From: Susan Avery
To: COB mail
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 1:12:39 PM

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1. **I am strongly** opposed to any tax incentive offered to Monsanto without a thorough vetting process and without input from the public. This issue is so vital to the future well-being of Pima County and our UNESCO City of Gastronomy.
2. In case you haven't already figured this out, people move to Marana because of the surrounding natural beauty of the environment. Had I known there was a Monsanto facility in the works, I would NOT have purchased a home here. Do not offer them tax credits. Hello! How stupid are you? I will sell my house and move out of Marana if you offer them tax credits.
3. Monsanto's presence brings far more harm with very little economic gain. Do you not know this?
4. Susan Avery

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From: [redacted]
To: COB_mail
Subject: Monsanto letter addendum
Date: November 21, 2016 1:08:27 PM
Attachments: sift_close-to-home.pdf

Please read and consider the attached article (Sift Magazine Fall 2016) before you vote: An example of a farmer making a difference locally **without** subsidies.

Also, please read about local Tucson baker Don Guerra to see how he works with local businesses for the benefit of many - including schools! http://barriobread.com/

If we want to honor our City of Gastronomy designation, supporting Monsanto is counterintuitive.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wiener

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Keeping It Close to Home

A fresh look at farming brings better baking to the neighborhood

written by jeff yankellow • photographed by julia a. reed

This is a story about an American farmer and his wife, but it's not a story about farming. It's a story about the couple's efforts to change the status quo, and the good things that happened in their community as a result.

Tom and Sue Hunton own Camus Country Mill in Eugene, Oregon. Their mill is changing the way grains have been handled in their region: they're forging new ground, and leading the way for others around the country.

Until the last decade, grains in this part of Oregon were nothing more than a rotational planting, grown to break the cycle of disease of more profitable crops. In an age where consumers want to know more about where their food comes from, especially produce and proteins, grain was largely disregarded. That's starting to change, as local grain economies are being revived around the country to the benefit of the farmer, baker, and consumer.

These days you don't have to look far to find a bakery using (or even milling) local grain. There's one near Camus Country Mill, and it's in a surprising location: the back of the cafeteria at Willamette High School in Eugene. The bakers in this tiny kitchen in the Bethel School District have been using locally grown flour since long before it was trendy. The reason they can do this is because the grain is grown and milled mere minutes away at Camus Country Mill.

I've had the privilege of knowing Tom and Sue for a few years now. Genuine and passionate, they're doing incredible work and have learned to create opportunity out of adversity. When the economy took a turn for the worse in 2008, the demand for Tom's main crop (grass seed) dropped drastically. As a third-generation farmer, he'd always grown grain in rotation, which was sent off to the commodity market for a price he didn't set and to a user he'd never know. Tom thought there must be a way to add value to the grain for the farmer and consumer, and build a more rewarding relationship between the two.

At that time Jennie Kolpak, director of nutrition services for the local school district, realized that using locally grown grain and flour could help local farmers during the economic downturn. She wanted to bring Tom's grain and flour into the schools. When I commented that the students are lucky to have someone like her that cared enough to pursue the opportunity, Jennie replied, "I never met anyone in school nutrition that didn't care." If the bakers at Willamette High are any reflection of that, I'm a believer.

Opposite left: *Tom and Sue's Country Store provides an outlet for friends and neighbors to stock their pantries with locally grown grains.*

Left: *Ellen Sisneroz gets ready to serve nutritious whole grain breakfast cakes to high school students.*

Below: *Chalkboards list some of the grains the Huntons grow and sell at their store.*

You can see the love and attention they put into their work, a key ingredient in making anything taste good.

On my visit, the mood was light. The smiling bakers worked with focus and intent as they plated cakes for the morning snack, or rolled dough for sandwich flatbreads. You can see the love and attention they put into their work, a key ingredient in making anything taste good.

Bethel isn't the only school district that benefits from being near Camus Country Mill. The Huntons support other schools that don't have the luxury of having a full-time baking staff by creating easy-to-use custom flour blends, including biscuit and muffin mixes using whole grain emmer and buckwheat. As a result, the children in these schools get to enjoy tasty, nutritious baked goods.

The mill also hosts students at their farm store, giving them the rare opportunity to connect with the source of their food. Sue is a former teacher and she beams with excitement to tell how young students not only like their carrot emmer muffins, they ask for seconds!

