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Ms. Nanette Slusser
Assistant County Administrator
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Subject: Letter of Support for the Central Arizona Project (CAP)/Pima County National Recreation Trail Project (Project) (Your email dated April 22, 2014) – Recreational Land Use Agreement (Agreement) Between the United States Department of the Interior and Pima County, Arizona (County) – Contract No. 6-07-30-L0243

Dear Ms. Slusser:

This letter is to communicate the Bureau of Reclamation's support for the subject Project. Reclamation has been working with the County on public recreation development associated with the CAP since May 1986 and will continue to support these efforts as authorized by the subject Agreement.

As noted in the Agreement, it is the intention of both parties to pursue cost sharing for future trail-related development. The County and Reclamation have agreed to a 50-50 cost sharing arrangement for the construction of additional features related to the development of the trail system, subject to the availability of funds and Reclamation's final approval of each item and/or project as requested by the County. While appropriated funds are not currently available for future development, we do support the Project and look forward to continuing our partnership in public recreation development if funding becomes available.

We want to thank you for your continued effort to provide excellent public recreation facilities like this trail system and we look forward to working with you on this Project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard Mellegard at 623-773-6275.

Sincerely,

Randy N. Chandler
Area Manager

cc: Ms. Sandi Garrett, Project Manager, Project Management Office, Pima County Public Works Building, 2nd Floor, 201 North Stone, Tucson, AZ 85701
Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Supervisor, Lands and Records, Central Arizona Water Conservation District, P.O. Box 43020, Phoenix, AZ 85080-3020



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April 24, 2014

Chuck Huckelberry
Pima County Administrator
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RE: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

Pima Trails Association supports:

PR 278 River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide
PR 281 Public Natural Park Trailheads
CAP Trail Program

These are much needed additions to outdoor recreational opportunities and will encourage economic growth.

Sincerely,

Sue Clark, President

Deseret Romero

From: Ireneene Mall <jpconda@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 7:03 PM
To: bondinfo; Nicolefyffe@pima.gov
Subject: Softball fields in Tucson

We are emailing for your support on a bond proposal PR 277. Speaking from experience the softball journey for our family consisted of more time in Phoenix and Southern California than in our hometown of Tucson. Preferably more of our time would have been spent in Tucson rather than on the interstates.

The facilities in Tucson have long been considered a joke from softball organizations in Phoenix as well as Southern California and not worth the time, effort or drive. The nicest parks, facilities, amenities all reside to the North in Phoenix as Maricopa county seems to have a way of garnering state funds for many of these facilities, girls as well as boys. We have sons, and can attest to the lack of baseball fields to accommodate major tournaments that also showcases our city and benefits local business as well.

Lastly, Tucson has a team on the University campus that is historically the best in the country. UA softball, with the help of their coaching staff and their players generate a tremendous amount of softball interest, promoting and giving back to the sport. Year in and year out girls softball outpaces all other sports in college scholarships. Our daughter as well as many of her friends have benefited.

Thank you for your time and please help to continue and grow this fine tradition with your support.

Sincerely John and Peggy Mall

John Mall
1800GOTJUNK?

Peggy Mall
1800GOTJUNK?

Deseret Romero

From: Martinez, Michaelle <michaelle.martinez@morganstanley.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 3:13 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: PR277

This is to confirm that I am in favor of PR 277!

Thank you

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Deseret Romero

From: Jamie Worden <jamie_worden@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 10:34 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: I'm favor of PR 277

I would like to express to you my feelings on the proposal for additional softball fields at Riverfront park and Sports Park. I believe that softball is another opportunity to keep our kids busy and valued.

