

From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: DO NOT SUBSIDIZE MONSANTO IN PIMA COUNTY
Date: November 20, 2016 11:59:30 AM

Supervisors,

I write to you, today, to add my voice to a rapidly growing number of Pima County voters and taxpayers who are extremely alarmed that the Pima County Board of Supervisors would consider subsidizing Monsanto in Pima County.

Before you decide if any investment in Monsanto would benefit the citizens of Pima County, I urge you to investigate the legal, environmental, agricultural, and social impact this Fortune 200 chemical company has had on other communities around the world.

Monsanto is not an investment.
Monsanto is a liability, in every sense of the word.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Gilinsky
850 W Cresta Loma Dr
Tucson, AZ 85704
[REDACTED]

NOV 23 16:08:54 PC CLK OF DD

From: [Barbara Hall](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Fwd: project corn
Date: November 20, 2016 4:14:29 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Hall <[REDACTED]>
Subject: project corn
Date: November 20, 2016 at 4:09:16 PM MST
To: cob.mail@pima.gov

Supervisors of Pima County,
I am very concerned about the possible decision to give Monsanto a 2/3 tax break when their reputation is marred with environmental violations and not telling the truth. Why should we give them this opportunity at our expense (county residents) to set up shop with a discount? Why should we trust a agribusiness that has not played fair on the international stage for years. If they want to set up business in our precious county/ Sonoran Desert/ let them pay up like other businesses do.

They certainly can afford it, even after paying penalties in lawsuits. Look at their record!

Sincerely,
Barbara Hall
2519 E. Drachman
Tucson, Az 85716

NOV 21 16 08 54 PC CLK OF BI

From: Paul
To: COB_mail
Subject: I OPPOSE "PROJECT CORN" - NO TAX BREAKS - Hell, RAISE or Create NEW Environmental FEES for operating in Pima County
Date: November 20, 2016 10:12:46 PM

Everyone around the world is waking up to and removing Monsanto from their lives- EXCEPT PIMA COUNTY!!!!!! WTH

First of all, I am EXTREMELY DISGUSTED at Pima County to even have "The Most Hated and Most Evil " company to even be in my backyard. There is not one article that can be found with people or communities saying they are so great. So why do we have them here other than to destroy our environment, water resources, to create "Frankenfood" and put ALL our health at risk. We all know the reputation and lies Monsanto promotes, but what gets to me is that how can 38 countries REJECT Monsanto GMO crops and chemicals, but yet we "The United States of America" the most powerful country welcome them to destroy the environment and lives of Americans with their monopoly farms of cancerous chemical experiments (glyphosate) used in their products (ROUNDUP) and their GMO crops. I am without a doubt sure this went into play to benefit a select few's bank accounts because that's what they do.

Now to get to the point, why the HELL should they get tax incentives and tax breaks while the little mom and pop farms for decades get trampled on. You only give tax breaks to companies that for one- create jobs for 500 to 1000+ people, not this under 100 crap. That's not impacting any economy, its just a "FAVOR" from one of the politicians for a kickback.

Don't be that politician, VOTE NO TO ANY TAX BREAKS.

Hell, i'd keep adding environmental fees every DAY so they'd pack up, lose millions, and leave. Then we can use their Billion dollar company to make some improvements and of course use for cleanups after they destroy everything.

**Sincerely,
Paul Cervantez**


NOV 21 16:08:54 PC CLK OF BO

From: STEPHEN A BRESLER
To: COB_mail
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 18, 2016 4:43:16 PM

I am writing to voice my strong disapproval of offering Monsanto any tax incentives. Amongst other reasons, given that a number of their products are banned in numerous countries globally, I do not believe their activities in Pima County are warranted.

Sincerely,

Stephen Bresler

NOV 21 16:05:54 PC CLK OF BO 

From: [REDACTED]
To: COB mail
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 20, 2016 8:13:38 PM

Dear Supervisors,

I'm not big on cliches, but *adding insult to injury* comes immediately to mind when considering a yes vote on tax incentives for Monsanto. The *injury* is having Monsanto in our community at all; the *insult* is having the county financially contribute to their presence here. With a decades-long record of deceit, bullying, lawsuits and environmental damage, why would we possibly give them anything? If the county wants to provide tax breaks, why not give them to local farmers? Why not help them convert conventional farms to pesticide-free ones, with healthy, dynamic soil, a vibrant crop mix, and biological pest control? More healthy local agriculture would benefit all of us, whereas Monsanto benefits only its shareholders. Do not believe their "solving world hunger" lies, as some of the poorest, food-deprived countries in the world have thrown Monsanto out because, for all their promises, they did more harm than good. Countries all over the world are banning GM crops. I thank Richard Elias for strongly opposing these these tax incentives and implore the rest of the Board to follow his lead.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wiener
(happily in Supervisor Elias's district)

NOV 21 16:00:55 POC/KCF RD

From: [Christy Brianna Fierros](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: No to Project Corn
Date: November 20, 2016 7:57:35 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a Tucson native who admires our rich agricultural history and diverse heritage. Allowing Monsanto to move into our town with a tax break will not only jeopardize our name as City of Gastronomy, but it will threaten the health of people and our ecosystems. Please, NO to project corn!

