standing in line" for acquisition. These include open space in the Upper Santa Cruz and Southern Altar Valley Reserve, the completion of Santa Catalina-Tortolita wildlife corridor north of Oro Valley, the Rosemont ranch property, the Painted Hills tract between West Speedway and Anklam Rd., and an expansion for Catalina State Park. Yet, the total amount now included in the Community Open Space bond program is only \$10 million, a tiny share of what our current needs require.

We need a fully funded open space bond program. Waiting will make the necessary land acquisitions impossible or prohibitively expensive in the years ahead. Being proactive now will allow us to protect the quality of life that we enjoy in Pima County. Encouraging development will simply increase costly demands for better roads and public services. Our natural wonders enrich the lives of those of us who reside here and help to attract high caliber people and clean industries. And protecting open space will allow our nationally acclaimed Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan to fulfill its mission, e.g. to provide open space for our region's biodiversity, to provide wildlife corridors between important habitat areas, and to help manage our water resources wisely.

Please support a fully funded open space bond program.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas

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I respectfully encourage you to support a fully funded open space bond program.

Sincerely,
Mary Sheeley
Oro Valley, AZ

Thank you!

Deseret Romero

From: David P. Kelly <davidpkelly@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 3:05 PM
To: bondinfo
Cc: Carolyn Campbell
Subject: Saving open space

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

I am writing to request that you fully fund the open space bond program. I am well aware that money is tight and you have many people and causes tugging at your sleeves saying "Pick me! Pick me!" but I think that open space deserves first crack at the resources available.

All your other constituencies are worthy causes but the Sonoran desert habitat is the only one that will last forever. Buy it, preserve it, you're done. It'll never need to be repaved or renovated. The environment is also different from the others in that it is the only cause that cannot fund itself. The desert can't hold a bake sale.

But the desert does create money for others. I'm sure you're all aware of the studies that point out that a solid majority of all political factions support environmental preservation and protection.

We Arizonans, including newbies like myself, love our desert and its critters. So do seekers of recreation and solitude and hummingbirds who come from far and wide. And they bring money. Lots of it - which can help fund your other constituencies.

One recent study states that 91% of westerners believe that public lands are an essential part of their state's economy. So my plea is this - fund open space - preserve everything. The extremists will rant and rave but their children will thank you later. The rest of us will thank you now. So "Thank you" in advance.

The best thing about conserving the natural environment is that all we have to do is - not screw it up.

David P Kelly

**8201 E Placita Del Oso
Tucson, AZ, m 85750
520-722-1541**

June 12, 2013

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

Tucson Mountains Association strongly urges the Committee to support a fully funded open space bond program, including the maximum funding for *Habitat Protection Priorities* and *Community Open Space*.

As our region continues to grow, protection of open space becomes more urgent. Pima County's Conservation Acquisition Commission has recommended that **\$285 million** be allocated in the next bond package to purchase important habitat. We understand that this amount of funding may not be attainable in this upcoming bond, and that there are many competing needs for a \$600 million total bond package. However, it is clear that the need is substantial. Purchasing natural open space is always a smart investment: you only have to buy it once, and do not have to upgrade and renovate it every few years!

Tucson Mountains Association does substantial outreach to our more than 400 members on issues related to conservation and sustainable land use, and has been very active in helping to ensure passage of the bonds. As you know, the open space bond was the highest vote getter among General Obligation bonds in the 2004 bond election.

There are many areas that require protection. As the residents association of record in the Tucson Mountains, we are particularly concerned about protection of important riparian areas, wildlife habitat, and community open space, such as Painted Hills and expansion of Catalina State Park, and completion of the Santa Catalina-Tortolita wildlife corridor north of Oro Valley.

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Our community needs and deserves a fully funded open space bond program.

Preserving and protecting the fragile ecosystem of our Sonoran Desert is part of the mission of the Tucson Mountains Association, and is a value shared by the great majority of Pima County residents.

We respectfully encourage you to support a fully funded open space bond program.

