

From: Deborah Merriman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 10:59 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Reject tax incentive for Monsanto

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please share this message with all County Supervisors and other interested parties.

I strongly oppose Monsanto's plans to move into the area so close to Marana High School and our community. I don't believe there is any way they can control leaks and contamination of their chemicals and seeds to the air, water and surrounding land, and I believe that it poses a health risk to our people, vegetation, and animals.

I definitely do not want Monsanto to be enticed or rewarded with tax breaks from the Pima County Board of Supervisors! If they do move into the area and conduct business, they should be responsible for the full amount of taxes possible.

Please think about the best way to protect our environment, community, and habitat as you make your decisions. We trust you to consider safety above all financial aspects.

Thank you.

Deborah Merriman
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Marana resident

JAN 10 10 59 AM '17
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CLERK'S NOTE:
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DATE 1/10/17 RR

From: Laurie Velasquez
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:44 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am opposed to Project Corn

How can you even consider allowing this purveyor of poisons and environmental enemies to locate in your county? The damage they do cannot later be undone.

JAN 13 11 44 AM '17
RR

From: Hank Boryczki <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:10 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am opposed to 'Project Corn'

Please do not support a foreign trade zone designation & tax breaks for Monsanto in Pima County! This company is responsible for much pain and suffering in the world, poisoning people, killing bees & small farms. We do not need this type of company in our beautiful state. This is a BIG mistake!!!

Hank Boryczki
11233 N Pinto Dr, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

JAN 13 17 PM 12:16 PC CLK OF RD
RR

From: Heather clore
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:40 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am Opposed to 'Project Corn'

JAN 13 17:40:13 2017 PC CLK OF HD
RF

From: Denise Giannotti
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:53 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am opposed to 'Project Corn' !!!!!!!!!!!!!

This facility could harm our groundwater, the ecosystem, local farmers, and there are unknown risks to the health of the local residents.

Please don't do it...

JAN 13 17 00 06 PC CLK FEB

From: Mary Stock < >
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:25 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Project Corn

As a resident of Phx, I will NEVER come to Tucson/Pima County if Monsanto is there!!
Nor will I allow any relatives who visit to go there. We do not want to get poisoned by glyphosate.
Please say NO.
Mary Stock
Phoenix, AZ 85003

JAN 13 17 14:02:26 POC CLK DE [Signature]

From: Sychuk , Alma
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 3:01 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I AM OPPOSED TO 'PROJECT CORN'

I attended the 'Project Corn' meeting this morning in Green Valley and definitely OPPOSE PROJECT CORN.

Sincerely,
Alma C. Sychuk
District 4
Green Valley

JAN 13 17:00:00
KOFER

From: [Becky Rynas](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: I am opposed to "Project Corn"
Date: January 13, 2017 9:38:20 AM
Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern:

This facility could harm our groundwater, the ecosystem, local farmers, and there are unknown risks to the health of the local residents. We don't want Monsanto to receive tax breaks and we do NOT want them in Pima County.

Becky Rynas
Oro Valley Resident

From: Leah McAdaragh
To: COB_mail
Subject: AZ citizens oppose Pima County & Monsanto corn project!!
Date: January 17, 2017 9:11:45 AM

I am a resident of Bisbee, Az and I vehemently oppose the Pima County plan to welcome Monsanto and their genetically engineered corn program!!

Until this mega chemical corporation (creators of agent orange gave my Vietnam Veteran father cancer!) can PROVE without a doubt that their poison projects filled with glyphosate are "safe", we will continue to oppose their programs.

Respectfully

Leah McAdaragh

Bisbee Az

JAN 17 17:09:20 PZ CLK/CF BD *SL*

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DATE 1-17-17 *BR*

From: [christian_czingula](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Date: January 17, 2017 8:57:11 AM

Greetings!

I'm asking all 5 County Supervisors you OPPOSE Monsanto's 'Project Corn' in Pima Valley!

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BC

From: Shelly Running ·
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 9:21 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I AM OPPOSED TO PROJECT CORN

Please do not do anything in support of Monsanto!
Keep Monsanto out of Pima County!
Keep Monsanto out of Arizona
Protect the citizens of Arizona from Monsanto!

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JAN 17 7 40:30 PM CLK/DFB
JRF

From: John or Kathy Nuss
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 9:25 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Project Corn

Please do not let Monsanto build a facility in Pima Valley. They are responsible for poisoning our food supply with their bastardizing seeds.

Kathleen Nuss
Apache Junction
Arizona

Sent from my iPhone

JAN 17 17:06:01 PC CLK OF ED
KRN

From:
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:12 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: GMO corn

Dear County Supervisors,

I am extremely apposed to the 155 acre facility of GMO corn that Monsanto is wanting to plant in Pima County. Please vote against or reject this request. GMO crops are horrifically toxic to people as well as the eco system.

Thank you,

Lori Johannsen
6207 W. Wood Dr.
Glendale, AZ 85304

JAN 17 17:08:31 PC CLK OF RD
JR

From: Lori LaBelle
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:15 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I am opposed to "Project Corn"

I am very opposed to "Project Corn".
Please protect us!

JAN 17 17:00:31 PC CLK OF BI 

From: Aurora Adonai
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 1:33 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I Am Opposed to Project CORN

Dear Sirs;

As Jane Goodall put it: " Whoever thought it was a good idea to put poison in our food?" Pollen from GMO crops is easily carried on the wind to other crops, rendering them unable to reproduce from seed -- not to mention the insects that are harmed from the poisoned pollen.

Thank you for your consideration and Love. Blessings, Aurora Adonai.

PO Box 1478
Sedona, AZ 86339-1478

Sent from my iPhone

JAN 17 17:08:01 PC CLK OF ED 

From: Amanda Parsons m>
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 3:00 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I oppose project corn!!!

To the Pima County Supervisors:

I truly hope and MUST believe that you're not so ill-informed that you aren't aware of the disease and death caused by Monsanto's toxic agri-business. We do NOT need or want pesticides such as glyphosate in our soils and precious water - much less our food! And for all the destruction they cause, you would then give them a 65% tax break??????

How sick is all this?! Where is your integrity? What are you leaving to your children and grandchildren, other than toxins and endocrine disruptors to adversely effect their growing bodies? For the sake of the almighty dollar? How shameful.

I sincerely hope you re-think your position and boot Monsanto OUT OF ARIZONA!!

Here's another thought - How about increasing organic farming in Pima County? More and more people are becoming aware of the toxins in our foods and are demanding healthier alternatives. The benefits are countless, including making more money, (because the demand is there and growing), and being able to look yourselves in the mirror with pride, knowing you did the right thing!

Amanda Parsons - Gilbert, Arizona

JAN 17 17:40:03 PCDKCFD
AB

From: Rose Garrett
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2017 6:18 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I AM OPPOSED TO PROJECT CORN!

I AM OPPOSED TO PROJECT CORN!

JAN 17 17:00:01 PC CLK OF RD
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From: carley bluemel
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2017 12:14 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: I oppose 'Project Corn'

I am writing you today to beg you to educate yourself on the many scientist studies done, documenting the detrimental health and environmental hazards created by growing and consuming GMO products, especially GMO Corn. If you do, I believe you will stand with millions of Arizona Families and make the confident decision to NOT support a foreign trade zone designation & tax breaks for Monsanto in Pima County.

Please vote with a conscious and vote against allowing big businesses to pollute our beautiful Arizona soil, water and food sources.

Thank you for listening.

A Proud Arizona Voter and Mother of two,

Claire Morgan

19124 E . Lawndale Place

Queen Creek. AZ 85142-9010

JAN 17 17:00:01 PC CLKCFID
ER

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 12:38 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Clerk of the Board Feedback Form 2017-01-16 12:37 PM Submission Notification

Clerk of the Board Feedback Form 2017-01-16 12:37 PM was submitted by Guest on 1/16/2017 12:38:00 PM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

Name	Value
First Name	Kathlyn
Last Name	Smiley
Email	
Address	3726 N. Fremont Ave
City	Tucson
State	AZ
Zipcode	85719
Phone	

08/17/2017 10:00 AM
AR

Message Subject Monsanto Meeting in Ward 3

Comment Hello there, I am one of Sharon Bronson's constituents. I am unable to attend the ward 3 meeting on Jan 17th due to a court conflict. I want you to know my concern regarding Monsanto building greenhouses in Avra Valley. I have a PhD in nutritional sciences from the University of Arizona. I also have several autoimmune diseases that have forced me onto disability. One of the medical issues is severe gut dysfunction. I have found food sprayed with pesticides and even more so food that has the Bt DNA inserted into it (Roundup Ready) causes my gut to temporarily shut down requiring several days of medications and careful attention to the food I eat to get it back to it functioning. When Monsanto first introduced glyphosate as a pesticide, it was unknown that the human gut had the same bacteria that the pesticide uses to kill off various plant insects. We now know that we have this bacteria and it is necessary for good gut health. Consuming food that has been sprayed with glyphosate or food that has the Bt gene insertion (Roundup Ready) causes die off of the beneficial bacteria that the human and animal guts need to thrive. Many people can consume these products with little harm but those of us with already compromised gut function suffer greatly. However, growing GMO foods is very risky due to pollen drift. It has been well documented that pollen from Bt corn can spread quickly via the wind and end up contaminating other fields. Allowing Monsanto to grow test plots of experimental seeds and GMO crops is very likely to introduce more GMO crops in the area by cross pollination especially with corn. Source https://www.agry.purdue.edu/ext/corn/news/articles.00/gmo_issues-000307.html For this reason I am against allowing Monsanto to grow crops in Avra Valley even within greenhouses - pollen drift can still occur.

Response requested Yes

Referred_Page <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=235182>

Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

JAN 17 17:00:01 POC\KDE\B

From: Richard ·
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 6:37 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Keep Tucson the United States' First Capital of Gastronomy

Dear members of Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I strongly oppose Monsanto's "Project Corn" in Pima Valley! This project disrespects and endangers the integrity and health of Tucson's food heritage that is internationally recognized.

To invite Monsanto, a company who's mission is to destroy biological diversity and heritage food, violates the spirit of the region's history, and endangers indigenous foods for which Tucson has been a leader in preserving.

On a national level, the Smithsonian Museum devoted an article of its magazine celebrating Tucson's achievement in gaining recognition from UNESCO.