NO TO MONSANTO PROJECT CORN

From: [popcycle.shop](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: OPPOSE THE tax incentives for Monsanto
Date: November 18, 2016 8:51:48 PM

I strongly OPPOSE THE tax incentives for Monsanto and GMOS!!!!

Pop-Cycle
422 N. 4th Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85705
(520) 622-3297

NOV 21 16:08:55 PCTKFB

RF

From: [DDco Design](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: OPPOSE THE tax incentives for Monsanto and GMOS.
Date: November 18, 2016 8:50:51 PM

I strongly OPPOSE THE tax incentives for Monsanto and GMOS!!!!

DDco Design
422 N. 4th Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85705
(520) 622-3297

NOV 21 16:08:55 PC CLK OF ED



From: Paula
To: COB_mail
Subject: Opposition to Monsanto
Date: November 20, 2016 6:00:33 PM

There are many reasons we must say no to offering Monsanto ANY incentives at all. (Indeed, I would go further and not even allow them to operate in Pima County.) Here are a few:

- 1) Does a Fortune 500 (Fortune 200, if you want to be accurate) company really need the tax money of one of the poorer communities in the country?
- 2) When was the last time a chemical company said its chemicals were safe, and they were actually right/honest? (Monsanto has a particularly bad track record in deceptive practices, but it has the money to pay the fines, so it has no incentive to behave otherwise.)
- 3) Don't be fooled by the greenhouse: it's not a closed system, and there will likely be activity outdoors as well.
- 4) Let one chemical company in and others will follow, as has happened in Hawaii.
- 5) If you have concerns about GMOs (which, BTW, aren't all they're cracked up to be, according to recent research), then that's another reason to oppose this plan.
- 6) Tourism: What do you think is more attractive to a tourist: visiting the only UNESCO City of Gastronomy in the US (the Monsanto facility would endanger this designation), or visiting a city whose resources are being destroyed by Big Ag?
- 7) The jobs (only 50) and increased tax base, they say, will benefit us. I say, **Find A Better Way**. Other companies with integrity are out there - they are the ones worth supporting. The Pima County Board of Supervisors should be seeking them out, not voting for secret deals made between our County Administrator and the likes of Monsanto.
- 8) Exactly what kind of city do you want us to be?

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Redinger

334 E. 12th St.

NOV 21 16 08 55 POC/KCF/BD
AR

From: [carol keck](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Opposition to PROJECT CORN
Date: November 21, 2016 7:58:50 AM

This is an outrage!!!

Monsanto's presence in our beloved Tucson will be ruinous to the health and well being humans and flora and fauna in so many ways...

No way in hell should they be given a tax break!

Please insist on an environmental impact study IMMEDIATELY!!

Your consideration is greatly appreciated,

Most Sincerely,

Carol L Keck

NOV 21 16:08:55 PC CLK OF ED



From: [KIM KNEBEL](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Opposition to "Project Corn"
Date: November 20, 2016 2:17:59 PM
Attachments: [protest_monsanto.docx](#)

Dear Sirs & Madams,

Attached is a letter I wrote at least a month ago to Mr. Moffat. I am sending it for your eyes since the land has already been purchased, nothing can be done about that but there are things you can do to make it so economically unprofitable, they will sell the land off and take their toxic business somewhere else. Not only should there be no incentives or breaks offered, there should be high taxes and special use levies implemented as there will be messes and negative environmental impacts that we (the county and her residents) will get stuck with trying to clean up. So, please vote no on any possible breaks and consider implementing heavy taxation and other such things as may be possible to make it as difficult and economically unfeasible for them so they will go away.

Thanks for your deep consideration on this matter. Look into what they have done everywhere they have moved into. See the pressures put on the small farmers to comply with use of their *GMO* seeds and other chemicals. Wind carried pollen and so do insects. Having their manipulated material here endangers much of the biodiversity we have and many have been working for for decades.