Sincerely,

Ivy Schwartz
President, Tucson Mountains Association

Deseret Romero

From: Ken Bierman <kbierman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 2:50 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Bond Program

DATE: June 12, 2013

TO: Larry Hecker, Chair, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

FROM: Kenneth & JoAnn Bierman, 2926 N. Mountain Creek Way, Tucson AZ 85745-7004
Phone: 520-882-2708 Email: kbierman1@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

We support a fully funded open space bond program, including the maximum funding for Habitat Protection Priorities and Community Open Space. Tucson supports open space preservation as a high priority as demonstrated by the overwhelming passage of the 2004 Open Space Bond Program.

While much has been accomplished, so much more needs to be done. Protecting critical open space from development preserves the values of the Sonoran Desert that attract people and industries to our region and helps provide residents with quality lives.

We respectfully encourage you to support a fully funded open space bond program.

Sincerely,

Ken and JoAnn Bierman

Deseret Romero

From: keith kleber <kekleb@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 9:43 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Habitat Protection Priorities & Community Open Space

Larry Hecker, Chair
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W Congress St., 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701
[electronic submission to bondinfo@pima.gov]

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Sincerely,

Keith Kleber
8935 N Scenic Dr
Tucson, AZ 85743

Deseret Romero

From: Jan Johnson <jancntry@triconet.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 11:50 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Open Space Properties For Inclusion in Future Bond Package

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

Re: Open Space Properties For Inclusion in Future Bond Package

Dear Chair Hecker and Committee Members:

Your meeting, to be held June 14, 2013, is important for Pima County's future. One of the most important items is "Open Space"—parcels to surround our communities and be included within our County. This fact has already been shown by many comments of people who have come to reside in our County because of the "natural openness" due to preservation of "Open Space". That is from the Human level. The mute response is seen by the natural plants and vegetation and "critters" who live among us and are appreciated by most of our population. To keep the uniqueness of Pima County (as opposed to other densely populated areas), it is imperative to have "Open Space" throughout our County.

It is important to have fully funded the Open Space Bond Package that you have in your possession. The Pima County Conservation Acquisition Commission spent many hours choosing and putting together parcels from willing sellers that are important to preserve. The parcels that contain Habitat Protection along with Open Space that were chosen by the above CAC some time ago, would amount to approximately \$285 million, the amount of the Package mentioned above. Since that time, other parcels of land that WILL be very important to preserve for the benefit of Pima County are parcels in the Upper Santa Cruz and Southern Altar Valley, Santa Catalina/Tortolita Wildlife Corridor, Rosemont Ranch, Painted Hills, and possible expansion of Catalina State Park, a very valuable asset to Pima County.

Remember, "undeveloped land" does not require extensive or expensive public services and infrastructure. Also, having Open Space is critical to Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan.

It also helps with giving all of us some good drinking water.

Sincerely,

Jan Johnson
Chair, Pima County Parks and Recreation Commission
Vice-chair, Pima County Conservation Acquisition Commission

Larry Hecker, Chair
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Dear Mr. Hecker and Committee Members,

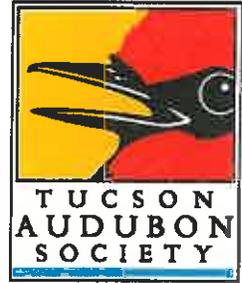
On behalf of Tucson Audubon, a 501(c)(3) non-profit established in Tucson in 1949 and representing around 5000 active supporters, we ask you to provide our community with a fully-funded Open Space Bond Program. We would like to see the maximum possible funding for *Habitat Protection Priorities* and *Community Open Space*.

As you know, our County's residents strongly support the preservation of open space, as evidenced by the fact that Pima County voters approved the 2004 Open Space Bond Program by a decisive margin of two to one. For Tucson Audubon, this has led to critical protection of riparian areas around Cienega Creek and the Brawley Wash, the desert grasslands to the southeast, the canyons of the Tortolitas, and those amazing saguaro vistas of the Tucson Mountains, to name just a few.

What is alarming is that so much more land needs protection. We know that as more areas come up for development, we lose more and more open space, the special nature of which attracts people here, and is an important part of the economic development that comes from wildlife recreation (details at end).