- many of our youth have moved on to play college ball therefore using softball as a way to further their education
- we are in dire need of more practice fields
- giving Sportspark a total of 8 fields would allow for larger tournaments and would pull the Phoenix teams down to Tucson as it is on the North side of Tucson and next to I-10
- larger tournaments boost economic growth to our city (hotel rooms, restaurants, gas stations)
- Sportspark looks inviting from the freeway and is a great way to showcase our city (instead of the typical train cars next to the freeway)

Thank you,
Jamie Worden
Pima County resident
Sent from my iPhone

Deseret Romero

From: Emily Erickson <emilysuefit@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 10:17 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe; bondinfo
Subject: I support PR 226 Sportspark and 3 more at Riverfront

To whom it may concern,

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Respectfully,

Emily Erickson

Deseret Romero

From: Sean Spencer <scs1918@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 10:00 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: support for pr 277

Hi,

I would like to support pr277.

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Thanks,
Sean Spencer

Deseret Romero

From: Veronica Morris <vmorris24@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 11:49 AM
To: bondinfo; Nicole Fyffe
Subject: PR277

The addition of 5 fields to northwest side of Tucson will benefit not only the young girls of our community but business owners in the community as well.

Softball is sport that can be played year round in Tucson, and is by many young women in Tucson. It provides young ladies with a structured environment were they learn many skills that will help them be productive citizens in our communities for the rest of their lives. They learn to be confident, what it means to work hard, how to become a leader and what it takes to be a member of a team. Numerous young women from our community have been fortunate and successful enough with softball to earn scholarships to college, thereby providing them with a means to finance the ever burdening cost of higher education. As they go on to play in college these young women become role models that the younger girls in our community look up to. More often than not they comeback to the community to coach or mentor their young fans.

Three additional fields at Riverfront Park would provide not only a venue that would allow Riverfront Park to be used for tournaments, but also much needed additional practice fields. Riverfront Park is home to Oro Valley Baja Fastpitch, which has one of the largest Baja leagues in Tucson, but struggles to support all those teams. Two additional fields at Sportspark would help with additional practice fields for teams in Tucson, as well as provide a larger tournament venue that could help draw Phoenix teams down to Tucson for more tournaments. Without facilities that can support large tournaments in Tucson, most club softball teams in Tucson travel to Phoenix and spend money on hotels and restaurants in the Phoenix area. If Sportspark could support larger tournaments, with more teams we could draw Phoenix teams down and capitalize on income these teams would spend in hotels and restaurants.

This is a win-win for the Tucson community!

Respectfully,
Veronica Morris

To the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

My name is Mike Sitzman. I am writing on behalf of my wife, Diana and my family, as well as on behalf of the many in the softball community who are unable to attend your April 25 public hearing, but would like to be heard.

We have been a Tucson softball family since my daughter Kaity was 8 years old. She grew up playing softball all over Tucson, primarily at Sports Park. I remember ASA State Championships being played at Sports Park, to earn a spot at ASA Nationals. Teams traveled from all over Arizona to play in ASA, Triple Crown and USSSA Softball tournaments at Sports Park and other venues. Tucson was a hotbed for softball; Sports Park was its home.

Over time however, the big tournaments began to migrate. We really never understood why. Suddenly Phoenix captured all the big tournaments mentioned previously, as well as the regular season ASA, USSSA and Triple Crown Tournaments.

Venues such as the Rose Mofford Softball complex in Phoenix were built and suddenly it was not just our State Tournaments being held there, but ASA Western Nationals and other very high profile tournaments were played there. Over time, out of state teams from California, Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico were playing in the Phoenix area tournaments.

It seemed as though we traveled to Phoenix twice a month to play, because we wanted to play the best competition. Playing the best competition paid off. Many Tucson girls and Tucson teams migrated to play primarily in the Phoenix and California tournaments. College coaches came to watch these young ladies play softball at a very high level. Many earned softball scholarships which allowed them to attend great universities. There is a long list of young ladies from Tucson who have earned scholarships and have graduated and have become productive, motivated, future leaders in our society.

My daughter is 22 years old now. She is a senior pitcher for Villanova University, near Philadelphia. If not for softball, and her early days playing in Tucson, Kaity would never have had the chance to attend a University like Villanova and experience the life of a collegiate softball player. We would have been thrilled to play more in Tucson as she reached high school age, but ended up having to play elsewhere.