Sincerely,

Kim M. Knebel

NOV 21 10:08:55 PM CLK OF BO
JK

Kim M. Knebel
2014 N. Winstel Blvd.
Tucson AZ 85716

Dear Mr. Moffatt,

The information that Monsanto seeks to build a plant of any kind anywhere in Pima County is extremely upsetting. They have done nothing but produce toxic chemicals, taken over agricultural production in many areas, threatened small farmers who didn't want their corrupt seeds or their crops compromised by cross pollination with their genetically altered plants. Say no to this corrupt corporation. Our town has been honored with the distinction by UNESCO as a City of Gastronomy. Part of that distinction is owing to the fact we have so many working to cultivate heirloom plants, collecting pure seeds and preserving native plants. Allowing Monsanto to come in any capacity threatens land, water and plants as well as autonomy of the small farms working to keep things pure and saving clean, unadulterated seeds for our future. Biodiversity is absolutely a necessity and Monsanto is systematically eradicating that. Just say NO! Thank you for reading this. Please consider the importance of preserving our heritage and keeping Pima County clean! This is the best case scenario. No Monsanto.

However, if for some reason that feels like too much, please, please, consider commissioning a citizen's task force of scientists, farmers and ethicists to review the proposal and offer their wisdom, suggestions and possible constraints if the county insists on allowing Monsanto a foot in.

Sincerely,

Kim M Knebel

NOV 21 16 AM 05:55 PM CJK/CFB

From: [Marcelino Flores](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Re: Opposition to "Project Corn"
Date: November 18, 2016 9:19:40 PM

On Nov 17, 2016 7:16 PM, "Marcelino Flores" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

As a Native American and trained economic development professional I am vehemently against "Project Corn" or Monsanto locating in the only UNESCO city of gastronomy in the united states. This ill-conceived incentive package is an unconscionable economic development activity; there are no positive benefits and the great irreparable harm is not worth considering at any level; in fact, a strong message should be sent by the county supervisors and administration to keep Monsanto the hell out of our diverse community.

Marcelino C Flores
2135 N Treat #11
Tucson AZ 85716

NOV 21 16:08:55 PCKCF ED
RF

From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Reject Tax Incentive for Monsanto
Date: November 19, 2016 1:43:54 PM

Dear Supervisors:

My family strongly opposes Pima County giving Monsanto a tax incentive package to develop a facility in Avra Valley. Monsanto has been a topic of controversy for decades and we oppose this company doing experimental research in Pima County.

There have been no thorough environmental impact studies conducted and no public disclosure requirements for the toxic experimental chemicals Monsanto will use.

Please vote NO on "Project Corn."

Thanks
Donna & Eric Jeffers

NOV 21 16:08:55 PC CLK OF PD

From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto/ Opposition to "Project Corn"
Date: November 20, 2016 12:02:57 PM

Please reject a Tax Incentive to Monsanto. Please vote NO on "Project Corn". No GMO's, NO chemicals!

Thank you,

Robin Motzer

"Create a beautiful day for yourself and others!"

NOV 21 16:08:55 PC CLKJF B1
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From: [Jackson, Shawn S - \(ssj\)](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto/ Opposition to "Project Corn"
Date: November 20, 2016 1:48:13 PM

Please reject any tax Incentive to Monsanto. Please vote NO on "Project Corn". Corporations such as Monsanto do not belong in our community.

A citizen of Pima county and our wonderful community!

shawn jackson

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shawn jackson
Senior Lecturer, Physics
University of Arizona

NOV 21 16:08:55 POC/KCF/BD

From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Reject a tax incentive for Monsanto
Date: November 18, 2016 9:16:46 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote AGAINST the tax incentive for Monsanto. Please be the voice for our community and vote "NO".

Thank you,
Kindra Perea

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

NOV 21 16:06:55 PC CLK OF BD
A

From: [Meg Weesner](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Cc: [Meg Weesner](#)
Subject: Sierra Club comments on Monsanto
Date: November 20, 2016 3:57:09 PM
Attachments: [Sierra Club comments on Monsanto tax benefits 2016-11-21 Final.pdf](#)

Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors -

The Rincon Group of Sierra Club (covering southern Arizona) is very concerned about the decision you are considering to give tax breaks to Monsanto Corporation for bringing their experimental seed operations to Avra Valley. We strongly object to tax incentives for this multi-national biotechnology corporation.

Please read the attached letter which provides more information about our objection.

Meg Weesner
Rincon Group Chair
Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter

NOV 21 16 09 55 POC CLK OF BO
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From: [Barbara Hall](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Stop Monsanto
Date: November 20, 2016 5:01:08 PM

Dear Supervisors:

I strongly object to having Monsanto in Pima County at all let alone giving them a tax break for the few jobs they will "create". Monsanto is a multinational corporate criminal that continually finds itself in court for all kinds of environmental and agricultural damage it causes.

Do not give Monsanto a tax break. Give them the boot!