To say Tom's idea was a good one would be an understatement. He wasn't the only one who wanted to change the status quo, and he has found willing partners in other local farmers. Now they all get better value for their crops, with the added reward of knowing that what they're producing is nourishing their community. It took a lot of courage for Camus Country Mill to make this change, but the risk has paid off for themselves and their neighbors. Tom and Sue Hunton are a model for farmers across the country and around the world. Their efforts make baking for good a reality in school meals every day.

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October is Bake for Good Month, when we encourage everyone to use their ovens to make the world a better place. Who will you bake for? Let us (and the world) know! #bakeforgood #kingarthurflour

From: Mike Moore
To: COB_mail
Subject: Opposition to Monsanto proposal
Date: November 21, 2016 12:08:02 PM

Myself and my wife, Peggy Papay, live and work in Pima County.
By this email are registering our opposition to the proposal that Pima County welcome and provide tax abatements to Monsanto operation. There are five central reasons for this:

1. Monsanto has recently been purchased by the international conglomerate Bayer AG, whose intentions and future actions are not addressed.

2. Monsanto's representations cannot be taken as credible, given its long history of actions that expose it as a bad citizen not only in the USA, but in other countries.

3. Monsanto, according to its 2015 financial statement, presently has over $1 billion in cash. Why should it need tax abatements is beyond imagining.

4. Monsanto's products have not proved to save water, and the savings in pesticides only exists because the pesticides are incorporated into the plant DNA, a pretty frightening thought for any rational person. So frightening, in fact, that more and more countries are banning the cultivate of Monsanto's GMO's.

5. Finally, the representation of Monsanto providing, eventually, 25 full time jobs hardly makes it a major employer in Pima County.

In sum, the downside of inviting this corporation into Pima County, and giving enormous tax relief, is overwhelming. Thus, we oppose it.

Respectfully,

Michael Garth Moore

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Veritas Liberabit Vos

From: Heidi Brant
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn
Date: November 21, 2016 1:10:25 PM

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.
A good deal is good for all parties. Although Project Corn may be a good deal for Monsanto, even considering their presence in our city, with their destructive history, is threatening and counter-productive to the natural growth and collaboration of our local organic farmers and downtown restaurants, which has been a major influence in developing the downtown area. The health and development of local organic farmer (farming again in our city's recent attitudes, being acknowledged as a noble profession) should be a primary consideration - this natural growth and the collaboration with other small businesses in Tucson should be further encouraged, not hindered.
What Monsanto is offering is embarrassingly slim. 50 new jobs (of which the majority will probably be Monsanto bringing in its own people...the use of Tucson's natural resources in order to stuff their own pockets (our water, electricity could be used in a much more efficient manner). Is the company proposing to set up a totally solar plant? Doubtful.
Monsanto's development of fertilizers is counter-productive to what local farmers are trying to achieve with organics. The hubris of any one to "own" seeds - all life comes from seed of one type or another & seeds are common property to all humanity. With Monsanto's contorted legal team & millions to back up law suits, I can only see that their presence in our city not only threatens the local farmers and businesses that are collaborating and developing, but it is also a slap in the face of our indigenous history and relationship with the desert earth.
I urge you to vote NO to Monsanto. In the short and long run, it is not a profitable situation for our city. Not all economically wise decisions are economically based.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heidi Brant
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From:	Cindy Godwin
To:	COB_mail
Subject:	Reject a tax incentive for Monsanto
Date:	November 21, 2016 12:46:54 PM

To: Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Cindy Godwin

Re: Monsanto

Please consider the concerns of many local citizens whose children are sick and who are sick themselves from the effects of Monsanto's experimentation with crops and genetically re-engineering our food supply.

I **oppose** allowing Monsanto to create an experimental farm in Pima County and we should not be condoning the company's practices by providing a tax break.

Cindy Godwin
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From: J Gardener
To: COB mail
Subject: reject a tax incentive for monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 1:17:11 PM

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greetings,
A tax incentive for this corporation is inappropriate. Monsanto will worsen the quality of life and drive down property values. The first unintended consequence of their presence will be the unfortunate development of a more virulent race of valley fever.

Reject this inappropriate tax break, Jacob Prehler

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From: Dr. Wood
To: COB_mail
Subject: Say NO to MONSANTO
Date: November 21, 2016 1:48:02 PM

To Whom it may concern on the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing as a resident to protest any tax breaks for Monsanto. Monsanto's desire to conduct agricultural experiments at Avra Valley put our air, soil, water, health, and economy at risk and we don't want them here. We do not want any of our tax dollars supporting Monsanto.