What Makes Tucson Deserving of the Title of the United States' First Capital of Gastronomy - Smithsonian Magazine 1/13/16

"Every day, tens of thousands of cars barrel down Interstate 10, a highway that hugs the western edge of Tucson, Arizona. Many of these drivers may not realize that they are driving past a region with one of the longest food heritages on the continent. Often considered the birthplace of Tucson itself, this swath of Sonoran Desert nestled at the base of the Tucson Mountains is where the O'odham people settled, planting crops of maize, tepary beans and other produce amid a landscape punctuated by prickly pear cacti and sagebrush.

This vast agricultural past, along with a thriving culinary scene that rivals those found in much larger urban areas, is what helped this city of more than half a million people earn the coveted title of Unesco Capital of Gastronomy."

Read more: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/introducing-americas-first-capital-gastronomy-180957793>

For many of us throughout the state of Arizona, Tucson stands as a model of food and culture. It celebrates its more than 5,000 year history of agriculture and connects it to our diverse population with important relevance to our current nutritional needs, environmental stewardship and identity.

Allowing Monsanto's "Project Corn" in your area would be a slap in the face and an insulting gesture to all the generations past and present that have made Tucson an example and important resource for a secure and resilient local food system - the very thing that GMO crops threaten.

Tucson's legacy as an important center for traditional agriculture depends on leadership that values its status as part of the Creative Cities Network. Resist the temptation to become just another tool of industrial agriculture!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Sidy, President

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Connecting people to place and to one-another by cultivating gardens and celebrating arts.

<http://www.gardensforhumanity.org>

From:
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:08 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Environment

Why would you want to do this?Monsanto is destroying everything with this FREAK FOOD almost all based on lies,& needs to be stopped.

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From: Jeanne Unterkircher
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 8:23 AM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Protest

Why is Monsanto being allowed to fouled your area? Monsanto does not deserve any breaks, they have damaged enough>

An Aware Older Citizen J.

JAN 17 17:08:01 PC CLK OF DD
RF

From: [James van Maanen](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Please oppose PROJECT CORN and that unnecessary and unfair tax break for Monsanto
Date: January 17, 2017 9:34:12 AM

Please let all five county supervisors know that I -- and literally everyone I know -- oppose PROJECT CORN and the giving of the Monsanto Corp that needless, unnecessary and unfair tax break.

I ask that you please oppose this, too.

Thank you.

James van Maanen

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From: Owen
To: COB mail
Subject: project corn
Date: January 17, 2017 9:40:48 AM

I will admit i am not a fan of monsanto, but it is up to the community to decide if they should be allowed or not. However one thing i am not ok with in any way is giving them a 66% tax break. They are by no means entitled to any such thing and further more if thats the way things go all businesses and individuals should get the same deal. so if they come or not is not my concern, giving an unfair tax advantage is, please do not allow this to happen or else grant the same to all others.

Owen Gustafson

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JAN 17 2017 9:40:48 AM

From: Denise Scott
To: COB_mail
Subject: NOGMO
Date: January 17, 2017 9:53:42 AM

Please note that I oppose Monsanto's proposed facility outside of Tucson. I have been planning a move to the Tucson area, and if this goes

through, I will not live in or near Tucson.

Sincerely, Denise Scott

REPRODUCTION PROHIBITED

From: [Jodi Carr](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Opposed to Monsanto in AZ
Date: January 17, 2017 9:59:43 AM

Dear Representative,

Please don't allow Monsanto to come to AZ to pollute our crops with genetically modified and unstudied results on human health. So much experiential evidence has come out on the detrimental effects of their products - essentially harming us for continued profits.

Thank you for your contribution to the planet.

Regards,

Jodi Carr
Peoria, AZ

Sent from my iPhone

JAN 17 11:01:07 PM PST
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From:
To: COB_mail
Subject: MONSANTO
Date: January 17, 2017 10:07:00 AM

I am Writing to strongly oppose Monsanto's 'Project Corn' in Pima Valley. We don't need GMO dangerously produced and fertilized produce production in Arizona. Forty Six nations have banned GMO's, because it has not been independently scientifically proven safe, and has been proven to NOT increase yield production. Its value to agriculture is dubious at best. We do not want Americans to be an experimental laboratory for Monsanto and their health compromised..

Sincerely,
LuMarion Conklin

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JANUARY 17 2017 10:07:00 AM

From: [Jennifer Salvo](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Jennifer Salvo
Date: January 17, 2017 11:06:50 AM

I OPPOSE Monsanto's 'Project Corn' in Pima Valley!

JAN 17 17:06:50 PST 2017
BK

From: Lynn F
To: COB_mail
Subject: Project Corn in Pima Valley
Date: January 17, 2017 10:35:32 AM

I strongly OPPOSE the "Project Corn" by Monsanto in Pima Valley due to it's use of GMO's & pesticides that are very dangerous to humans & animals.

Please consider this issue very carefully for everyone because it affects EVERYONE'S health & future safety living in AZ.

I am a resident of Pinal County & homeowner and hope you DO NOT support Monsanto's Project Corn in any way.

Thank you,

Mrs. Linda Fura

JAN 17 10:35:32 AM
B/L

From: Phyl Mo
To: COB_mail
Subject: no no no monsanto!!!!
Date: January 17, 2017 11:12:00 AM

When will you get monsanto OUTA OUR LIVES? PLEASE END MONSANTO'S REIGN OVER AMERICA NOW!

No monsanto "project corn" in Pima Valley !!!

Phyl Morello & family
White Pine TN

JAN 17 11:12 AM
PK

From:
To: COB_mail
Subject: project corn
Date: January 17, 2017 10:43:11 AM

The Pima valley and anywhere else is no place for GE crops. As it is experimental that goes w/out saying that there are dangers involved. Unforeseen and irreversible dangers.

JAN 17 10 43 AM '17

From: [Steven Hemstreet](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Just say no to Monsanto!!
Date: January 17, 2017 1:08:01 PM

JAN 17 11:08 AM PST
MAIL

From: [Tom Falvey](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Date: January 17, 2017 12:22:36 PM

I urge you to reject Monsanto's 'Project Corn' in Pima County. These GMOs pose an as yet unknown but potentially serious risk to human health and to the environment.

Sincerely,

Tom Falvey

JAN 17 12:22:36 PM '17



From: [Trish Chambers](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto
Date: January 17, 2017 12:54:45 PM

I urge you with all of my being NOT to allow Monsanto to build this facility. As a IS Army veteran from Fort McClellan, you really should study what they did to that facility and the surrounding area of Anniston Alabama. I've been exposed to so many toxins from this company it's pathetic. You will be doing a huge disservice to the people of Arizona and their health. I will make sure to sell any property I have left in your state due to this issue.

Regards,

Patricia

Sent from Trish's iPhone


JAN 17 12:54:45 PM PST

From: Marty Landa
To: COB mail
Subject: OPPOSE Monsanto's "Project Corn" in Pima Valley!
Date: January 17, 2017 12:47:19 PM

JAN 17 17:40:21 PST 2017
AL

From: Jonathan Jody Boyne
To: COB_mail
Subject: Oppose Monsanto's "Project Corn" in Pima Valley
Date: January 17, 2017 12:37:26 PM

Dear Pima County Supervisors,

Please oppose Monsanto's 'Project Corn' in Pima Valley.

Monsanto has plans to move into the Tucson area (1.5 miles away from Marana High School) and is seeking a 66% tax break (also known as "Project Corn") from the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

I don't like the idea of Pima County rolling out the red carpet for a chemical corporation that has a notoriously bad record in the communities it takes hold in.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Boyne
85543

2017 JAN 17 12:37:26 PM

From: [Thomas Libbey](#)
To: [COB mail; Thomas Libbey](#)
Subject: Please oppose Monsanto corporation's plans.... -01/17/17
Date: January 17, 2017 12:47:35 PM

Please oppose Monsanto corporation's plans to move into the Tucson area (1.5 miles away from Marana High School), as well as their seeking a 66% tax break. They produce or have produced various agricultural products; pesticides, hormones in raising animals, and genetically modified soybeans, corn and other crops and chemicals such as Agent Orange, Roundup, and PCBs. This is an outrageous idea, for Pima County to give a tax incentive to this horrible corporation.

Thank You, Regards, Thomas.

JAN 17 17:40:12 PCC CLK OF DD

From: [Tracey Smallwood](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Project Corn
Date: January 17, 2017 1:52:55 PM

Please oppose Project Corn! Consider the implications. Thank you
Sent from Tracey Kats iPhone

JAN 17 17:02:55 PM '17

JK

From: Troy
To: COB_mail
Subject: stop Monsanto
Date: January 17, 2017 1:13:11 PM

JAN 17 17:00:12 PC CLK OF BI

From: [Marguerite King](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Oppose "project corn"
Date: January 17, 2017 2:51:08 PM

Dear County Supervisors:

In all honesty, every time I sit down to eat I get angry at the Congressional Representatives who voted to oppose mandatory labeling of GMO/GE/Laboratory Altered foods. I and hundreds of thousands of others worked so hard to get the Vermont GMO Labeling Bill passed, a very good Bill that makes it clear to all shoppers on the packaging, in English, what the foods contains.

The importance of labeling is for health; the health of the consumers, the health of the farm land and farmers, and the cleanliness of the water that all life needs to survive. The World Health Organization has stated that Glyphosate, which is applied to GMO food crops, is a "probable" carcinogen. Many short terms studies illustrate the short duration of time animals and insects, used to study side effects of GMOs, Glyphosates (Roundup) and other chemicals used on GMOs, become disorganized, show changes in blood cell shape and function, destroy good intestinal bacteria necessary for digestion, become unable to reproduce, etc. Knowing these "side effects", visiting them upon the American Consumer is criminal. It also is causing, by virtue of its toxicity, more sickness, thus more visits to doctors, and more strain upon the health insurance industry. Costs have gone up for insurance and Monsanto, et al., are a causative factor.

Now you have a chance to disallow 155 acres of land to be planted with GMO seeds, chemically fertilized, doused with Roundup (glyphosate) and other chemicals, as a test and Monsanto is to be paid -- by the taxpayers who will be poisoned by the resulting harvest. If we adults who have a vote accept this, that is bad enough. But children, who do NOT have a vote yet, and who are depending upon their parents to protect them, ... well that is criminal. Pesticides have been found in the bodies and breast milk of pregnant women, and in the baby food that they feed their babies.