An old farm boy from Pima County.
Richard H. Barber
2519 E. Drachman St
Tucson, Arizona 85716

NOV 21 16 08 55 PCK OF 60

BA

From: [Jeanette Gibler](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Cc: [Jeanette Gibler](#)
Subject: Stop Project Corn
Date: November 20, 2016 8:26:32 PM

Dear Clerk of the Board,

I have attempted to call numerous times but apparently no one is willing or able to answer your phones. I am writing therefore in regards to the decision the Board has made to let Monsanto into our area.

They were just on trial at The Hague, an internationally recognized institution, for crimes against humanity due to the poisonous nature of their products.

Here is a link to review what Molokai has been dealing with since Monsanto's moved in - please look up and get educated and don't allow Tucson to sell out!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/HawaiiSEED?feature=watch> To connect with Molokai MOM: <http://www.facebook.com/Molokai...>

In this day and age with countless documentation of the risk that Monsanto's would bring to our communities, land, environment safety is down right crazy.

Mexico JUST kicked them out and several other countries have banded them, are we really going to jeopardized Tucson's values and people and the very reason so many people are moving here!

For you to consider working with them makes me see that poisoning our city and our county is OK with your board. This is completely wrong and unacceptable. I ask that you take the land back and kick them out of Arizona.

Please become present to the fact your putting everyone at risk including your own families.

I'm standing strong and it may be time to rally to recall board members, something this huge should be decided by the people and we have the wrong people in office

NOV 21 16 08 55 POC CLK OF BO
JK

for this to have comes this far.

As a third generation Arizonian and native to Tucson, former owner of 11 year old business, and a long standing tax paying citizen, the video above is a just a small faction of what our people would fight for.

I'm personally chemically sensitive and own my home close to I-10 and Twin Peaks - with all the factual documented information out there, I know if my health shifted in the least bit, Pima country would be the first I would attempt to hold responsible.

Please do not sell out our spectacular city and kick them out of here.

Thank you,

Jeanette Gibler

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[REDACTED]

NOV 21 16:08:55 POC/KO/EBD
JGK

From: TRUDY DUFFY
To: COB mail
Subject: opposition to tax break for Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 7:12:31 AM

I am writing to oppose the backdoor offer of a tax break to the wealthy multinational chemical company Monsanto. Increased revenues are incredibly seductive, but we know from Monsanto's history and increasing evidence of the dangers of GMOs, pesticides, pollution, and seed monopoly, that this is very shortsighted. We are messing our nest.

We have been acknowledged as a UNESCO city of Gastronomy, the only one in the U.S. This honor comes because of a long history of agriculture that is compatible with our environment. There has been a boost in small and organic farms, in raising of pesticide free meats, in farmer's markets, in food re-distribution. Tucson's Native seed works to preserve seed diversity (which Monsanto threatens). Tucson's Friends have recreated a garden of the Missions and of the Tohono O'Odham. I know that these industrious activities and organizations do not bring in huge revenues, but they protect our future.

Monsanto tries to make a case for altruism--it is doing research and producing food necessary for our increasing population. This is BS. For Monsanto, most of the corn is "product," used for syrups, fuel, disposal dining ware, bath powders, laundry starches, adhesives, etc. They are in it for the money.

We do not need to reward Monsanto. The company has calculated the risk of coming. They bought the land. They had to know the tax schedule. They are looking to buy their way out of their responsibility. They are lavish in their promises--immediate gratification. Negotiations have occurred behind closed doors, not recognized until recently by the public. There has been little opportunity for community input and no official environmental study.

I beg you to reject this proposal to give Monsanto a tax break. Thank you. Trudy Duffy, NW resident, Pima County

Sharon Bronson, I'm counting on you. I voted for you because of your sound record.

NOV 21 16:08:56 PC CLK OF ED
JK

From: Susan Lantz
To: COB mail
Subject: please vote No to tax incentives for Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 12:04:01 AM

Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for your service to our community. I believe I understand first-hand the importance of attracting business and jobs to Pima County. I love living here so much that I haven't left yet despite several difficult years of underemployment. At times it's been hard to hang on. I have long hoped for the development that is now coming to the county, and I am grateful for it.

Despite this, I do not believe we should welcome Monsanto with open arms. I do not believe we should give Monsanto--a wealthy, multinational corporation with a history of deception--such large tax incentives to bring us so few jobs and so many unknowns.