If Pima County can expand Sports Park to 8 (or more) fields, we have a chance to become the hotbed of youth softball that we once were. This means not only more opportunities for the girls, especially those girls whose families cannot afford to travel out of town to be seen by college scouts, but tournaments attract out of town players, which means more significant dollars spent in Tucson and Pima County.

The youth softball community approves PR277 for the future of Tucson softball, which will open many doors for the young softball players from our area and the surrounding communities in Sierra Vista, Sahuarita, Marana and Casa Grande. PR277 will also have a positive financial

impact in our area. Statistics show that softball players are accompanied by parents, grandparents and siblings. If PR277 is approved, Sports Park will be able to host regional and national tournaments, giving the traveling families and players the opportunity to visit Pima County with all its attractions, to fill up our hotels and restaurants and to support the many local businesses in our community. On behalf of the youth softball families, I respectfully request your committee to approve PR277, Pima County Softball Tournament and Recreation Park – Sports Park.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Deseret Romero

From: Arneson Billie <bdarneson@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 2:42 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Bond Issue PR277

To Ms. Fyffe/Pima County,

I am sending this email in regards to PR 277 and the effect it will have on so many young girls in the greater Tucson area (and beyond.)

My granddaughter is ten years old and is in her 6th season of playing softball for Oro Valley Fast Pitch. Children in these young years sometimes changes their minds so quickly it is hard to keep up, but the one thing my granddaughter has not deterred from since she was five years old is her love of softball. She has made many friends and been blessed with some of the best coaches/ mentors in the Tucson area through playing softball. We are proud of our association with Oro Valley Fast Pitch and the impact it has on our community. The addition of three fields would be not a benefit to our granddaughter and all of the current OVFPs players, but would impact generations of softball players to come.

Living in Tucson, a softball town, it is hard not to know the name Mike Candrea. We are long time supporters of the U of A softball team and follow them (literally) all over the country. We have to been many games over the years and personally seen the effect that sports has on girls and the long term benefits it provides girls as they grow into adulthood. The girls Mike recruits are not only star athletes, but top academic students and community-minded contributors. We personally experienced the caliber of players recruited at the U of A last summer when our granddaughter attended Mike's camp for four days. The players who were counselors at the camp were fabulous and engaged in helping a new generation of players become their very best. They were not just a camp for because it was a job, they were there because they love the sport and want to help others.

Sports give children and girls especially the confidence to take on challenges in life they might otherwise shy away from and for that reason, any additional resources we can provide is critical to the growth of our young girls.

There have been many studies over the years of the effects of extra curricular activities have on children, but I think with the current state of health in our country, sports are more important than ever. Our children need physical activity and adding fields gives our leagues the opportunity to give even more children the ability to play the wonderful sport of softball.

Tucson softball leagues continue to produce some of the best players in the country which provides the girls an opportunity to go to college on scholarships that is even more important in today's economic condition. Many of these collegiate players go on to coach at various levels in softball giving back to the sport that gave to them and providing a new generation with amazing opportunities.

Currently we have two fields at Riverfront but we are in dire need of more to provide the league(s) with practice fields so that we can field more teams and provide more instruction time.

The addition of fields at the Sportspark would not only allow for more playing space for Tucson teams, it would also give Tucson the ability to host larger tournaments (including teams from Phoenix) which is not only beneficial to our girls but to the greater Tucson area. It is on the North side of town which makes it closer for Phoenix teams to access and gives such an economic boost to the surrounding hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

This PR is critical to the future success of our young girls in Tucson and therefore needs to be a top priority in Pima County.

Sincerely,

DuWayne and Billie Arneson

Dear Pima County Bond Committee,

Please Support the *Sunshine Mile Commercial District Corridor* bond item.

Not only is Broadway Boulevard an important corridor and gateway to Downtown-Tucson it is a Mid-Century Marvel. This corridor is in desperate need of reinvestment.



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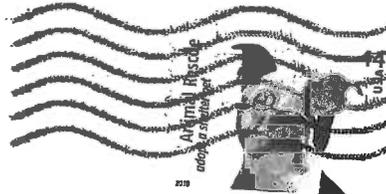
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