The lands that are soaked in these pesticides are degraded in fertility and may never recover in our lifetimes.

So, water poisoned, land degraded, food poisoned (Roundup, and other Chemicals), people made sick, and an entire health care system (composed of about 90% of all people in America) as most people do not have the way to eat organically and they are eating GMOs daily, many times 3 times a day.

This is the importance of the decision of your vote on the "Project Corn" 155 acres, with the money forcibly coming out of the pockets of taxpayers who don't want the food the project is "creating" under a patent owned by Monsanto that states that "GMOs are different to Conventional and Organic foods". Yet on a food label, when we ask for the ingredients to be labeled, they then ask us to assume that their GMO "creations" that are patented as different, are so much the same that we do not have to know they are contained in the foods that are processed. Without testing they have been declared safe.

Please do not vote without reading up about GMOs on websites that have published lots of

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articles, as Mercola.com, The Health Ranger, Gary Null, PhD, GMO Free U.S.A. etc. Look up the studies by Don Huber, PhD., Professor Emeritus, Purdue University (showing the damage to farm animals eating GMOs), and the many, many doctors who say that natural foods, UN-TAINTED by laboratory chemical additions, DNA stripping, GMO changes, and Bt Toxin, etc. are necessary for good health. Man made chemicals and GMO/GEs foods are NOT.

Please do not allow "Project Corn". Vote NO.

Marguerite King

From: Romalda
To: COB_mail
Subject: Monsanto corn project
Date: January 17, 2017 6:48:41 PM

I oppose Monsanto's corn project in Pima Valley near Tuscon.
Genetically modified plants are not benign, they can intrude on natural plants
and there may be no return. I support organic agriculture.
Please don't let them grow their products in Arizona.

Romalda Allsup
2111 Quarry Road
Austin, Texas 78703

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JAN 17 2017 6:48:41 PM

CLERK'S NOTE:
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DATE 1-18-17 BR

From: [Janice Hallman](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Stop Monsanto
Date: January 17, 2017 5:53:51 PM

Please stop the Monsanto development in AZ. Monsanto is poisoning the U.S. and the world with its pesticides. Let's STOP it now!!!

JAN 18 17:01:16 PCC/KDF:RD

BR

From: [REDACTED]
To: COB_mail
Subject: My wife died in May from her exposure to Roundup
Date: January 17, 2017 5:47:46 PM

Dear Sir: My wife died in May from cancer of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma caused by her exposure to Roundup despite \$1.5 million spent on her at Stanford. Is this what you want for your people in Arizona? Do not give them a tax break. You are going to need it for future health care costs. Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties have a 20% higher cancer rate than anyplace else in the WORLD thanks to all the roundup used here and the roundup "drift".

Thank you, Peter Bohan, 46 Andreas Ct, Novato Ca. 94945

JAN 18 17:40:16 FC CLKDFED

PA

From: explore@mayavidhya.com
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: RE: I do not support Monsanto nor the special tax deal!
Date: January 17, 2017 6:45:28 PM

Thank you,
Maya



[Handwritten signature]
JAN 18 17:01:16 CDT

From: [Henry](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto
Date: January 17, 2017 9:13:59 PM

Monsanto sells nothing but Poison. They poison the soil, they poison the food, they poison the air and they poison our children. This is Sanctioned Murder! How do you people sleep at night condoning poison. They are turning Our Planet into a Wasteland all for Their Greed and Profit. Stop this Insanity!

Sent from my iPad

JAN 18 17:13:59 PM PST
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From: [alida7](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: No Monsanto
Date: January 18, 2017 6:51:58 AM

No to Monsanto

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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JAN 18 10:16 PM '17

From: [Denise Morse](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Cc: [Denise Morse](#)
Subject: Opposition to "Project Corn"
Date: January 18, 2017 9:36:43 AM

Please distribute

You are not a bug, insect, beetle or weed. Why would you eat food that kills bugs, insects, and weeds? Words ending in "cide" mean "act of killing." Pesticides and herbicides consistently bombard your body's cells with stuff that is designed to kill. Common sense would tell you that this is not a good idea.

Common sense will tell you that smoking anything, driving while drunk, or sitting at stop lights without your recirc on while the person in front of you emits lethal emissions are not good ideas. Eating "act of killing" food is not a good idea either. Don't get me wrong, there is science backing up this common sense. You rarely find it in corporate backed research or the mainstream media. But it is there.

I am not going to educate you about genetically modified food and eating pesticide/herbicide food. That's your job. We hired all of you to make educated decisions and to integrate common sense into your decisions.

By now you should know, hopefully, that all of the claims Monsanto makes about sustainable yields, feeding the world, glyphosate is harmless in small quantities (this reasoning is based on the idea that people don't instantly drop dead from ingesting small amounts) and blah, blah, blah are just nonsense. They know; you know, and we all know it is all about selling product. That's it, no more, no less.

Monsanto is claiming here in Pima County that the water table will be protected and there cannot possibly be pollen drift because the work will be done in a monitored greenhouse. Kind of like how the Deep Horizon oil rig in the gulf was monitored. Hmm. Unless they are willing to build a clean room, they will not be able to contain it. Supervisor Miller with her experience in the semiconductor industry probably knows about clean rooms. By the way Supervisor Miller, did you know that every time your dog walks on turf sprayed with Round-Up or a pre-emergent your baby is ingesting this stuff while licking its feet?

Turner Labs, a local water testing company in Tucson, charges \$190.00 to test for glyphosate in the water. One test: \$190.00. Who will pay for glyphosate or other newly created "cides" testing among the wells in Marana? Who will pay for remediation of contaminated wells? Will these wells be protected in perpetuity? Because you know this is

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not going to happen in a year, 5 years or maybe even 10, but it will happen. Where will Monsanto be in 10 years?

Supervisor Bronson lists her credits as a supporter of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. The Conservation Plan and Monsanto are at opposite ends. Talk about a conflict of the soul.

Newly elected Supervisor Christy is a long time Pima County resident. What about clean water for your 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren? Supervisor Valadez has Lucia, Daniel and Fernando to think about.

Fifth generation Supervisor Elias wants to make Pima County more "hospitable and prosperous". What better way to do that than by honoring the UNESCO designation making Tucson a City of Gastronomy. Local "cide"-free farmers are working hard to be a part of creative and healthy food that is becoming a reason to visit and spend money in Tucson. I am sure Mr. Elias wants a healthy environment and to "protect the water" for his daughter Luz and her children.

I understand the part about this being ag land under federal regulations and the consideration of giving Monsanto a tax break...wow, that one should be a no-brainer.

Here is a game plan:

1. Educate yourselves on Monsanto's track record. There is a good reason genetically modified food is banned in Europe and other countries. Find out that reason.
2. Represent your constituents by writing a letter to the feds rejecting Monsanto – period.
3. Represent your constituents by voting NO on a tax break for Monsanto (still can't believe this is being considered)
4. Consider supporting local "cide"-free farmers by giving **THEM** a tax break, not a billion dollar corporation.
5. On February 21, place pictures of your family, including your pets, in front of you. When you vote, look them in the eyes and say to yourself, "Loved ones, I am making the best possible decision for your future." They will either love you or hate you in 10 years.

From: Safiyyah
To: COB mail
Subject: OPPOSE Monsanto's "Project Corn" in Pima Valley!
Date: January 18, 2017 12:34:37 PM

To Whomever It May Concern:

Please come from your God-like self, OPPOSE Monsanto's 'Project Corn' in Pima Valley!

I thank you in advance.

Best Regards,
Sandra Safiyyah Scoggins

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From: [Dennis McRitchie](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto
Date: January 18, 2017 1:52:08 PM

I am writing to let you know that I oppose any tax incentive or other benefits offered to Monsanto.

Project Cord threatens Tucson's valued UNESCO "City of Gastronomy" designation. There are many concerns about this location as it is close to public schools, small family farms, and fragile desert environment. There have been no thorough environmental impact studies conducted to determine how Project Corm might affect children, non-GMA farmers, and the desert wilderness. Also there have been no public disclosure requirements for the experimental chemicals the corporation will use. Monsanto is not a good corporate citizen, having shown over the years a complete disregard for environmental safety and human health.

Also, as Richard Elias correctly stated: "They've already purchased this land. This is not an incentive for them to come to Pima County at all. This is just a tax break". We do not need to save the company \$3.4 in taxes million over 10 years - money that other Marana taxpayers will instead be paying.

So please vote NO on this unnecessary corporate tax subsidy!

Thank you.

Dennis McRitchie
Tucson, AZ

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: No tax breaks for MONSANTO!!
Date: January 18, 2017 2:26:00 PM

Hello Honored Members,

I am writing to express my disapproval and dismay that Monsanto may receive a tax break. I am 100 percent against this type of corporate welfare, especially for a company that is in the business of poisoning the citizenry and getting away with it. I ALREADY am forced to buy more expensive organic food to avoid Monsanto's product glyphosphate (the reason for so many spectrum disorders in children, alzheimers, parkinsons, cancers, and other ailments). I simply can not stomach that now my tax dollars would subsidize their operation.

I implore you to not give any special breaks to this company.

Sincerely,

Jill H
Catalina Foothills

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From: Joan Concannon
To: COB mail
Subject: Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto
Date: January 19, 2017 9:24:13 AM

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Joan Concannon
Tucson, AZ

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DATE 1-19-17 BK

From: Marilyn Hallihan
To: COB mail
Subject: No to Monsanto in Tucson
Date: January 19, 2017 10:06:42 AM

I strongly oppose the Monsanto project corn in Pima Valley. We do not need that poisonous company in Arizona!
Marilyn Hallihan

Sent from my iPhone

JAN 19 17:06:42 PST 2017

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From: Jennifer Valentine
To: COB mail
Subject: please oppose the special tax deal for monsanto
Date: January 19, 2017 3:30:19 PM

thank you
jennifer valentine

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From: Irene Hardwicke Olivieri
To: COB mail
Subject: Opposed to Monsanto receiving tax break
Date: January 20, 2017 3:53:17 PM

Hello Supervisors,

We live in Picture Rocks and are intensely opposed to the Monsanto initiative and receiving a tax break.

Monsanto uses a dangerous chemical Glyphosate which has been proven to cause many severe health problems. This is why many countries have banned it.