Monsanto's decades of deceitful, harmful practices did not end when they stopped manufacturing Agent Orange in the late 1960s, or DDT and PCBs in the 1970s. They did not end in 2005, when Monsanto paid a \$1.5 million fine for bribing government officials to skip environmental impact studies. More recently, Monsanto:

was fined \$2.5 million by the EPA (the largest ever such fine) for mislabeling products to sell in communities where those products were banned. (2010)

was fined by the Department of Justice and the EPA for not reporting hundreds of uncontrolled releases of toxic chemicals in Idaho. (2015)

was fined by the SEC for misstating its earnings and lying to shareholders. (2016)

is locked in conflict with citizens of many Hawaiian islands where Monsanto is testing corn. These communities feel misled by Monsanto but are finding it impossible to evict them.

The list of lies goes on. I fear that we won't know the true costs of Monsanto's presence until it is much too late.

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Please let's save our incentives and tax breaks for honest, hard-working local farmers, local businesses, and companies who align with our community's values and will be true partners in our growth. Please vote No.

Sincerely,

Susan Lantz

NOV 21 16:09:56 PC-A1078
JK

From: Jamie Hippe
To: COB_mail
Subject: I oppose project corn!!
Date: November 21, 2016 9:12:50 AM

I oppose project corn! Monsanto should not be give any tax deals in Pima county. I demand more public forums and accountability.

Jamie Hippe

NOV 21 16:09:23 PC CLK/FDD

From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: No tax break for Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 9:01:45 AM

Please vote NO for a tax break for Monsanto! I wish they were not bringing their 'business' here. Everywhere is 'downwind'.
Quin Wilson


NOV 21 16:09:24 PCTKFB
A

From: [Bonnie Goble](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Oppose tax breaks for Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 8:42:01 AM

Citizens of Pima County and myself are strongly opposed to the idea of giving Monsanto tax breaks in the name of economic development. We understand that the land has already been purchased and they are coming here no matter what. What is sickening is the idea of giving them a break on property taxes, one of the largest corporations in the world, who has one of the worst environmental records. Countries all over the world have banned them. They pose a threat to our food security and food sovereignty. These facts are known and continue to be ignored. If anything else approving this issue, while supporting the desert conservation plan and pushing the sustainability action plan, is hypocritical. If they are going to pollute our air, water and soil they can at least pay their fair share of property taxes.

Bonnie
Pima County Resident

NOV 21 16:09:24 PC CLK OF BD



From: [cara_dalton](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Opposition to "Project Corn"
Date: November 21, 2016 8:48:31 AM

Dear Supervisors,

Why is it that the majority of the European union has rejected Mansanto? Because they realize the imminent global catastrophe that will develop if Mansanto is allowed and even encouraged to continue their awful practices. Please do not act as a stepping stone for this destructive company.

This is your opportunity to directly effect the community and world you live in. Please do not grant Mansanto any tax breaks. This is a defining moment in your life, can you look your grandchildren in the eyes and tell them you sold their food supply to the largest pesticide company in the world. That you had a choice to save her and you chose money.

Your little boys and girls can't eat money....

Protector of Mother Earth and All of Living Beings,

Cara Lea Dalton

NOV 21 16:09:24 CDT 2016

From: [GeeGee Larrington](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Vote No to Monsanto's Tax Incentive Plan
Date: November 21, 2016 8:17:02 AM

To County Board of Supervisors and Chuck Huckleberry

As a long time Pima County taxpayer I am appalled at the behind closed doors glad-handing that has gone on not only at the County Administration level but in the administration of Marana and other entities. That Marana High School, without environmental impact studies, has signed off on accepting Monsanto to become a neighbor and allowed itself to be bought off with \$500,000 totally disregarding the health and well-being of its students is a travesty.

This is bad enough, but for our Pima County Supervisors to even consider providing tax incentives and other benefits to a wealthy corporation like Monsanto is an insult to an educated population. We need to provide tax incentives to the small, local farmers using good agricultural practices that have helped earn the city of Tucson (only one in the USA of 16 cities world-wide) the City of Gastronomy designation!

If you had not noticed in the recent political climate that the electorate is upset with how our governmental agencies are looking out for big business or pet projects and not paying attention to what we tax payers want and don't want! We DO NOT WANT Monsanto raising experimental crops in Arizona or the USA!

Monsanto is killing our planet as witnessed in Hawaii. It is total disregard of health challenges posed by Monsanto's herbicides and insecticides and the genetically altered seeds that most other countries on this planet have banned from their countries. Italy has banned them and been able to restore its bee population within one year of identifying that genetically modified seeds were the cause of their bee colony collapse. Iowa with its monoculture farming using GMO seeds and more and more pesticides, no longer has insects at all and Cancer rates in its citizens are the highest in the country.

Vote No to Monsanto's tax break and their secretive, fast-tracked methods to deceive.