Tucson recently obtained impressive and alluring recognition as an UNESCO World City of Gastronomy, which Monsanto's presence and business puts at risk with economic consequences that can be far reaching. This puts other farming businesses at risk through their pollution, run off, and through what the wind carries over. Further, as a physician and mother, I can not overlook the fact that Monsanto produces toxic chemicals known to be carcinogenic, chemicals we do not need polluting our air, soil, and water, putting the health of our farm lands, and the people of Tucson. We do not need to be their testing ground, putting everyone in Pima County at risk, and I for one have no desire to support Monsanto through my tax dollars!

This is why I ask that you say NO to Monsanto!

Sincerely,

Anita. C. Wood, D.O.
Board Certified Family Medicine Physician
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From: sam prouty
To: COB_mail
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 2:51:40 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors:

We are writing to say we are AGAINST Project Corn and any tax incentives to Monsanto. As Tucson residents and small business owners we are extremely concerned about the genetically modified and pesticide-heavy operations Monsanto is known for. Let's start being more concerned about our children's health rather than just the bottom line!

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. David Prouty

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RECD 21 NOV 2016 PM 2:51 CLK OF BD

From:	Sherry Sterling
To:	COB_mail
Subject:	Please OPPOSE Project Corn
Date:	November 21, 2016 2:34:56 PM

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Sherry Sterling
7662 E Dayview Circle
Tucson, AZ 85750

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From: Maya Youngblood
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn
Date: November 21, 2016 2:42:34 PM

I am opposed to Project Corn. I also urge you to NOT support Project Corn.

The Monsanto proposal is not the kind of healthy economic development we need in Southern Arizona.

Thank you for your consideration.

- (Name, Address, Phone)

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From:	Marina
To:	COB_mail
Subject:	Say No to Monsanto
Date:	November 21, 2016 3:05:05 PM

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am a voter in Pima County and I disapprove of the proposed Monsanto greenhouse facility. I hope when in the meeting tomorrow you keep in mind the many voices of voters who believe that Pima county in not a good home for Monsanto's facility and we do not want to give them tax incentives. As a region with such a unique and diverse ecosystem and our recently recognized UNESCO status I feel introducing homogenized, big business agriculture facility is a step away from what makes Tucson and the surrounding area so unique to it's residents and it's visitors. I also think Monsanto's pesticides and monoculture growing approach are very dangerous to our native plants and animals. I truly hope you vote not to give tax incentives to Monsanto.

Thank you for your time,
Marina Cornelius

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From:	Victoria Stahl
To:	COB_mail
Subject:	Monsanto Tax Incentives
Date:	November 21, 2016 3:09:37 PM

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Monsanto in Pima County?

I am an organic consumer, and constituent, and this is of great concern to me. Right now Pima County's organic and chemical free community is thriving. Just stop by one of Tucson's Sunday farmers markets and see. Some farms are certified organic. Some small farmers are certified Naturally Grown (chemical free, non GMO) or they adopt the honor system promising their produce is chemical and GMO free. Selling our land to companies such as Monsanto with such **a well publicized history of bad environmental practices, a company banned in other countries, could in short order ruin our own farming practices, and our right to grow and eat chemical-free, nutritionally varied food.**

Monsanto already controls almost all seed genetics. The company has a sorry history of buying seed companies, patenting life and obliterating seed diversity. Worse, Monsanto's patented, genetically modified seeds are pesticide dependent; and when they cross pollinate with traditional varieties and heritage seeds, Monsanto's seeds destroy the traditional seeds' unique characteristics rendering them chemically dependent or sterile. I am pasting Vandana Shiva's article, "The Seeds Of Suicide: How Monsanto Destroys Farming" for you to read.

Diverse food crops that farmers in our area have cultivated for thousands of years should not be put at risk by a twenty-first century mega corporation determined to diminish variety until we are left with just a few genetically modified crops that are dependent on the chemicals they sell. We as Pima County, Arizona, United States, Earth citizens should not stand for this blatant ruination of seeds, of life force, from Monsanto or any company like it.

PLEASE DO NOT OFFER TAX INCENTIVES OR ANY OTHER ENTICEMENTS TO MONSANTO FOR BUILDING GREENHOUSES AND EXPERIMENTING WITH CORN AND SOY OR ANY OTHER CROP IN OUR COUNTY. Like many towns, counties, states and countries before us, WE DO NOT WANT THEM HERE.