If you care about our community and the well being of the citizens, you will help discourage Monsanto and please do not encourage by giving tax breaks.

Please do the right thing .

Thank you,

Irene and Lance Olivieri

5722 N Tula Lane

Tucson 85743

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DATE 1-20-17 *BK*

From: [Ginger Marth](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto Initiative
Date: January 20, 2017 3:18:30 PM
Attachments: [Monsantoletter \(4\).pdf](#)

Hello Supervisors --

I am writing express my firm and strong opposition to Monsanto's planned involvement in Marana. I ask that you send a letter of Objection regarding them receiving any kind of tax credit for their business here. These are crucial issues of human and environmental health.

I have attached the letter that I had previously submitted to Supervisor Sharon Bronson. The letter gives further elaboration.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support.

Virginia Marth
David Eakle

Tucson, 85743
District 3

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Virginia Marth
David Eakle
10040 W Rudasill Rd
Tucson AZ, 85743

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November 21, 2016

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concern and in fact strong opposition to the presence of Monsanto in our community. Monsanto uses a chemical called Glyphosate (Roundup) on its genetically modified crops. Glyphosate has been shown to be hazardous to human health in study after study (note - studies that are NOT funded or skewed by Monsanto). Also notable, people exposed to Roundup acutely can have immediate distressing symptoms - headaches, seizures, mood disturbances, pain. I am one of those people. Many people will experience health consequences that are more subtle acutely yet become dangerous over time.

It has been shown that glyphosate is damaging and disruptive to human DNA, even in small concentrations. The WHO has classified glyphosate as a Class 2 probable carcinogen. It has been shown to disrupt liver chemistry (the cytochrome p450 pathway to name one), break down gut flora (our first line of defense as far as the immune system), has caused tumors in lab animals, is implicated in obesity and autism. No human being should be eating food that has been sprayed with glyphosate, it is really that simple. Several countries have banned imports of our glyphosate laced grain, a wise choice.

I feel that it is fundamentally imperative that we as a community stand in opposition to Monsanto and their presence here as well as their blatant disregard for human health. The planet is in crisis environmentally and it is time to begin examining the practices that we use that will either sustain or further hasten the deterioration of our fragile ecosystems. Developing sustainable agricultural methods that are not toxic or harmful to the soil, the air, the people and all living life is part of the remedy that is needed on a massive scale. This is a precious planet, Monsanto in my strong opinion needs to cease and desist and have their resources and R&D capabilities repurposed in a way that is helpful to our environment and its people, not just to the pocketbooks of its tycoons.

Thank you very much for your support,

Virginia Marth

David Eakle

From: MELINDA KINARD
To: COB_mail
Subject: opposed to Project Corn
Date: January 25, 2017 12:39:26 PM

I am a long time resident of Tucson,Az .I am completely opposed to this 'tax deal" for Monsanto.

GMOs are dangerous to all animal and plant life, end up polluting water supplies and once introduced even in laboratory situations are absolutely NOT containable and therefor should not be allowed anywhere near Tucson, or anywhere else in AZ.

I have been following Huckleberry's pushing of this unholy relationship and all I can say is, What is Huckleberry receiving under the table from Mon\$anto to \$hove this crap down our throat\$?"

Thank you for protecting the biodiversity in Arizona when YOU SAY NO TO MONSANTO AND HUCKLEBERRY!

Melinda Kinard

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DATE 1-25-17 BK

From: [Nate Byerley](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: I'm opposed to Project Corn
Date: January 25, 2017 1:15:03 PM

Hello,

I'm a resident of Pima County - born and raised in Tucson and I'm opposed to Monsanto and Project Corn.

I believe that Monsanto's proposed research facility in Tucson is dangerous for our ecosystem.

Secondly, the idea that we would extend a tax break to a company that profited nearly \$1,000,000,000 in the last quarter is ridiculous.

GMO's are not new, and they have not delivered on their promise.

The New York Times (from Oct 2016) states that the:

"National Academy of Sciences report found that "*there was little evidence*" that the introduction of genetically modified crops in the United States had led to yield gains beyond those seen in conventional crops."

Monsanto is losing ground - scientifically and economically - and their technology is more risky than it is useful.

The EPA admits in this report that chemicals used in Monsanto products are linked to the massive death of honeybees around the world.

My wife is a realtor and she works with families relocating to Tucson. Tucson is not a great place for jobs and it doesn't have high wages. This is not what draws people here. They are drawn to Tucson because of beautiful weather and a healthy environment.

Tucson's vibrant desert eco-system relies on honeybees for pollination of our agricultural crops and our native vegetation. Inviting Monsanto here is dangerous for our future.

Please do not jeopardize our innate wealth as a community by offering handouts to a company who cares nothing for preserving our healthy ecosystem.

-Nate Byerley
7441 E. Sabino Vista Dr. Tucson AZ 85750

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From: Michael Y??ez McPherson
To: COB_mail
Subject: Stop Monsanto Event in Phoenix
Date: January 25, 2017 12:57:00 PM

Good Afternoon,

How do I apply for earlier email notifications of events taking place in Phoenix? I received notification today, January 25th, for the January 19th event in Phoenix. I would like to actively attend especially for Q&A.

Sincerely,

Michael McPherson

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From: Judy Whitehouse
To: COB_mail
Subject: Project Corn
Date: January 25, 2017 3:30:37 PM

Please oppose Monsanto's adulteration of our soil and water with their Project Corn. The introduction of genetically engineered organisms harms the organic farming community by cross-contamination and by the extensive pesticide use provoked by these crops because of increased resistance to their effectiveness.

Organic farming and produce is extremely important to all of us in Arizona, and to the future of farming in this state. Don't let Monsanto do to Arizona what they have done to Hawaii.

Thank you.

Judy Whitehouse [REDACTED]

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From: [District1](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: FW: Supervisor District 1 Feedback Form 2017-01-24 01:17 PM Submission Notification
Date: January 25, 2017 4:57:37 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Please distribute to other Supervisors and Mr. Huckelberry. Thank you.

Laura M. Lummus

Special Staff Assistant

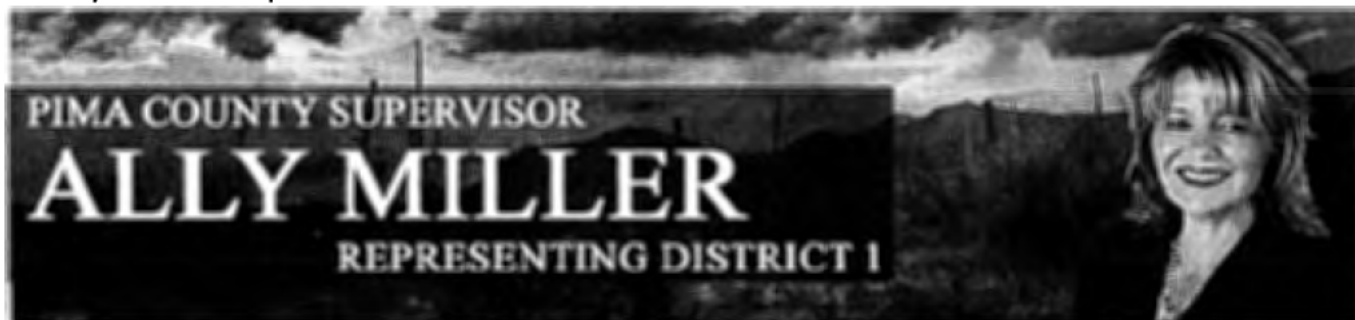
Pima County Supervisor Ally Miller – District 1

P: (520) 724-2738

F: (520) 724-8489

www.allymillerdistrict1.com

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From: notification@pima.gov [mailto:notification@pima.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:17 PM

To: District1 <District1@pima.gov>

Subject: Supervisor District 1 Feedback Form 2017-01-24 01:17 PM Submission Notification

Supervisor District 1 Feedback Form 2017-01-24 01:17 PM was submitted by Guest on 1/24/2017 1:17:07 PM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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First Name Janine

Last Name Spencer

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Address 2630 W. Camino Hornos

City Tucson

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State AZ

Zipcode 85742

District_of_Concern Supervisor District 1 - Ally Miller

Department_of_concern Planning and Zoning

Subject_or_Nature_of_Concern Pima County needs to require burrowing owl survey at proposed Monsanto site

Comments Dear Ms. Miller: I volunteer with a group called Wild at Heart that rescues burrowing owls from areas slated for development and relocates them to safer agricultural sites. Last year 16 owls were relocated to a solar site approximately 1/2 mile south of the Monsanto project site. These little owls are losing habitat and their numbers are seriously declining. Please require Monsanto to have a biological consultant survey for burrowing owls before any ground disturbance is allowed. Thank you for looking into this matter.

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress St., 5th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

January 13, 2017

To the Pima County Supervisors,

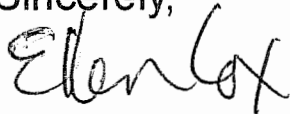
I am writing to oppose Monsanto's effort to pay minimal taxes to Pima County.

It is a multi-billion corporation which is more than able to pay its taxes at the full rate.

Please do not coddle this corporation. It will leave death and destruction here in Pima County just as it does across our nation and around the world.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,



Ellen Cox

2012 W Via Nuevo Leon
Green Valley AZ 85622

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From: Geline Coulbourne
To: COB mail
Subject: Opposed to 'Project Corn'
Date: January 26, 2017 4:15:59 PM

I am writing to share with you that I am in favor of safe communities and against the tax break for Monsanto. I do not want them moving into Pima County... **I oppose 'Project Corn'!**

Thank you!

Geline Coulbourne

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DATE 1-27-17 BR

From: Christian
To: COB_mail
Subject: Opposition to "Project Corn"
Date: January 28, 2017 2:36:08 PM

Keep keep Mansanto out of Pima County please! We have no idea what chemicals they will be spreading!

-Concerned Citizen

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DATE 1-30-17 BR

From: Hunseng Chao
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 3:37 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please Reject Monsanto Tax Break

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Dear Ms. Castaneda, Supervisor Ally Miller, Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Supervisor Steve Christy, and Supervisor Richard Elias,

I respectfully request that you not allow Monsanto to obtain the FTZ or PILOT designation, allowing them to significantly reduce their taxes to Pima County. As you know, Monsanto has been the purveyor of some of the most toxic substances known to man (including DDT, PCB's, dioxin and Agent Orange), the latter which to this day Monsanto denies causes any health concerns despite the consensus of health experts and multiple research studies, including the CDC, Institute of Medicine (now the Health and Medicine Division at the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine), and the VA. Thus, their credibility is at best questionable. While initially they will be keeping crops limited inside a greenhouse, there is nothing to stop them from eventually planting GM crops out in the open with their many associated problems (below), no matter what they promise now.