Geraldene G. Larrington

6821 N. Cassim Place

Tucson, AZ

NOV 21 10 09 24 PC CLK OF PD

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From: piper@tucsonwellness.org
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Board of Supervisors Meeting - 11/22/16 - re: Monsanto decision / proposed project in Marana
Date: November 21, 2016 10:53:10 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to respectfully oppose the Monsanto "deal" that you are expected to approve.

As Ross Perot would say, it appears "...the horse is out of the barn." But my hope is that you will think twice about approving this ill-advised Monsanto agreement.

Do you fully understand what Monsanto is about? Have you read any recent reports from the World Health Organization on the cancer causing effects of Round Up or reports from Monsanto's internal whistle blowers? I have.

In my view, Monsanto embodies the purest kind of evil in our world....killing birds, bees, and damaging our children's brains and bodies.

I have recently learned that the rise in glyphosate use over the last 20 years correlates closely with the rise of autism & epidemic levels of neuro-development issues. 20 years ago 1 in 10,000 had autism. Now 1 in 68 children in Arizona have autism. This is not genetic. All evidence points to one fact: These epidemic levels of health problems are "man made."

Of course the heavy, over-aggressive vaccination schedule for kids does nothing to help. So kids get a double whammy of chemical pesticide toxicity and an over-stressed immune system, caused not by vaccinations themselves -- but by receiving too many too soon.

I have been a keen reader of all things Monsanto - taking out many books from the Oro Valley Library even before this issue came to my recent attention. It is clear from internal whistle blowers that this company knows exactly how damaging their GMO seeds and pesticide use is for the world. Greed is a powerful ruler.

Sorry for the rant. I pray for solutions that are beyond our imagining right now. I'm convinced it will take the arrival of an advanced ET civilization to "connect" with our world...as they say "no, no...you have it all wrong, you are destroying your Natural World, we know this because we did it. Listen to our warning..."

Thank you for listening. I hope you will vote your conscience. And if you choose to approve this agreement. I hope you will look into what Monsanto whistle blowers have had to say. It's all at the Oro Valley County Library.

Sincerely,

Sheri Piper
Oro Valley Resident and Concerned Citizen

NOV 21 10 53 AM '16
COB_MAIL

From: [Ryan Klems](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto Tax Incentives
Date: November 21, 2016 10:52:16 AM

I strongly oppose giving Monsanto any tax incentives. They would be bringing an extremely minimal number of jobs and our county needs corporations to be paying their share of taxes as well.

Sent from my iPhone

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00:52:16 AM 11/21/2016

From: GAIL MCGRAW
To: COB_mail
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 10:48:54 AM

I would like to be on record as opposing Project Corn and the proposed tax break for Monsanto in AZ.

Gail McGraw


Arizona

Sent from my iPhone

NOV 21 16:48:54 PM '16

From: [carrie_Vonier](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: No to Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 9:25:34 AM

Good morning!

I am writing to state my opinion about having Monsanto move to this region. Monsanto is not to be trusted and will have a negative impact on the water usage and chemicals in our soil. We cannot sustain a commercial grower in the fragile desert, despite how little water they claim they will use. Besides, why do we need a commercial corn plant here? Why is Monsanto interested in this region anyway? Is it because of the drought in California?

Monsanto is shady and not to be trusted. I urge you to vote no to Monsanto.

Here is some more food for thought:

1) Does a Fortune 500 (Fortune 200, if you want to be more accurate) company really need the tax money of one of the poorer communities in the country?

2) When was the last time a chemical company said its chemicals were safe, and they were actually right/honest? (Monsanto has a particularly bad track record in deceptive practices, but it has the money to pay the fines, so it has no incentive to behave otherwise.)

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4) Let one chemical company in and others will follow, as has happened in Hawaii.

5) If you have concerns about GMOs (which, BTW, aren't all they're cracked up to be, according to recent research), then that's another reason to oppose this plan.

6) Have an AirBnB or work in a tourism? What do you think is more attractive to a tourist: visiting the only UNESCO City of Gastronomy in the US (the Monsanto facility would endanger this designation), or visiting a city whose resources are being destroyed by Big Ag?

7) The jobs (only 50) and increased tax base, they say, will benefit us. I say, Find A Better Way. Other companies with integrity are out there - they are the ones worth supporting. The Pima Cty Board of Sups should be finding them, not voting for secret deals made

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between our County Administrator with the likes of Monsanto.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carrie Vonier

Tucson

From: [terry](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Opposition to "project Corn"
Date: November 21, 2016 9:43:01 AM

Please reject a tax incentive for Monsanto. Tax breaks should support local, chemical-free farmers. Project Corn 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, and no public disclosure requirements for the toxic experimental chemicals the corporations will use.