I understand that Pima County's Conservation Acquisition Commission, the body responsible for recommending purchases of open space, recommends that **\$285 million** be allocated in the next bond package to purchase important habitat.

- We need **\$80 million** to acquire important open space in the Upper Santa Cruz and Southern Altar Valley Reserve.
- We need **\$10 million** to complete the Santa Catalina-Tortolita wildlife corridor north of Oro Valley.
- The community intends to preserve the Rosemont ranch property, which sold for more than **\$20 million** in 2005



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- Important riparian areas, wildlife habitat, and community open space including Painted Hills (appraised value up to \$14 million) and an expansion for Catalina State Park need to be acquired.

I understand that the funds included in the *Community Open Space* bond program are just \$10 million. So Painted Hills could become the **only** community open space parcel that could be acquired over the next 10–15 years.

Pima County deserves a fully funded open space bond program because protecting open space from development is the only way to preserve the unique character of the Sonoran Desert that attracts people and industries to our region and provides residents with a certain quality of life.

We all know and understand that undeveloped land does not require expensive public services and infrastructure such as police, fire services, schools, utilities, and roads, and so protecting carefully planned and selected natural open spaces our community costs are reduced.

Open space under permanent protection is essential to many programs in our region, including the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, in which Tucson Audubon has been and remains a key player. Such preservation, as would be supported by the Open Space Bond Program, will retain threatened wildlife habitat, improve our region's biological diversity, provide linkages for several important species, and contribute to our economy.

New data reported this month in the new Arizona analysis of 2011 US Fish & Wildlife Service data, commissioned by Tucson Audubon, (*Economic Contributions of Wildlife Viewing to the Arizona Economy: A County-Level Analysis, Southwick Associates, June 2013*) reveal that wildlife recreation in Pima County, for which open space is an essential first component, had a total economic impact of \$215 million. It contributed more than \$14 million in local taxes, and supported nearly 2000 jobs in the county.

If we want to grow this sustainable Golden Goose, a fully funded open space bond program is worthy of your support.

Sincerely,



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To: Supervisor Bronson, Pima County Board of Supervisors;
Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee; and
Mr. Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator

Regarding: Proposed Bond Project -- Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project (PR 262)

We are writing today to urge your continued support of the Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project (PR 262) as an integral component of the next Pima County bond proposal. This project is a unique and valuable public works project for our region that integrates flood control measures with environmental restoration. The project would occur on and adjacent to Pima County Conservation Land System holdings that are critical for meeting the needs of both the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP) and the Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP).

The Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project (PR 262) would develop a comprehensive watershed restoration plan, and provide start-up construction funding, for restoration of the highly eroded Altar Wash. The project area encompasses the headwaters of the Altar Watershed, just north of the border near Sasabe, Arizona, and heads north about 45 miles to the intersection of the Altar Wash and Highway 86 (Ajo Highway), just west of Three Points. The Altar Wash and many of its tributaries are deeply incised in numerous areas, such that the flood plain has been lost or degraded. Water thus races downstream, carrying soil and water resources to locations where they become a nuisance, rather than holding them farther upstream where they are a vital resource. The general purpose of this project is to begin rebuilding the natural floodplain characteristics of the Altar Wash watershed to maximize watershed stability and wildlife habitat potential in the headwaters of this river system. This upstream watershed work will decrease the intensity and volume of downstream water flows and associated flood potential in developed areas such as Marana, where the Altar /Avra drainages join the Santa Cruz River.

Altar Valley landowners and public partners have championed this project concept dating back to the 1970s. Several phases of planning and attempts to gather funding have occurred over the years. Many partners have become involved, including the US Natural Resources Conservation Service, Arizona Department of Transportation and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Tackling the restoration of the main stem of the Altar Wash will be complex and expensive. To date, the right combination of stable funding and institutional commitment have not aligned. PR 262 was designed by Pima County Regional Flood Control District (RFCDD) and Pima County Natural Resources Parks and Recreation (NRPR) specifically to remedy this situation. The aim is to accomplish state-of-the-art restoration planning, analysis and permitting necessary to launch the project, and then have construction funding available to begin work and leverage other funding sources.