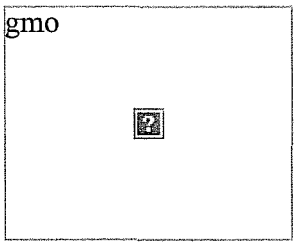
Thank you.

Be well,

Victoria Stahl
Tucson
PS It would be nice if we could keep our UNESCO City of Gastronomy designation here in Tucson, I am sure you agree. This will not be possible once our food supply becomes sick with chemical laden produce and patented seeds ruin our rich heritage-seed distribution.

The Seeds Of Suicide: How Monsanto Destroys Farming

By Dr. Vandana Shiva
Global Research, March 09, 2016



Note: *Originally published in April 2013*

Monsanto's talk of 'technology' tries to hide its real objectives of control over seed where genetic engineering is a means to control seed,

> *"Monsanto is an agricultural company.*
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> *We apply innovation and technology to help farmers around the world produce more while conserving more."*
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> *"Producing more, Conserving more, Improving farmers lives."*

These are the promises Monsanto India's website makes, alongside pictures of smiling, prosperous farmers from the state of Maharashtra. This is a desperate attempt by Monsanto and its PR machinery to delink the epidemic of farmers' suicides in India from the company's growing control over cotton seed supply — 95 per cent of India's cotton seed is now controlled by Monsanto.

Control over seed is the first link in the food chain because seed is the source of life. When a corporation controls seed, it controls life, especially the life of farmers.

Monsanto's concentrated control over the seed sector in India as well as across the world is very worrying. This is what connects farmers' suicides in India to Monsanto vs Percy Schmeiser in Canada, to Monsanto vs Bowman in the US, and to farmers in Brazil suing Monsanto for $2.2 billion for unfair collection of royalty.

Through patents on seed, Monsanto has become the "Life Lord" of our planet, collecting rents for life's renewal from farmers, the original breeders.

Patents on seed are illegitimate because putting a toxic gene into a plant cell is not "creating" or "inventing" a plant. These are seeds of deception — the deception that Monsanto is the creator of seeds and life; the deception that while Monsanto sues farmers and traps them in debt, it pretends to be working for farmers' welfare, and the deception that GMOs feed the world. GMOs are failing to control pests and weeds, and have instead led to the emergence of superpests and superweeds.

The entry of Monsanto in the Indian seed sector was made possible with a 1988 Seed Policy imposed by the World Bank, requiring the Government of India to deregulate the seed sector. Five things changed with Monsanto's entry: First, Indian companies were locked into joint-ventures and licensing arrangements, and concentration over the seed sector increased. Second, seed which had been the farmers' common resource became the "intellectual property" of Monsanto, for which it started collecting royalties, thus raising the costs of seed. Third, open pollinated cotton seeds were displaced by hybrids, including GMO hybrids. A renewable resource became a non-renewable, patented commodity. Fourth, cotton which had

earlier been grown as a mixture with food crops now had to be grown as a monoculture, with higher vulnerability to pests, disease, drought and crop failure. Fifth, Monsanto started to subvert India's regulatory processes and, in fact, started to use public resources to push its non-renewable hybrids and GMOs through so-called public-private partnerships (PPP).

In 1995, Monsanto introduced its Bt technology in India through a joint-venture with the Indian company Mahyco. In 1997-98, Monsanto started open field trials of its GMO Bt cotton illegally and announced that it would be selling the seeds commercially the following year. India has rules for regulating GMOs since 1989, under the Environment Protection Act. It is mandatory to get approval from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee under the ministry of environment for GMO trials. The Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology sued Monsanto in the Supreme Court of India and Monsanto could not start the commercial sales of its Bt cotton seeds until 2002.
And, after the damning report of India's parliamentary committee on Bt crops in August 2012, the panel of technical experts appointed by the Supreme Court recommended a 10-year moratorium on field trials of all GM food and termination of all ongoing trials of transgenic crops.

But it had changed Indian agriculture already.

Monsanto's seed monopolies, the destruction of alternatives, the collection of superprofits in the form of royalties, and the increasing vulnerability of monocultures has created a context for debt, suicides and agrarian distress which is driving the farmers' suicide epidemic in India. This systemic control has been intensified with Bt cotton. That is why most suicides are in the cotton belt.