Best Regards,

Terry Smith

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From: [High-End Used Saddles](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Reject Monsanto Tax Incentive
Date: November 21, 2016 10:38:40 AM

As a Pima County voter, taxpayer, and business owner, I am firmly opposed to the Monsanto tax incentive.

In no way is giving any special treatment to this company acceptable.

Monsanto has a terrible history of bullying famers, poisoning the environment, and threatening the safety of our food supply. As a concerned citizen, I don't want them here at all given their threat to public health, and I particularly oppose offering them any special incentives.

Let's check Monsanto's track record.

See this article on what Monsanto did in Idaho (Headline; Monsanto Released Dangerous Chemicals at Idaho Plant). http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/monsanto-released-dangerous-chemicals-at-idaho-plant/article_d08e6444-fc62-5347-a30d-295d3f62a8bb.html

Another article on Monsanto in Hawaii (Headling: GMO Companies are Dousing Hawaiian Island with Toxic Pesticides: <http://grist.org/business-technology/gmo-companies-are-dousing-hawaiian-island-with-toxic-pesticides/>)

I don't want Monsanto to get any special tax breaks. I am a Pima County business owner who runs my business just fine without any special tax breaks from the County and I expect any other business coming in to be able to hold it's own as well without taxpayers footing the bill. I'd prefer that Monsanto wasn't here at all. As representatives of the citizens, I expect the Board of Supervisors to represent the voice of the citizens on this issue.

Best,

Cori McGraw
the saddle matchmaker

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From: [Erica Swadley](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 9:20:26 AM

To all the Pima County Supervisors,

I writing to express my profound alarm that Monsanto is being given tax incentives and welcomed into Pima County to experiment with dangerous chemicals and herbicides. Our delicate desert ecosystem is at risk of pollution through the air, the soil and the precious water system. Surely each of the supervisors has children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and family pets who will suffer from this three pronged exposure to toxicity. Recently we voted to insure a place for you in the belief that you shared these values. Please protect this fragile beautiful place we call home.

Sincerely, Erica Swadley
8805 N. Scenic Drive,
Tucson, AZ, 85743

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From: Greg Evans
To: COB mail
Subject: Vote No on Monsanto tax breaks
Date: November 21, 2016 10:15:46 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to urge you to vote "No" to granting Monsanto Corporation tax breaks to locate a research facility in Pima County. Given that Monsanto has a long track record of being a bad corporate "citizen" (suing farmers, toxic waste issues, etc.), I do not believe that the few jobs this facility would create justifies such a sweetheart deal as is being proposed.

Sincerely,

Greg Evans
124 S. Carapan Pl.
Tucson, AZ 85745

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From: GAIL MCGRAW
To: COB mail
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 10:53:58 AM

I am opposed to Monsanto and Project Corn and also the proposed tax incentive. These do not serve the Welfare of our citizens...

Gail McGraw
[REDACTED]
Arizona


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GAIL MCGRAW

From: [Susan Avery](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 1:12:39 PM

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

Sent from my iPad


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From: [REDACTED]
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto letter addendum
Date: November 21, 2016 1:08:27 PM
Attachments: [sift_close-to-home.pdf](#)

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Wendy Wiener

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BAKE FOR GOOD

Keeping It Close to Home

A fresh look at farming brings better baking to the neighborhood

written by jeff yankellow • photographed by julia a. reed

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

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

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

These days you don't have to look far to find a bakery using (or even milling) local grain. There's one near Camus Country Mill, and it's in a surprising location: the back of the cafeteria at Willamette High School in Eugene. The bakers in this tiny kitchen in the Bethel School District have been using locally

grown flour since long before it was trendy. The reason they can do this is because the grain is grown and milled mere minutes away at Camus Country Mill.

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

1. Monsanto has recently been purchased by the international conglomerate Bayer AG, whose intentions and future actions are not addressed.
2. Monsanto's representations cannot be taken as credible, given its long history of actions that expose it as a bad citizen not only in the USA, but in other countries.
3. Monsanto, according to its 2015 financial statement, presently has over \$1 billion in cash. Why should it need tax abatements is beyond imagining.
4. Monsanto's products have not proved to save water, and the savings in pesticides only exists because the pesticides are incorporated into the plant DNA, a pretty frightening thought for any rational person. So frightening, in fact, that more and more countries are banning the cultivate of Monsanto's GMO's.
5. Finally, the representation of Monsanto providing, eventually, 25 full time jobs hardly makes it a major employer in Pima County.

