

From: [Rachael Wolf](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: NO TO MONSANTO!!
Date: November 18, 2016 11:59:42 AM

OPPOSE PROJECT CORN! SAY NO TO MONSANTO!

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From: [Frank Bianco](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: No Project Corn
Date: November 18, 2016 12:40:24 PM

I oppose project corn. Monsanto is a threat to our water, soil, food. Please vote against incentives or other benefits for Monsanto. I support tax breaks for local farmers, not giant chemical and biotech corporations. The proposed tax incentives have nothing to do with job creation. 40 jobs is not an economic stimulus, and their work will threaten our designation as a Unesco City of Gastronomy. Thank you.

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From: [Maya Rena Stahl](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Objection to Monsanto Tax Deal
Date: November 18, 2016 11:57:30 AM

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Tucson resident, and I ask you to please oppose the measure that would give Monsanto a free-trade-zone designation in Pima County. Monsanto has wrought environmental damage throughout the country, and we have no reason to believe their actions in Pima County would be different.

Our land is valuable, as is our integrity as a gastronomically diverse and environmentally aware desert city.

Sincerely,

Maya Stahl
Concerned Tucson resident

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From: [Kathy Babcock](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Oppose Monsanto
Date: November 18, 2016 12:16:56 PM

Please vote against tax incentives that will welcome a toxic company into the midst of our fragile farmland. Please honor the effort that is going into local food sustainability and organic farming.

We do NOT need Monsanto in our area. Please vote NO.

Kathy Babcock




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From: [Trey Cizek](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Statement in Opposition to Monsanto Deal ("Project Corn")
Date: November 18, 2016 1:01:26 PM
Attachments: [Say No to Project Corn.pdf](#)

To the Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors

I will be unable to attend the open meeting on Tuesday, but would like to submit the attached written testimony in opposition to the Monsanto foreign trade zone package which is slated for the November 22nd Agenda. Please forward this to the members of the Board for their consideration in advance of Tuesday's meeting.

- Edward Cizek

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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

This is Edward Cizek, local political activist, past and future candidate for office, and frequent speaker at the Board. According to the published agenda released by the Clerk, the Board will be voting at their open meeting on November 22 on a deal to provide foreign trade zone status and corresponding preferential tax treatment to farming operations proposed by Monsanto in the Marana area. I spoke against this deal and similar Public-Private Partnership (3P) deals at the most recent Board meeting on October 18th. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the meetings to raise additional concerns about this deal at the upcoming meetings. Nonetheless, I wanted to provide a couple of criticisms of this and other 3P deals from an economic perspective which are unlikely to be covered by public comments, which I imagine will focus on anti-GMO stances (some of which I agree with, some of which I do not) and environmental criticisms of Monsanto in particular.

One aspect of 3P and incentive deals concerns the concept of the Winner's Curse as studied in auction theory. In common value auctions with incomplete information, a naïve bidder who is unaware of this phenomenon will have a tendency to overpay for the auction and do worse than if he or she had not participated in the first place. In deals such as this where large corporations are shopping around for the best incentive packages, as was the case with many similar deals, the city which ultimately wins the contract is typically the one which places the highest value on the deal, and as such, is likely to overbid relative to the true underlying value to the city or other locality. While jobs may ultimately be created as a result of such a deal, the costs to taxpayers may ultimately not justify the jobs created, and use of taxpayer money may be better allocated toward other ends. In her ultimately unsuccessful bid, Supervisor Candidate Kim DeMarco had suggested that road maintenance was a more effective use of county tax dollars rather than maintaining the current top-down 3P-driven model of economic growth. Though I may come from the opposite side of the spectrum politically, I believe that this assessment is largely correct, and that the board should heed those criticisms. Unfortunately, for political reasons, I suspect that the board may fail to do so.

Another problem is the distortionary impact that 3P deals have with regard to local businesses. The model of growth I subscribe to, and which I would like to see the board implement going forward, is one centered on amenities provision and fostering of small-business growth and creation. I believe that government's role in economic development should be focused on providing a livable community and suitable amenities – good roads, good schools, adequate access to affordable housing, and a clean environment. The majority of new job creation comes from small- and medium-sized businesses, and these 3P deals rarely create jobs; instead, they merely relocate jobs in a race-to-the-bottom which benefits none but the corporations and their shareholders & executives. Indeed, 3P projects with large corporations put small local businesses at a competitive disadvantage, as they need pay additional taxes which these large corporate entities are being excused from, whether through tax breaks or through direct taxpayer giveaways in exchange for their relocation. In the long-run, these programs may ultimately be on-net detrimental to Tucson and to Pima County, as local business growth is stifled, and monies which would otherwise remain in the community are instead expropriated to outside entities.

While the net benefits of trade and comparative advantage are nearly universally accepted within the economics literature, Pima County is likely to be a long-run net-loser in this deal, given the relatively few jobs which will be created, the limited community investment which will follow, and the very real costs which the county will have to contend with in order to support this and similar deals. Hold-up considerations are very real given the structure of the proposed investment, as well, and for all of these reasons, I continue to contend that, given the county's budgetary limitations, such a deal ought to be rejected.


Please vote NO on 'Project Corn' at the Board's meeting on November 22nd. There will be many of us watching all of the supervisors' votes on this deal, and we will be casting our votes in 2020 accordingly.

- Edward Cizek


From: [Vera Lander](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Fwd: I urge you to oppose Project Corn
Date: November 18, 2016 3:10:53 PM

See above.

Living in the Light

Vera Lander


----- Forwarded message -----

From: Vera Lander 
Date: Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 2:48 PM
Subject: I urge you to oppose Project Corn
To: cob.mail@pima.gov

Dear Pima County Supervisors and County Administrator,

This Monsanto deal highlights the total disregard for Pima County (and beyond) citizens that you are elected to safeguard and improve our quality of life.

With this secretly arranged "sell-out" to Monsanto, the ultimate level of corruption and self-serving actions among our "public servants" is revealed.

It is documented that Monsanto's experimental crops and the experimental chemicals used on them pose a public health threat to the air, soil, water, and all the people in surrounding areas.

Don't use our tax dollars to give incentives, especially when there is no guarantee that Monsanto will keep any promises and will lie to get it's fingers into the local community economy and then do whatever was in their plan to begin with.

We community members insist on the opportunity to raise our objections/questions and concerns directly with representatives of Monsanto BEFORE any deal is completed that will use

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*our tax revenue to knowingly endanger the lives of every life form
in the valley.*

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Vera Lander



From: [Harris Kendall](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: I OPPOSE PROJECT CORN
Date: November 18, 2016 3:32:10 PM

I oppose Monsanto's greenhouse, Project Corn, because it is so short sighted when Tucson is developing such a branding and identity as a sustainable farming leader and food mecca. How can it be that \$150,000 yearly, a huge reduction in the monies in fact that Marana would be due - and divided up between many entities - would rationalize poisoning the clean farming communities, land, air, and water that serves Marana AND Tucson???. This is a huge error that cannot be undone if it happens. The greenhouse is not containable by nature and the testing would go on in fields as well. Monsanto's name alone is enough to taint the reputation of Tucson. Please consider the damage and for little income and so few jobs. It's unfathomably short sighted.

Thank you for your attention.
Harris Kendall

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