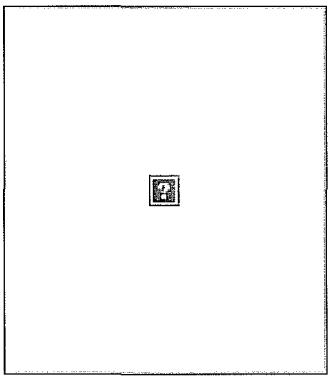
An internal advisory by the agricultural ministry of India in January 2012 had this to say to the cotton-growing states in India — "Cotton farmers are in a deep crisis since shifting to Bt cotton. The spate of farmer suicides in 2011-12 has been particularly severe among Bt cotton farmers."

The highest acreage of Bt cotton is in Maharashtra and this is also where the highest farmer suicides are. Suicides increased after Bt cotton was introduced — Monsanto's royalty extraction, and the high costs of seed and chemicals have created a debt trap. According to Government of India data, nearly 75 per cent rural debt is due to purchase inputs. As Monsanto's profits grow, farmers' debt grows. It is in this systemic sense that Monsanto's seeds are seeds of suicide.

The ultimate seeds of suicide is Monsanto's patented technology to create sterile seeds. (Called "Terminator technology" by the media, sterile seed technology is a type of Gene Use Restriction Technology, GRUT, in which seed produced by a crop will not grow — crops will not produce viable offspring seeds or will produce viable seeds with specific genes switched off.) The Convention on Biological Diversity has banned its use, otherwise Monsanto would be collecting even higher profits from seed.

Monsanto's talk of "technology" tries to hide its real objectives of ownership and control over seed where genetic engineering is just a means to control seed and the food system through patents and intellectual property rights.

> A Monsanto representative admitted that they were "the patient's diagnostician, and physician all in one" in writing the patents on



life-forms, from micro-organisms to plants, in the TRIPS' agreement of WTO. Stopping farmers from saving seeds and exercising their seed sovereignty was the main objective. Monsanto is now extending its patents to conventionally bred seed, as in the case of broccoli and capsicum, or the low gluten wheat it had pirated from India which we challenged as a biopiracy case in the European Patent office.

That is why we have started Fibres of Freedom in the heart of Monsanto's Bt cotton/suicide belt in Vidharba. We have created community seed banks with indigenous seeds and helped farmers go organic. No GMO seeds, no debt, no suicides.

Vandana Shiva *is a philosopher, environmental activist, and eco feminist.Shiva, currently based in Delhi, has authored more than 20 books and over 500 papers in leading scientific and technical journals. She was trained as a physicist and received her Ph.D. in physics from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. She was awarded the Right Livelihood Award in 1993. She is the founder of Navdanya* ***http://www.navdanya.org/***

If you would like more information about GMOs, F. William Engdahl's book "Seeds of Destruction" is available from the Global Research online store.

"Deep peace of the running wave to you ~ deep peace of the flowing air to you ~ deep peace of the quiet earth to you ~ deep peace of the shining stars to you ~ deep peace of the infinite peace to you." An Ancient Blessing

From: Brian Park
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please Vote No to Monsanto in Pima County
Date: November 21, 2016 3:10:52 PM

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I strongly urge you to vote no on the proposed Monsanto tax incentive package tomorrow (11/22). I think it is incredibly unfortunate that the public has had no say on this proposed tax incentive and that also the meeting to discuss it is a mere two days before a major American holiday. For Monsanto to purchase the land beforehand and believe that their tax incentives were inevitable is a gross affront to the transparency that our democracy is supposed to thrive on. I do not appreciate the fact that as a Pima County resident and taxpayer I was not privy to this information beforehand, nor have I had an opportunity to raise my voice at a public forum.

I think there needs to be a task force to adequately look into the economical, social, environmental and cultural aspects of Monsanto opening a research facility in Pima County. This is an important issue with many facets, which so far have been wholly underrepresented. Monsanto also has a less than stellar corporate and environmental history, which I think should be taken seriously. In my opinion, Monsanto does not reflect the values we uphold here in Pima County. The City of Tucson was also named a UNESCO City of Gastronomy, the only city so far in the U.S. to have earned this label. Allowing Monsanto to operate here is a complete repudiation of this current declaration, of which Tucson and Pima County should be proud of.

Please vote no on this tax proposal. Monsanto's corporate and environmental mono-culture does not reflect the diverse and vibrant county that we live in. I would be ashamed to be a Pima County resident if this tax proposal is passed. Thank you for your time. Regards,

Brian

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