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

Respectfully,

Michael Garth Moore

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Veritas Liberabit Vos

From: [Heidi Brant](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Please OPPOSE Project Corn
Date: November 21, 2016 1:10:25 PM

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

A good deal is good for all parties. Although Project Corn may be a good deal for Monsanto, even considering their presence in our city, with their destructive history, is threatening and counter-productive to the natural growth and collaboration of our local organic farmers and downtown restaurants, which has been a major influence in developing the downtown area. The health and development of local organic farmer (farming again in our city's recent attitudes, being acknowledged as a noble profession) should be a primary consideration - this natural growth and the collaboration with other small businesses in Tucson should be further encouraged, not hindered.

What Monsanto is offering is embarrassingly slim. 50 new jobs (of which the majority will probably be Monsanto bringing in its own people...the use of Tucson's natural resources in order to stuff their own pockets (our water, electricity could be used in a much more efficient manner). Is the company proposing to set up a totally solar plant? Doubtful.

Monsanto's development of fertilizers is counter-productive to what local farmers are trying to achieve with organics. The hubris of any one to "own" seeds - all life comes from seed of one type or another & seeds are common property to all humanity. With Monsanto's contorted legal team & millions to back up law suits, I can only see that their presence in our city not only threatens the local farmers and businesses that are collaborating and developing, but it is also a slap in the face of our indigenous history and relationship with the desert earth.

I urge you to vote NO to Monsanto. In the short and long run, it is not a profitable situation for our city. Not all economically wise decisions are economically based.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Heidi Brant
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Tucson, AZ 85705
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From: [Cindy Godwin](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Reject a tax incentive for Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 12:46:54 PM

To: Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Cindy Godwin

Re: Monsanto

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

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

Cindy Godwin
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From: [J Gardener](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: reject a tax incentive for monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 1:17:11 PM

greetings,

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

Reject this inappropriate tax break, Jacob Prehler

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Anita. C. Wood, D.O.
Board Certified Family Medicine Physician
7810 E. Knollwood Terrace
Tucson, AZ 85750

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From: [sam prouty](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 2:51:40 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors:

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

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. David Prouty

Sent from my iPad

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

-Sherry Sterling
7662 E Dayview Circle
Tucson, AZ 85750



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

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


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

Thank you for your consideration.

- (Name, Address, Phone)

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Maya Youngblood MA, LPCC, LMT
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From: [Marina](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Say No to Monsanto
Date: November 21, 2016 3:05:05 PM

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

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

Thank you for your time,
Marina Cornelius

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From: [Victoria Stahl](#)
To: [COB_mail](#)
Subject: Monsanto Tax Incentives
Date: November 21, 2016 3:09:37 PM

Monsanto in Pima County?

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

Be well,

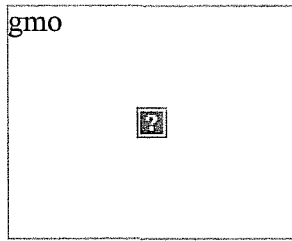
Victoria Stahl
Tucson

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

The Seeds Of Suicide: How Monsanto Destroys Farming

By [Dr. Vandana Shiva](#)
Global Research, March 09, 2016

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

"Monsanto is an agricultural company.

We apply innovation and technology to help farmers around the world produce more while conserving more."

"Producing more, Conserving more, Improving farmers lives."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 1995, Monsanto introduced its Bt technology in India through a joint-venture with the Indian company Mahyco. In 1997-98, Monsanto started open field trials of its GMO Bt cotton illegally and announced that it would be selling the seeds commercially the following year. India has rules for regulating GMOs since 1989, under the Environment Protection Act. It is mandatory to get approval from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee under the ministry of environment for GMO trials. The Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology sued Monsanto in the Supreme Court of India and Monsanto could not start the commercial sales of its Bt cotton seeds until 2002.

And, after the damning report of India's parliamentary committee on Bt crops in August 2012, the panel of technical experts appointed by the Supreme Court recommended a 10-year moratorium on field trials of all GM food and termination of all ongoing trials of transgenic crops.

But it had changed Indian agriculture already.

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

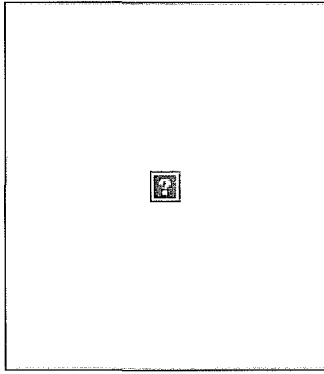
An internal advisory by the agricultural ministry of India in January 2012 had this to say to the cotton-growing states in India — "Cotton farmers are in a deep crisis since shifting to Bt cotton. The spate of farmer suicides in 2011-12 has been particularly severe among Bt cotton farmers."

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

From: [Brian Park](#)
To: [COB mail](#)
Subject: Please Vote No to Monsanto in Pima County
Date: November 21, 2016 3:10:52 PM

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

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

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

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

Brian

Brian Park
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