

May 14, 2014

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

RE: Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements

Dear Chairman Hecker and Committee Members,

The purpose of the Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (AZ ASLA) is, in part, to advocate for the advancement of landscape architecture as an instrument of service in the public welfare. There is much to recommend the proposal provided by the Living Streets Alliance, and I believe the resulting project will support the goals of AZ ASLA.

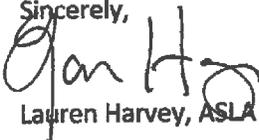
In the key areas of sustainability, climate change, and the environment an enhanced pedestrian component of the local transportation infrastructure promotes a less car centered culture which, in turn, lowers harmful emissions and minimizes new roadway construction thus reducing the Urban Heat Island Effect. Jurisdictions that invest in this type of green infrastructure will lead the country as we all come to terms with climate change.

As younger generations gravitate towards urban centers that offer not only employment but a high quality of life, they are likely to choose a living environment that includes healthful pedestrian routes to employers, and interesting public spaces including inviting streetscapes. Cities and counties that embrace these needs will be more likely to attract and retain a highly skilled work force and major employers.

In reviewing the proposal made by the Living Streets Alliance, it is clear this organization has consulted with the jurisdictions within Pima County addressing their specific concerns. Additionally, Living Streets Alliance focused on the highest unmet needs within our multi-modal transportation system and has tailored a competitive request for consideration by the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee.

As the Southern Section Chair of the Arizona Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, I offer my full support for Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements.

Sincerely,



Lauren Harvey, ASLA

Deseret Romero

From: Deseret Romero
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 2:42 PM
Subject: May 16th Bond Advisory Committee Meeting Materials Additions

Good Afternoon,

Please see the link below for the complete May 16th Bond Advisory Committee meeting materials. Recent additions have been the presentations and additional comments received. Please let me know if you have any questions.

<http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=88415>

**Please note that Pima County Superior Court has withdrawn their request for \$4.7 million in bond funding for the Superior Court 9th Floor Renovation project, and the Pima County Sheriff's Department has withdrawn their request for \$5 million in bond funding for Sheriff District Substations System Efficiencies and Upgrades.

Thank you,
Deseret Romero
County Administrator's Office
130 West Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701
(520) 724-8450

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 1:43 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-05-14 01:41 PM Submission Notification

From: notification@pima.gov [mailto:notification@pima.gov]
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City	Tucson
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State	AZ
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Zipcode	85711
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Message Subject	SUPPORT FOR LIVING STREETS ALLIANCE PROPOSAL
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Comment	I SUPPORT the Living Streets Alliance proposal to get money in the next Pima County Bond earmarked for much-needed pedestrian improvements in our region.
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Response requested	Yes
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
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To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-05-14 07:41 PM Submission Notification

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City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85710

Message Subject Pedestrian Improvements

First I want to thank Pima County for even thinking about pedestrian safety. We have lived other communities and they are not very kind to their pedestrians! Second, I support the efforts of the Living Streets Alliance to get Pima County Bond money earmarked for **Comment** much-needed pedestrian improvements in our region. It looks like Pima is sensitive on current projects to pedestrian and bicycle safety needs. That is a wonderful thing. I support similar measures going forward. Thank you for your interest in pedestrian safety. Ted Bahn

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

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Name	Value
First Name	carolyn
Last Name	Farley
Email	cfarley981@gmail.com
Address	1231 W Pelaa
City	
State	AZ
Zipcode	85705

Message Subject pedestrians

Comment Someone should talk to the schools about kids who cross the street in the middle of the street. There should be light at the corner of Roger and Fairview. The green arrow should come on EVERYONE time not just once in awhile. People who cross in the middle of the street should get a citation.

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 9:31 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-05-14 11:22 PM Submission Notification

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First Name	Colby
Last Name	Henley
Email	psalm116@gmail.com
Address	1140 E. 10th Street
City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85719

Message Subject Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements

Chairman and Members Pima County Bond Advisory Committee c/o Pima County Administrator's Office 130 W Congress Street Tucson AZ 85701 Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association (RHNA) would like express our whole-hearted support for the updated Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements proposal. We recognize that livability within our neighborhood is increasingly tied to walkability. While RHNA is home to a large number of University of Arizona students who walk to and from campus each day, we are also working hard to create a place where long-term residents can maintain active and connected lives for many years to come. Additionally, we view the proposed Pedestrian Safety & Comfort bond funds as an investment in our community with a potential for substantial increase in property values and economic return to the taxpayers. We are already witnessing realtors highlighting Walk Scores in their property advertisements and additional investments will further promote this trend. Sincerely, Colby Henley 1140 E. 10th Street President Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association

Response requested No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 9:30 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-05-15 08:50 AM Submission Notification

-Nicole

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Name	Value
First Name	Erika
Last Name	Roush
Email	info@tfssolar.com
Address	
City	
State	AZ
Zipcode	
Message Subject	LSA bond request
Comment	I am writing in support of the bond funding request from Living Streets Alliance. Providing safe places for residents to walk is a basic responsibility of any jurisdiction and highly requested task as evidenced by the popularity in the bond funding survey. Thank you for approving the reduced bond request of \$25,000. Erika Roush
Response requested	Yes
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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
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To: Deseret Romero
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Reply-To: <Aimoid27@gmail.com>

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Last Name	Snyder
Email	Aimoid27@gmail.com
Address	
City	
State	AZ
Zipcode	

Message Subject Pedestrian Bond

Comment Please support the Living Streets Alliance's pedestrian bond. I want a more safe and walkable community.