Monsanto's environmental record has been reprehensible, with contamination of the area surrounding many of their projects (ex. Hawaii and South America)(<http://www.i-sis.org.uk/argentinasRoundupHumanTragedy.php>) and associated, significant increases in severe, long-term health problems in those communities. While they claim that the greenhouse project will be very safe, limiting the possible escape of their genetically modified product, accidents can and will happen, which will end up tainting our environment and put our native crops at risk. Besides problems with cross-pollination, GM crops have been found to grow where they were never cultivated (<http://www.nature.com/news/2010/100806/full/news.2010.393.html>), so it is not inconceivable that any escaping product can contaminate the environment, even at distances not proximate to the greenhouse or its original target area, as reported in the *Nature* article.

Monsanto claims that the GM products have been created to help feed the world by decreasing use of chemicals, decreasing the need for water, increasing yield, and thus improving sustainability. While GM crops do initially decrease the use of herbicides and pesticides, resistance to both has been developing rapidly, producing superweeds, requiring increased use of herbicides (glyphosate) and the need to add another herbicide-resistance gene to newly-developed GM crops, as well as the need to spray pesticides on crops formulated to be resistant to insects (<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/farmers-say-gmo-corn-no-longer-resistant-to-pests/>). To date, GM crops also have not required less water and therefore are not more sustainable than conventional and definitely not more than organic agriculture. While GM crops initially had better yields than conventionally- or organically-grown crops, this is no longer true, as a recent comparison of canola crop yield between Canada (where GM canola is cultivated) and Western Europe (where GM canola is not used) shows (https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/30/business/gmo-promise-falls-short.html?smid=fb-share&_r=0). Therefore, all the advantages that Monsanto and GMO proponents tout are nonexistent.

I know the amount of taxes that Monsanto would be paying over what is being received from that property at present and the promise of 25-50 jobs with benefits make it very tempting to accept their offer and the FTZ designation. However, Monsanto made over \$7B in 2016, so they do not need tax breaks -- we are going to need the money they should be paying in taxes to remedy the impact on the environment and the health of Pima County residents, especially those in the Marana School District close to the property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hun-Seng Chao, M.D.

P.S. -- I don't know about you, but I do not want a poison chemical company making my food!

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From: [Karina manzanedo](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: "PROJECT CORN"
Date: February 5, 2017 5:43:47 PM

As a concerned citizen I urge you to vote NO to "Project Corn". I oppose the tax break for Monsanto an am in favor of health and safety for not only ours but future generations as well.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Belle Starr](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Cc: [Melissa Diane Smith](#)
Subject: Letter from Bill McDorman re: Monsanto
Date: February 6, 2017 8:44:33 AM
Attachments: [BOSMonsantoRMSALetter.Bill.pdf](#)

Good morning,

I am attaching a letter from former Native Seeds/SEARCH Executive Director, Bill McDorman who is now Director of the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance.

We highly recommend an important movie that just screened at the Loft yesterday called *Seed: The Untold Story*. It clearly illustrates the plight of communities who align with Monsanto. I am happy to send a link to the ENTIRE Board if you would like. It would shed some light on our extreme distrust of this multi-national corporation.

With respect,

Belle

Don't miss the [Mountain West Seed Summit](#) on March 3rd and 4th in Santa Fe, NM!

Join Your Alliance!
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Belle Starr
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Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance
Ketchum, Idaho

Seed School
Cornville, Arizona

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From: Marilyn Wrigley
To: COB_mail
Subject: Oppose Project Corn
Date: February 5, 2017 8:31:17 PM

Hello Clerk of the Board,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to Project corn and ask that Monsanto not be given a tax break from Pima County. I have lived in Arizona for over four decades now and I cannot support detrimental actions of Monsanto along with those who wish to further the interests of this company.

Thank you,
Marilyn Wrigley

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From: [cara pepe](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Opposed to project. Corn
Date: February 6, 2017 7:50:45 AM

Say no to monsanto! Our health depends on it. Read the research and study. Lawsuits against monsanto.
No no no
Cara pepe

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From: Hans
To: COB mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: Protect Pima County from Monsanto!
Date: February 6, 2017 6:30:41 AM

I am in favor of safe, healthy communities.
I oppose the tax break for Monsanto.
I urge you to vote NO to 'Project Corn'.
I am a concerned citizen.

Instead of giving on of the biggest producers of cancer causing pesticides a tax break you really should support Organic farms/
Mono culture of GMOs and the use of pesticides is destroying the earth and polluting waterways.
You must support human wellbeing over corporate greed.

Regards.

Hans van Huijkelom

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From: [Sarahni Stumpf](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: opposition to Monsanto Project Corn
Date: February 5, 2017 9:26:08 PM

Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am a resident of Pima County, zip code 85713. I wish to voice my opposition to Pima County granting tax breaks to Monsanto for their development of an experimental site on their property in Marana.

This company is wealthy and successful enough that they can certainly manage the tax requirements of the property they have purchased. Granting them this boon implies that Pima County is encouraging the "Project Corn" which will include the use of experimental chemicals and new gmo-species. The risk of these chemicals to our water shed and dust bowl as well as the inadvertent spread of gmo-corn into our community is serious.

Please insist upon proper environmental impact studies, public disclosure of the types and amounts of chemicals that will be used, and some method of establishing a contingency program for any harmful effect that should occur in nearby communities.

I encourage you instead to give tax breaks to local chemical free growers, small family farms, and any other group that encourages the enhancement of Pima County's health and well-being.

No doubt Monsanto Corporation is a fierce and powerful entity. Pima County is the ground upon which we live and breath and grow and play and cry. As our elected Board of Supervisors please know that concerned actions for the safety and happiness of our residents and future residents are more powerful than Monsanto's money.

Thank you.
Sarahni Stumpf (AKA Susan P. Stumpf)

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From: joy.vargo
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please Reject a Tax Incentive for Mosanto
Date: February 6, 2017 10:21:24 AM

Dear Clerk of the Board of Pima County Supervisors,

I'm writing to you today to ask you to reject a tax incentive for Monsanto, and to oppose "Project Corn", because of my firm belief in the fact that allowing Monsanto to grow experimental crops in Avra Valley and use experimental chemicals on them poses a very serious public health threat to the air, soil, and water in surrounding areas AND threatens Tucson's precious UNESCO "City of Gastronomy" designation. Furthermore, by allowing Monsanto to operate in Pima County without any public disclosure, and negotiating tax incentive packages with Monsanto without any public input, the Pima County Board of Supervisors would directly be contributing to the deterioration of health, human rights, and democracy in Pima County.

I am in favor of safe, healthy communities.

I oppose the tax break for Monsanto.

I urge you to vote NO to 'Project Corn'.

I am a concerned citizen.

Sincerely,

Joy Vargo

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When you have only two pennies left in the world, buy a loaf of bread with one, and a lily with the other.

-Chinese Proverb

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From: Devon Vaughn
To: COB_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: Monsanto Corn Project
Date: February 6, 2017 11:34:32 AM

To PIMA County District Supervisors:

As a concerned Tucson citizen I urge you to deny tax break incentives to Monsanto. Their research and other efforts into gmo products are still very controversial and often not in the best interest of citizens.

I understand they own the property and will likely go forward with their planned construction activities. However, they do NOT need to be given a tax incentive to do so. Please do the right thing and protect citizens health interests rather than consider only the monetary issues behind the tax break.

Pima County citizens deserve better! I urge you to vote NO on tax breaks for Monsanto.

Sincerely,

Devon Vaughn
7122 W. Adamsgate Place
Tucson, AZ 85757

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From: [Marinna Gaither](#)
To: [COB_mail](#); [District1](#); [DIST2](#); [District3](#); [District4](#); [District5](#)
Subject: OPPOSE project corn
Date: February 6, 2017 12:53:11 PM

I am in favor of safe, healthy communities! I oppose the tax break for Monsanto! I urge you to vote NO on "project corn." I am a concerned citizen and I do not approve of Monsanto poisoning our seeds, crops, soil, and air! Please think about your children and your children's children.. keep our beautiful state health and safe!
-Marinna Nowlin

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From: Allison Manes
To: COB_mail
Subject: Please say NO to Monsanto!
Date: February 6, 2017 12:37:40 PM

I am in favor of safe, healthy communities.
I oppose the tax break for Monsanto.
I urge you to vote NO to 'Project Corn'.
I am a concerned citizen.

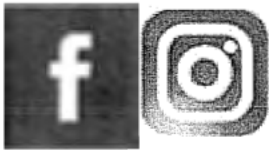
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Blessings,

Alison Hershey Manes

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From: Mitchell Timin
To: COB_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: Tax Breaks
Date: February 6, 2017 12:54:15 PM

My strong preference is NO TAX BREAK for Monsanto. If you want to know why I feel that way, read my article here:
<http://earthchurch.blogspot.com/2014/05/the-red-herring-in-gmo-controversy.html>

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Pima County Board of Supervisors
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February 6, 2017

Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Please vote **no** on **Monsanto's request for Federal Trade Zone Designation**. The following questions and concerns are prompting county wide opposition.

1. Since 1901 Monsanto has specialized in the production of highly toxic chemicals. The sale of Roundup, a highly toxic weed killer brought Monsanto \$4.8 billion in revenue in fiscal 2016.

They also produce GMO seed. Within a few years, the weeds develop stronger strains, and the herbicides loose effectiveness, and so Monsanto is continuously developing new more toxic weed killer, and stronger strains of GMO seeds that are not harmed by Roundup.

2. Roundup kills weeds and other plants that are not the GMO produced seeds of Monsanto. This poses a threat to our local natural and organic farms, and our desert landscapes.

3. Do we have any guarantees that Monsanto will not use the 155 acres as an open field farm to develop and test new unapproved chemicals and GMO seeds?

4. The 'Agreement' with Monsanto is actually a 'non binding understanding.' So Monsanto can legally change their plans on how to use the 155 acres they have bought in Avra valley at any time.

