

## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** Robert Sorre  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 01, 2013 2:09 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District3; DIST2; District1; District5; District4  
**Cc:** Gabrielle David  
**Subject:** Ajo Dump Fee Proposal

Board of Supervisors, Pima County

I request that this email be included with and attached to the documentation of the Ajo dump, its transmission to a private contractor, the setting of fees, and any other discussion of the dump's future.

I am Robert Sorrels. I live in Ajo. I own property, am a small businessman and entrepreneur, and obviously pay taxes. I also vote and do not forget.

While I can only speak for myself, the following points have been widely discussed, and there is general agreement among the large number of people with whom I've spoken.

Most accept a charge for waste disposal. None like it, but most don't want higher taxes. Nearly all Ajo citizens are furious at how DEQ has acted without any knowledge of, or consideration for Western Pima County.

Any increased cost will result in illegal dumping. Mr. Eaker's - DEQ deputy director - unsupported assertion that the Ryan Field area is like western Pima County isn't based on fact. It is absurd and patently false. Even the simplest examination of land ownership patterns, social and economic status, and the ethnic make-up of the two areas demonstrates how different they are.

Suggested fee policy (for the Ajo dump)

No charge to only recycle.

It is in everyone's best interest to divert as much material from the waste stream as possible. Yard trimming should not be treated as garbage. It should be chipped or ground up and the resulting compost made available to the community (probably for a small fee).

The initial fee is too high. Start at \$3.00 with \$1.50 yearly increments. An initial five dollar fee will deter a significant number of residents producing illegal dumping.

A flat fee per vehicle is utterly unfair. I arrive with a 1/2 ton pick-up full of trash and pay the same as an elderly couple with 4 bags of household waste in their trunk. If a truck is charged \$3.00, then a car should be charged \$2.00.

The Board should direct DEQ to liaison with Ajo Unified School to help create a recycling curriculum at the primary school level. Few things can effect family change more than a zealous 8-year old.

Thank you,

Robert Sorrels

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"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

Michael Lee McCoy, Nancy Joan McCoy

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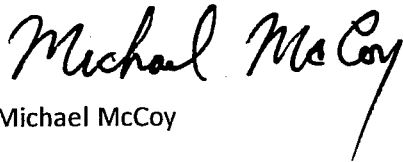
Re: Proposed Siting of a Solid Waste Transfer Station in Ajo:

Please relay this message to the Board that we and most of our neighbors here in Ajo are seriously opposed to placing a proposed Solid Waster Transfer Station in Ajo anywhere adjacent to established residential communities.

Any site near the Pima County Transportation Yard would endanger nearby homes with noise, traffic, dust, glare, security problems, odors, vermin and other hazards and would negatively impact home values.

Please reconsider this proposal and act only to place the Transfer Station considerably further out of town such as at the existing landfill or on county land away from the community.

If there are any questions please contact the above parties. Thank you.



Michael McCoy

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