Response requested Yes

Referred_Page <http://www.livingstreetsalliance.org/2014/05/take-a-stand-for-pedestrian-safety/>

Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
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To: Deseret Romero
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Last Name	Nason
Email	mrsnasoni@aol.com
Address	1241 WEST ROGER ROAD
City	TUCSON
State	AZ
Zipcode	85705

Message Subject pedestrian improvements"

Comment This neighborhood is getting better. We now have a community that is growing and improving. Residents started to get involved. The county has improved. Wetmore Avenue and other streets and it has made a big difference. There are many seniors that live in this neighborhood that do a lot of shopping. This area is perfect for promoting walking and bike riding. It is a lower economic walk in our neighborhood than in the foothills and we get ignored!

Response requested Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona



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May 13, 2014

Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator's Office
130 W Congress Street
Tucson AZ 85701

Subject: Pedestrian Safety and Comfort Bond Proposal

Chairman and Members:

The Primavera Foundation strongly supports the Living Streets Alliance request to include \$25,000,000 in bond funds for pedestrian capital improvements in the region.

The Primavera Foundation provides pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development and neighborhood revitalization. Every year Primavera works with approximately 7,500 participants who are low-income, very low-income and/or homeless. Most of our participants rely on public transportation, bicycles and walking to get themselves around the city to jobs, school, doctor appointments, to see family and friends, etc. Although our region has made many improvements in the area of alternative modes of transportation, many of our neighborhoods and roads are designed to put vehicle traffic first. Primavera believes that the requested \$25,000,000 in bond funds will go a long way in protecting our current citizen pedestrians and encouraging others to get out and walk for their health and the environment.

We also support the Living Streets Alliance's proposal to strengthen and support already existing programs and initiatives in the region that work to integrate pedestrian improvements, like Pima County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program.

If you have any questions about our support for this bond funding, please contact me at pchurchison@primavera.org or 520/882-5383. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peggy Hutchison
Chief Executive Officer
CC: Chuck Huckelberry, Pima County Administrator



May 12, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Nicole Fyffe
130 W. Congress, 10th floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: Full \$30 Million Neighborhood Reinvestment Funding

Dear Bond Advisory Committee members:

As past President of a neighborhood that received a Neighborhood Reinvestment (NR) Grant, I urge you to include the full \$30 million funding requested for NR in the next bond package.

Unique program: The NR program provides capital improvements to socioeconomically stressed neighborhoods that otherwise would be unable to upgrade their infrastructure. These are neighborhoods that cannot create improvement districts, due to the low income and/or transient nature of their residents. Other sources of state and local funding, such as ADOT Transportation Enhancement grants, City of Tucson Back-to-Basics grants, and PRO Neighborhoods grants, are no longer available. The few remaining sources of funding generally require a successful submittal to a national competition. These grants are difficult to obtain, if the neighborhood does not have a professional grant-writer to craft the proposal and a professional fiduciary to manage the funds. It is unrealistic to expect a high-stress neighborhood to have these resources. In contrast, NR grant proposals are crafted as an interactive process facilitated by NR program staff, and post-award regulatory compliance is handled by the jurisdiction in which the project is located. Barriers to success are eliminated, and economic justice is served.

Public safety enhanced by the NR program – a success story: Feldman's Neighborhood, located NW of the University of Arizona Main Campus, has high pedestrian traffic. It is also the site of several pedestrian and cyclist fatalities, including the deaths of Trevor Lee, age 4, and Kory Laos, age 14. A major contributing factor was our broken and discontinuous sidewalks, dating back to 1938. This caused pedestrians to walk in the street, competing with cyclists and motorists. With a median household income of \$21,815 and home ownership below 23%, the neighborhood was unable to create an improvement district to repair our sidewalks. We received a \$500,000 NR grant in 2005 and used the funding to repair and install sidewalks. (Note that NR grants are the only funding source that covers sidewalk repair.) When the sidewalks were completed in 2008, neighbors immediately started using them. We haven't had a fatality since.

Thank you for your consideration of full \$30 million funding for Neighborhood Reinvestment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Lett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Diana Lett
Chair, Neighborhood Preservation Committee
Feldman's Neighborhood Association
1309. N. 1st Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719-4004