5. After receiving FTZ designation, Monsanto could decide to alter or abandon the greenhouse project for economic reasons: i.e., too expensive to build, too high construction costs, too many employees required. This would leave the county with no economic benefits from giving Monsanto tax breaks.

There's no current market for greenhouse cultivated seeds. To determine the effectiveness of the new toxins on open GMO farms, they will need to conduct open field research of the new GMO seeds and the new untested, and unapproved toxic chemicals to be used in the latest versions of Roundup.

6. Glyphosate in Roundup is a non-selective herbicide, meaning it will kill most plants. Oregon State Univ. .

7. Local windstorms, and monsoons on experimental crops in open fields, would contaminate the air, the drinking water, and the soil, posing a potential threat to organic and traditional crops on neighboring farms, and the traditional tribal crops of the neighboring Tohono O'Odham Indian Reservation.

8. Roundup and GMOs: a potential threat to our Saguaro Cactus, and the environment in ur National and State and local Parks. An Avra Valley test site for new Roundup and GMOs poses a long term threat to the Saguaro cactus and other indigenous desert plants in the Saguaro National Park, the Sonoran Desert Museum, and other neighboring parks. What will our desert landscape look like after 10 years of exposure to Monsanto's 155-acre test lab?

9. In the next 10 years, we could see the collapse of our \$2.2 billion tourist trade. The neighboring 95-acre Sonoran Desert Museum draws 750,000 visitors annually to see their 1,200 plant species, and 230 animal species. The Saguaro Nation Park has 400,000 visitors every year.

10. **The following local businesses depend on the tourist trade:** resorts, hotels, rental condos and apartments, B&Bs, golf courses, hundreds of restaurants, entertainment, stores, boutiques, galleries, grocery stores, gas stations, site seeing, parks, museums, transportation, and malls. The 40 jobs Monsanto is promising won't compensate for the loss of jobs, businesses, sales tax revenues, and loss of quality of life in Pima County.

11. **California has just made the determination that Roundup's chemical Glyphosate is carcinogenic.** U.S. Law says that researchers cannot buy seeds from Monsanto for research purposes without Monsanto's approval. All research in the US is with companies that Monsanto approves of. All the new conclusive evidence of the harmful effects of Roundup and GMOs is being conducted by companies and individuals in other countries.

12. **Recent Scientific Research definitively confirms that serious liver disease has resulted from chronic ultra-low dose of Roundup exposure.** 2016. Prof. Gilles-Eric Seralini of the Univ. of Caen, France, and follow up studies at King's College, London, Dept. of Medical and Molecular Genetics, by Mesnage R, Renney G, Seralini GE, Ward M, Antiniou, MN. Rats given an extremely low, environmentally relevant dose of a commercial Roundup, thousands of times below what is permitted by regulators, resulted in non-alcohol fatty liver disease.

13. **Roundup exposure from GMO foods 'can have serious health consequences, especially for children'.** Leonard Trasande, Prof of Pediatrics, Environmental Medicine and Population Health, NYU School of Medicine.

A test lab and the probability of testing in open GMO fields to be conducted 1.5 miles from Marana High School is not taking care of the health of our children.

14. **EPA currently investigating whether Glyphosate-based herbicides are safe for human exposure.** Cathy Milbourne, press officer for the US.EPA said they are currently reviewing the Kings College Study, and Glyphosates

15. **Communities around the world have been involved in hundreds of law suits** against Monsanto for the harm these chemicals have done to the health of their crops, and their communities. Monsanto does not have a good track record when it comes to international trade. "Seed, The Untold Story". Documentary film.

16. **Current Lawsuits Against Monsanto.** Delaware, last Wed, and last month in New York, and California: lawsuits accusing Monsanto of long knowing that the glyphosate in Roundup was hazardous to human health. Reuter.com, Tucson.com.

17. **May 26, 2016. Monsanto ordered to pay \$46.5 million .in PCB lawsuit.** At least 700 lawsuits against Monsanto are pending, claiming that their non-Hodgkin lymphoma was caused by exposure to PCBs manufactured until the late 1970s. These PCB lawsuits give evidence of long term effects of Monsanto's untested toxic chemicals on human health.

The County should be allocating the tax revenues from Monsanto to build new roads, support the schools, and to reduce taxes for small local farms, and businesses. And we may need those tax dollars to cover the costs of future law suits against Monsanto if we were to discover unreported spills, contamination of our drinking water, our schools, and farms.

It is clear that Monsanto does not have a history of developing a good, strong working relationship with the communities they enter. They are in the business of showing profits for their shareholders. They have not proven that they are reliable partners in the business of growing a strong economic future for the communities they move to.

To ensure that we are creating a vibrant future for our community, we ask that The Board of Supervisors hold Public Hearings giving their constituents a chance to speak directly with their elected officials.

Please vote No on FTZ Designation, and No on a tax break for Monsanto.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Newberry

Pima County Resident

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From: Dennis Jacques
To: COB mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: Monsanto and the "tax break"
Date: February 6, 2017 5:00:16 PM

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm certain you've heard the horror stories about how horrible a corporate neighbor Monsanto makes. The Superfund sites, the cornering of the market in Heirloom seeds to the detriment of family farmers, the lawsuits against farmers whose fields were contaminated by Monsanto's crops! I'm sure that they have have a 'smooth spin' for all of these indications of bad faith on their part... "misunderstanding" "junk science!" etc. but where all of this smoke is, there has to be fire. I would not like to have to put out their fires HERE!

The idea that Pima County should extend a 'tax break' to ENTICE the Company to come HERE, is ridiculous! We should be putting up a FENCE to KEEP IT OUT! While there seems to be little legal recourse to do that, we do NOT have to make it easy!

Everything I've read indicates that Monsanto will be here for a while, short or long, but will, inevitably, take a dump in our front yard, then leave it for us and the EPA to clean up. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!

All I keep hearing is echoes of: "Danger, danger, Will Robinson!"

I'm not a chronic malcontent. I'm just a concerned citizen who sees bad times ahead, and I want to warn you that you are very close to making things worse, in the long run. Whoever it was that ruined his reputation by holding non-public, sub-rosa negotiations with representatives of what amounts, in my book, to a rogue, criminal enterprise, must have been temporarily insane! I will never trust him again!

I want my grandsons to have a chance at clean air, clean water, and fertile earth, as I did. Tax break for these criminals? For criminals they are, as indicated by the messes they've made ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. I've heard that the count is up to 87 and counting. With luck, No Tax Break, will result in making it too financially risky for them to bother, and they will leave Tucson, our valley, and this entire state for that matter!

Please, PLEASE.. Vote NO on 'Project Corn'

Dennis M. Jacques, RN

CLERK'S NOTE:
COPY TO SUPERVISORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DATE 2-7-17 BR

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From: Susan Willis
To: District1; DIST2; District4; District5; District3; COB_mail
Subject: No Tax Abatement for Monsanto
Date: February 6, 2017 7:31:22 PM

Dear Pima County Supervisor,

I am a concerned Pima County taxpayer who is strongly opposed to the Foreign Trade Zone designation for Monsanto that would greatly reduce their Pima County property tax burden.

I have no faith in Monsanto to be a "good citizen". As a corporate entity, they have no concern for protecting air, land, water, or living beings--including humans. Their main concern is profit, pure and simple.

I am in favor of a healthy ecosystem and healthy people.

I urge you to vote against any tax abatements or giveaways to Monsanto, a global multi-billion-dollar corporation that does not need or merit our charity.

Thank you for your commitment to the people of Pima County.

Susan Willis

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3275 E. Pima St. #2
Tucson, AZ 85716
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From: Tami Canal
To: COB_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5
Subject: OPPOSED To Monsanto's Project Corn
Date: February 6, 2017 8:12:29 PM

Attention Pima County Supervisors,

My name is Tami Canal and I am the founder of March Against Monsanto.

On May 20th 2017, we will have our 6th international march in more than 400 cities in 50+ countries.

Our focus is on Monsanto's shameless poisoning of the environment and its inhabitants, with a strong emphasis on the biotech corporation's various toxic herbicides like RoundUp.

It has come to the attention of our more than 1 million followers on social media that Pima is attempting to offer Monsanto a huge tax break in order to build a 155 acre facility.

I am writing to you today to implore you to oppose this deal. I represent thousands of concerned Arizona residents who are strongly opposed to this facility and any/all special tax breaks for a corporation as heinous as Monsanto. This deal is bad for farmers, it's bad for consumers, and it's bad for the environment.

I will be at the meeting on February 21st, along with many concerned citizens. Please be prepared to answer to the tax payers you represent if the final vote is not in line with the will of the community.

Thank you for your time and for your appropriate and responsible attention to this very serious matter.

With Regards,

Tami Canal

March Against Monsanto
Founder & Executive Director

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From: [Rae Whalen](#)
To: [Rae Whalen](#)
Cc: [COB_mail](#); [District1](#); [DIST2](#); [District3](#); [District4](#); [District5](#)
Subject: Please vote NO to Project Corn.
Date: February 6, 2017 5:07:32 PM

As a Pima County resident, I am completely against Monsanto establishing a presence in Pima County. They have a long history of creating destructive, anti-farmer, anti-community products. Please block them from getting a tax break of any kind. Thank you.

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From: ELIZABETH LANGLEY
To: COB_mail
Subject: Reject Tax Incentive for Monsanto (Project Corn)
Date: February 7, 2017 8:03:00 AM

I am writing in opposition to Project Corn. I want you to reject a tax incentive for Monsanto in Pima County.

Elizabeth Langley
2061 W Shaffer Place
Tucson, AZ 85705

ELIZABETH LANGLEY

From: [Maggie Kohanek](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Cc: [District1](#); [DIST2](#); [District3](#); [District4](#); [District5](#)
Subject: Supervisors... Ramon Valadez, Ally Miller, Sharon Bronson, Supervisor Steve Christy, Richard Elias
Date: February 6, 2017 9:13:58 PM

I am in favor of safe, healthy communities.
I oppose the tax break for Monsanto.
I urge you to vote NO to 'Project Corn'.
I am a concerned citizen, living in Bisbee, AZ.

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Maggie Kohanek
520-433866

NO GMO or ROUNDUP !!!!! NO MONSANTO!!!!

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From: [Robert Gay](#)
To: [COB mail](#); [District1](#)
Subject: Articulating reasons to deny Monsanto Marana proposal
Date: February 7, 2017 10:09:47 AM
Attachments: [Pima Supervisors 2-7-17.docx](#)

Greetings Clerk --

It's said that you'll send copies to the supervisors as they gather testimony on this issue, so I appreciate that.

Here's the letter:

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First a detail: I'm putting this in text form in this email, but realize that the links are not likely to stay "live," so I'll add the letter as an attached document in case you want to refer to them. You can also cut-and-past the URLs into a browser.

February 7, 2017

Greetings Pima Supervisors,

Having lived in Tucson 20 years till moving to Patagonia this fall, I'm writing as a citizen who's adopted Southern Arizona with a passion, and as an architect who continues to serve clients in Pima County as well as other nearby counties, working toward environmentally responsible house design. My two sons are U of A students also very fond of the Tucson area, and their mom is business owner in the Foothills. Please hear me as a citizen of our bioregion, if not technically of the county at the moment.

I'm offering my thoughts from the awareness that the Sonoran desert is a single, living ecological region, independent of city, county, state, or national borders. For instance, in helping resist ecologically destructive Big Mining proposals in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, I'm working at the moment to protect the Santa Cruz River watershed, and the headwaters of the Pantano Wash, and thus to protect the water supplies of Tucson and adjacent towns.

However, I'm writing you now concerning the Monsanto proposal for a research facility in Marana, where a major tax break has been proposed in order to lure this project as a contributor to the County's coffers, it seems. But why offer them a break, at taxpayer expense? They are such a huge and profitable corporation (197th in Fortune's top 500), that they don't need a break. Monsanto's net sales in 2016 were \$14.86 billion, which is about 14 times the Pima County's total revenues of \$1.07 billion (from the Adopted Budget FY 2016/17. The profit motive is further mirrored by the total compensation of CEO Hugh Grant, as reported by Forbes: \$12.84 million in a recent year, and \$143.18 million over 5 years.

Beyond its greed, Monsanto has a long track record, since its founding in 1901, of operating viciously and illegally, and has been called "the world's most dangerous corporation," and you can learn why at this link:

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/5/25/1211599/-Monsanto-A-Beginners-Guide-to-the-World-s-Most-Dangerous-Corporation>].

The major pernicious practices of Monsanto are:

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carcinogenic chemicals, starting with its 20th-century introductions (and later defenses) of DDT and Agent Orange.

2. The genetic engineering of organisms which threaten the natural biodiversity essential for survival, and which are marketed as “Roundup-ready” seeds. GMO corn, for instance, in scientific studies with mice thus far, is being shown to cause tumors, cancer, organ failure, and premature death.

3. The attempt to control – and even patent – seed production, now controlling over 80% of the markets for soy, corn, cotton and canola seed. This has included manufacturing and selling “suicide seeds,” which don’t reproduce and force farmers to keep on buying new Monsanto seeds.

4. Further history of Monsanto is at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monsanto>, including its involvement with PCBs and the early development of nuclear weapons.

In short, it’s clear that Monsanto’s business operations are based on a heartless exploitation ethic. The consequences are part of the ecological destruction which Mother Nature will resist with the beginnings of what’s been called “the Sixth Mass Extinction,” so this is a very serious matter indeed.

This situation has evolved from a century of distancing ourselves from nature and blind repetition of the mantra of “jobs and growth,” but that limited way of thinking has proved ecologically disastrous and needs to change. Some jobs are OK; some are not. Some growth is OK, some is not. (As Edward Abbey abruptly reminded us, “Growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell.”) Without a shift of all of our consciousnesses and economies toward ecological wisdom, we are, quite factually, doomed.

But what’s the alternative? For Pima County, can David beat Goliath? Can we learn to think and eat differently?

1) Please learn about and support the diverse and healthy local food movement, from “farm to table,” including articles in the magazine EDIBLE BAJA, local seed libraries and seed banks, community gardens, permaculture projects and teachings, and gardens that teach in local schools such as TUSD’s Tucson High and Manzo Elementary School (recognized as a Best Green School for 2012 by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Center for Green Schools.) Please give these efforts your full and enthusiastic support in order to help Pima County move toward local self-sufficiency and “food wisdom”, working toward people-based Sonoran resilience in the face of the possibly staggering changes yet to come as human-induced climate change increases from a trickle to a torrent. (Hopefully there are no “deniers” among you?)

2) Pima County could join the majority of nations who have banned genetically engineered foods, and the chemical industries which create them. It’s an international movement, as you can learn about at https://www.organicconsumers.org/old_articles/gefood/countrieswithbans.php. It’d be great to have the U of A agree, and the whole State of Arizona, as well as the nation, but right now the County can do such a ban unilaterally. Pima would thus join other US counties in leadership, such as Mendocino County in CA, and Kauai and Hawaii Counties in Hawaii. (An introduction to this worldwide movement can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genetic_engineering_in_the_United_States.)

3) Pima County could also ban the use of Monsanto’s popular herbicide Roundup, as many communities and nations have. (SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN presents the carcinogenic potential of glyphosate in this 2015 article: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/widely-used-herbicide-linked-to-cancer/>.) Technical help will be needed for farmers and landscapers making this transition.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4) <!--[endif]-->Learn from the resources section at <http://gmofreeaz.org/resources/>

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5) <!--[endif]-->A positive new U of A effort can be praised and learned from by County officials: Gary Nabhan's new Center for Regional Food Studies --<http://foodstudies.arizona.edu/>.

...and there are lots of other efforts worth supporting in the shift from corporatocracy to a life- and people-based world view in what's becoming the quest for survival in this century. The shift also must be away from fossil-fuel related emissions, toward renewable energy, and eventually, population limitation....but those are for future conversations.

Initially, the transformation to a world view based on a profound respect for the living systems which sustain us, might not produce as many short-term dollars and tax breaks for the already rich, but it will lead to healthier and longer lives for a far greater number of Sonoran residents of all species. It's tough work to change our heads around in this way, but what's more worthwhile?

With Valentine's Day coming next week, I urge you to muster up the clear conviction to care for the future generations -- hopefully seven of them, as our indigenous elders have urged -- and not to prostitute the county to a flashy newcomer.

Thanks for your consideration, and please know that many of us "out here" support you in JUST SAYING NO to Monsanto, as we seek a livable, less toxic future. As I see it, we elected you to serve the people, not just a few corporations, and now's the time to remember that. This debate asks all of us to examine -- as deeply as we dare -- what we REALLY love.

Yours in concern, humility and hope --

Robert Castle Gay

PO Box 914, Patagonia AZ 85624 [REDACTED]

PS. Be on the lookout for a movie called SEED, THE UNTOLD STORY, shown at the Loft (once only), last Sunday. It's planned for wider distribution this spring and illuminates you about our primal connection to seeds as the basis for our food system and personal nourishment, including tribal and other individuals and organizations from Arizona and around the world. Here's the films website: <http://www.seedthemovie.com/> and the less-than-3-minute trailer: <http://www.seedthemovie.com/trailer>.

From: [julie_hallbach](#)
To: [Julie Hallbach](#)
Subject: Monsanto - Vote NO
Date: February 7, 2017 10:35:34 AM

Dear County Supervisor,

I am a concerned Pima County citizen. I urge you to vote NO on ANY support of Monsanto. I believe that the **science** Monsanto practices is deleterious to not just our county, but to the food safety of our planet. I believe that the science, by it's very nature, is **uncontrollable** (wind pollinated crops), **irreversible** (DNA once changed, cannot revert to it's original nature), and **irresponsible** (the future repercussions of lost food sources and of genetically modified food on humans/animals are not yet known).

You are in a position to be of service. You are in a position to protect us.

I urge you to vote NO on any support of Monsanto.

Regards, Julie Hallbach

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From: [Vic & Debbie Ruslavik](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto
Date: February 7, 2017 10:34:28 AM

Dear Clerk of the Board:

I am writing to urge you to oppose Monsanto's "Project Corn"! What an agricultural, environmental & health nightmare that would be.

Thank you for voting against this!

Debbie Ruslavik 

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From: Carly Gordon
To: District1; DIST2; district3@pima.com; district4@pima.com; District5; COB_mail
Subject: NO on Project Corn
Date: February 7, 2017 9:11:13 AM

I am a concerned citizen.

I am a home gardener, concerned with GMO cross pollination of not only my plants but with the scores of small, organic farmers we are so lucky to have in Tucson.

I oppose tax breaks for Monsanto and urge you to vote NO on 'Project Corn'.

Carly Gordon
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From: Noelle Imparato
To: COB_mail; DIST2; District3; District4; District5; District1
Subject: VOTE NO TO "PROJECT CORN."
Date: February 7, 2017 8:30:30 AM

I am in favor of safe, healthy communities.
I oppose the tax break for Monsanto.
I urge you to vote NO to 'Project Corn'.
I am a concerned citizen.

Noelle Imparato

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From: [Julie Castaneda](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of no objection
Date: February 7, 2017 12:22:17 PM

From: Sharon Bronson
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 12:17 PM
To: Julie Castaneda
Subject: Fwd: Letter of no objection

Add to Monsanto comments

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From: Ryan Dulaney <[REDACTED]>
Date: February 7, 2017 at 12:08:50 PM MST
To: <sharon.bronson@pima.gov>
Subject: Letter of no objection

Madame Chair,

Congratulations on your election win and thank you for taking constituent concerns into consideration on the vote to give tax breaks to the producer (Monsanto) for there facility (Marana greenhouse project) via a letter of no objection.

The issues I feel are most relevant to the decision are three. Investment, communication, and precedent.

I can appreciate that a given tax incentive to attract business is an investment into various monies created through the presence of those attracted businesses. In light of Tucson being designated as a UNESCO food heritage city, and listed as a food tourist destination, the many local producers and businesses who have been so very valuable in contributing to those extremely distinguished listings should be the producers being granted tax breaks as an investment. I think I speak for many residents of Pima County in testimony that these producers and the organizations supporting them have drastically improved my diet and thus my health and life. The Community Food Bank and hosted farmers markets, the Pure Joy chefs, Loft field farms, and the Tucson Village Farm just to name a few, are organic producers in Pima County whose products and shared knowledge have had immeasurable positive effect on my diet and quality of life. On a personal level, a letter of objection impeding the development of the facility in Marana will ultimately increase you and your families true wealth of life as well.

Communication. A vote supporting a no objection letter, and granting attractive tax breaks for the producer communicates support for out of state corporate producers over the local population that are themselves invested in the community and contribute to it. Making attractive offers to companies such as this producer communicates that Pima County and it's natural resources are friendly to, regardless of constituent opposition, and in fact preferential to them. Rolling out the welcome mat to a producer who historically is litigated against for deadly

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products and practices is not a good signal to send, and it is not likely what voters had in mind when electing their supervisors. Here in Pima County we are blessed with very valuable and unique natural resources. An objection letter will communicate that we intend to continue protecting those resources.

Being that this decision comes during such a period in politics, the opportunity for setting your own precedents is greater than ever. A no objection letter granting tax breaks to producers like Monsanto, and communicating that Pima County is welcoming to them, the precedent is set that more dangerous producers like them can set up shop in Pima County and consume our precious resources. The precedent is set that the risks of this producers practices and facility side effects contaminating the pristine and unique environment and the local population are overlooked for their rather small financial investment and non existent cultural or community investment. As an elected governing body, voting to object the facility and tax break, and take further municipal actions in order to make Pima County Unattractive to producers, sets the precedent that moving forward into the new year, new administration, and soon the new decade Tucson and Pima County are proud of our unspoiled environment, a community of heritage, and the notable and recognized strides we have successfully made towards truly healthy, sustainable, local food production and distribution. The ball is already rolling in Pima County towards food production being accomplished at a greater quality without producers/employers like Monsanto.

I implore you as our elected supervisor to be on board with keeping the ball rolling. Voting to send a objection letter, and deny tax breaks for this facility is one very important decision you can make to help that happen. Please make a decision that embraces and invests in the true health of Pima County and it's heritage.

Sincerely,
Ryan Dulaney

From: [Meredith Berg](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: I urge you to vote no on Monsanto!
Date: February 7, 2017 2:19:16 PM

Dear Clerk,

I am in favor of safe and healthy communities. I oppose the tax break for Monsanto and I oppose Monsanto in general. I urge you to vote No to protect corn! I am a concerned citizen.

Please vote No,
Sincerely,
Meredith Berg
2910 South Iowa St.,
Chandler AZ 85286

Sent from my iPhone

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2/7/17

2.7.17 STATEMENT TO THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

You may have thought otherwise, but you now know you have veto power over Monsanto's federal trade zone application. That means the responsibility to make the right decision for the future of Pima County lies in your hands.

If you didn't know much about Monsanto before, that's common. Monsanto has done everything it can do to keep Americans in the dark for 20 years. But the growing number of people who have learned about the business practices of Monsanto know that it has fixed the system by infiltrating colleges and schools, government regulatory agencies, and the judicial system so that it can get its claws into a community. And, then once the people and even elected representatives see how Monsanto ruins an area with the toxic business it does, it's too late. When the people fight back and pass initiatives, say, to prohibit biotech corporations from operating in that area or simply to let the public know what chemical pesticides Monsanto is spraying and when, Monsanto files lawsuits and keeps the issue tied up in the courts. We saw that in a movie that was sold out at The Loft on Sunday.

In your deliberations at the Nov. 22nd meeting, one of the main arguments for giving Monsanto its foreign trade zone status was so that it would give you a memorandum of understanding so we would know what Monsanto is doing on its property. That's like thinking it will work out well if you enter into an agreement with a sociopath. That MOU is not binding. Do not have the hubris to think you can successfully make a deal with Monsanto and not have our community suffer the same plights as other communities, like those in Hawaii, have suffered.

This is so much more than a decision about increasing the tax base. This is no time to be shortsighted. Monsanto is trying to use its greenhouse as a cover to get its foreign trade zone status and then use the rest of its more than 140 acres as a testing ground for experimental crops sprayed with experimental chemicals that will get into our air, water, and food. Uphold your duty to protect Pima County and the health of its residents and use your power to kill its foreign trade zone application!

Melissa Diane Smith
Author of *Going Against GMOs*
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CLERK'S NOTE:
COPY TO SUPERVISORS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

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February 1, 2017

Dear Board of Supervisors;

As the Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance and former Director of Native Seeds/SEARCH, I urge the Pima County Board of Supervisors not to support Monsanto's application for Foreign Trade Zone status for its 155-acre property near Twin Peaks and Sanders Road in Avra Valley.

I understand the difficulty in making a decision to jeopardize the move into Pima County of a large, job-creating and tax-generating corporation. In the end, those of you who actually vote on this issue probably will not be held personally responsible, either for lost tax revenue for Pima County, potential genetic contamination to local agriculture, dangerous chemical residues or resulting bad publicity. You do live in the county, however. This is your home. Your children may live here for a long time. What kind of a world do you want them to live in?

Facing an uncertain future, people all over the world are looking for authenticity and safety. People everywhere are shortening supply lines. A paradigm shift is upon us. Smaller farms growing fresher foods from locally adapted seeds are proving to be more ecological, more resilient, more sustainable and in the end more stimulating to local economies. The best and brightest and healthiest people want to move to places like this. Surely you understand the value of the World City of Gastronomy designation from UNESCO, an agency of the United Nations, bestowed upon Tucson last year. Tucson has become a recognized food cuisine destination fostering much needed tourism revenue for our state.

We know now the promise that Big Ag will feed the world and enrich local communities is a myth. The model it represents externalizes costs and leaves local economies poorer. Ken Meter, economist at The Crossroads Institute, estimated a \$5 per week shift alone toward the purchase of locally grown food in Southern Arizona by Southern Arizona families would bring an additional \$280 million a year to our economies. Has Pima County explored what this would mean for local tax revenues? Pima County should be known as the leader in this effort. Tax breaks for the world's most hated corporation would represent the opposite. Please think about the long-term consequences of your decision.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill McDorman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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To: Board of Supervisors

Re: "No" on Monsanto FTZ designation

I implore you to vote "no" on the upcoming vote regarding Monsanto. You have heard hours of public testimony about the threats, risks, and potential environmental liabilities Monsanto could represent for Pima County.

You have before you an unprecedented opportunity to hit a home run. From the November 22 Board meeting, through every board meeting since then and all five district meetings on this subject, the public has voiced landslide opposition to Monsanto's plans in Pima County, with the proportion of speakers in opposition to Monsanto running at 95% or greater at each meeting.

It may be a long time before you come across another issue where you have conservatives, liberals, and independents all coming together in 95% agreement on anything. You have the chance to endear yourselves to the hearts and minds of the voters you represent by taking a stand on this issue to side with your constituents in Pima County.

I am reminded of an anecdote from the district meeting in Green Valley on this subject, where one member of the public stood up and spoke so fondly of what retired Supervisor Ray Carroll had done for the community in opposing the Rosemont mine. I thought to myself, what a wonderful thing, for any of us, to be remembered fondly for our good work after our retirement. I think all of us would want that for ourselves, would we not? I certainly would love to be remembered fondly like that after my own retirement one day.

You have that same opportunity here. Day after day, week after week, month after month, meeting after meeting, you have heard from members of the public who are Republicans, Democrats, and Independent voters coming together to say "no" on Monsanto. I can't think of a better way for you to enhance your status with the 95% voters of all stripes with one vote, can you? (Conversely, I think that when 95% of the public has spoken in unity on an issue, a vote against the will of the public makes it difficult, to say the least, to ever convince your constituents again that you truly represent their needs come re-election.)

According to an article in the Arizona Daily Star 1/28/17 (attached, *Pima County Board Has Veto Power over Monsanto's Tax Breaks*), the board *does* in fact have veto power over the proposed Monsanto tax break. According to Sun Corridor Inc.'s own website (and we all know Supervisor Bronson is listed as in the Chairman's Circle of Sun Corridor Inc.), on the FTZ page, a power point presentation describes Pima County as the "*gatekeeper*" on obtaining the FTZ designation. You have the power to say "no" to supporting the FTZ designation. According to Monsanto's own Amanda McLleran, who spoke at the district meetings, Monsanto has not decided whether the project will move forward in the absence of the FTZ designation. (She said they are waiting to see this process play out.) This means

your vote on this issue is critical to whether the project would potentially go forward.

On a final note, I can't help but mention an article in the Arizona Daily Independent 2/1/17 (attached, *Monsanto's Roundup Barred From Supervisor's Meeting but Okay for High Schoolers*) that notes that if I wanted to bring in a bottle of Roundup, Monsanto's flagship pesticide that is sprayed on fields of its crops that people eat, to show you at the meeting, I would not be allowed to do so because the product presents a "security risk." Pocket knives and pepper spray may be allowed, but the Monsanto Roundup product is considered too dangerous. The implication is clear: Roundup®, with its active ingredient glyphosate, is too dangerous to be near the Board of Supervisors, but it's okay to use a mile from a high school, and even closer to other residents of the Avra Valley. (I also note that according to the same article there are ongoing disputes with Saguaro National Park and Tucson Water over aerial spraying of glyphosate which has sickened Avra Valley residents and their pets, and killed a rancher's cattle forage.)

As a business owner myself, I'm not opposed to business. But I am opposed to businesses with a bad track record of unethical practices. So as far as Pima County is concerned, I would go as far to say, let's bring in *anyone* but Monsanto. What I think would be even better would be to look at other ways to support Pima County. For instance, if everyone in Pima County shifted \$5 of their weekly food budget to locally grown food, that would bring in \$260 Million annually into Pima County. Instead of giving away tax dollars to Monsanto, I'd rather my tax dollars go to a public service campaign in support of locally grown foods, as one idea for food for thought, pardon the pun. All that to say, there are other ways to accomplish your goals for Pima County without risks to the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the way that Monsanto's practices have brought to numerous other municipalities that are now embroiled in litigation in 2017 for the clean up of the environmental damage from Monsanto's presence.

Do the right thing, let's sidestep the Monsanto risks from the get-go. Step up to the plate, swing for the fences, and go home a hero. Vote "no" on Monsanto. Let's recognize this danger for what it is and say no to this Faustian bargain.

Sincerely,



Cori McGraw

Concerned citizen, voter, and business owner in Pima County

Attachments:

1) January 28, 2017 Arizona Daily Start article *Pima County Board Has Veto Power over Monsanto's Tax Breaks*

2) Feb 1, 2017 Arizona Daily Independent, *Monsanto's Roundup Barred From Supervisor's Meeting but Okay for High Schoolers*