

**From:** [Virginia Wood](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Monsanto Tax Break  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 3:37:43 PM

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Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a citizen of Pima County, I was concerned to learn about the proposed construction of a Monsanto facility near Marana. Not only do I feel that they participate in unethical and litigious-minded business practices that harm farmers and members of the public, but I was shocked to learn that the County was planning on extending special tax incentives to them. I urge you to reconsider this, as my tax dollars and the tax dollars of all Pima County residents would be better spent elsewhere.

Indeed, if you are interested in offering money to organizations that promote arid lands agriculture and the improvement of drylands farming practices, We have several existing options in Pima County which are more deserving. Namely, the University of Arizona which was created as a land grant university and which should be spearheading our region's biological and agricultural research and development, NOT a for-profit company which will not re-invest in the community.

Pima County is one of the few places in the world which can boast several thousands of years of continuous settlement and agriculture. If you choose to provide Monsanto with tax breaks, you will not only be misspending tax dollars that could be better employed by bolstering local innovation and local business, but you will be turning your back on the value of our region's unique agricultural heritage in favor of outside interests.

I urge you to vote AGAINST tax breaks for Monsanto.

Sincerely,

Virginia Wood

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**From:** Ila Abernathy  
**To:** COB mail  
**Subject:** Oppose tax breaks for Monsanto and "Project Corn"; urge stringent environmental controls and oversight to protect county residents and land  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 3:40:50 PM

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To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

Please pass my comments to the Board of Supervisors.

I am a long-term Pima County resident, since late 1965, and vigorously oppose any tax concessions for chemical giant Monsanto.

Monsanto's self-interest is to maximize short-term gains for shareholders, so it is quite appropriate for the company to request this concession. However, the Supervisors' priority is to maximize short-term returns for the County and to protect its long-term interest in a healthy population, clean industry, tourism, and stewardship of a unique and fragile desert environment; so it is quite appropriate, indeed urgent, for the Supervisors to deny the tax concession request and apply stringent environmental controls to the proposed experimental farming reserach.

Given the difference in priorities, the Board has a clear responsibility to assure that Monsanto's interests are best served by the company's environmental compliance at the highest level, including contractual responsibility to cover costs and punitive damages of any negative environmental impacts, among them pesticide drift and pollen cross-contamination with native, non-hybrid, and non-GMO crops, not only during the life of the project but also in perpetuity. As with TCE plumes that have had negative consequences on Tucson's aquifer, sometimes negative consequences are not apparent for years.

In sum, I urge the Supervisors to deny any tax concessions for Monsanto and to assure that stringent environmental relation is in place, including an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) if such is possible.

Thank you for your careful and informed consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ila L. Abernathy

1343 N. Fifth Avenue

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**From:** [Dim Jtri](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Please Vote No, A Voter Against Giving Tax Incentives To Monsanto.  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 4:05:29 PM

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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,  
Dimitri Manos

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**From:** Duane Ediger  
**To:** COB mail  
**Subject:** Say No to Monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 4:19:15 PM

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Dear Pima County Commissioners and other stakeholders,

Please do not grant any tax incentives for Monsanto to establish itself in Pima County. The health of our county and region depend on democratized approaches to food and agriculture, and Monsanto has shown itself -- through litigation, financial decisions and purchased government decisions -- to be firmly set against what is best for populations and agriculturists when they can buy decisions that concentrate wealth in an unhealthy fashion.

Thank you for hearing my concern.

Sincerely,

Duane Ediger  
511 N Cuesta Ave.  
Tucson AZ 85745

  
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**From:** S Alita  
**To:** COB mail; COB  
**Subject:** Against Monsanto - Local Residents Do Matter  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 7:02:47 PM

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Dear Tucson Supervisors,

I have been living in Pima County for over 10 years now. I have come to see Pima County as my home, and it is a place with soul. However, this latest news about Monsanto and the tax breaks has been alarming, very disappointing, and I believe goes against what we stand for. In fact, it would be the opposite of everything we stand for. I personally do not have any issue with concepts of GMOs but rather HOW Monsanto has used GMOs. They as a corporation do not inspire trust.

First, we need to weigh the tiny impact Monsanto would provide today against the greater negative impact they could have in the future. The taxes the county would earn are trivial (maybe \$190,000 a year in taxes) compared to the irreparable damage Monsanto will likely cause (which has gone into tens and hundreds of millions for so many other counties in the U.S.). You could not make that up if you collected taxes for 10+ years. Monsanto and now Bayer have a terrible track record despite all the public "re-education". We need to take into account the dishonesty and lack of responsibility this company's track record has shown. They have been lying and harming the neighborhoods they are in not just historically but more recently as well. Bayer is even worse. See APPENDIX.

Second, Monsanto will be tapping into our groundwater. They have bought 155 acres and may start with 7 acres, but as they grow (like most businesses do), they will pull from our limited supply of water. Also in relation to water, they released poisons such as hydrogen cyanide, sulfur dioxide, and mercury into local water sources in 2011 in Soda Springs (for one example) which they promise to "monitor" more closely today. Not that they will stop what they are doing, they now just make the public aware they are doing this.

Why are we not giving these tax breaks to local farmers who are actually invested in our community, land, water, and food?

Third, **LOCAL RESIDENTS DO MATTER** and we pay more taxes than Monsanto ever will. On a county level:

- Sales & Use Tax account for 112 million PER YEAR and
- Property taxes account for 323 million PER YEAR and
- even Transient Lodging Tax is 3.3 million PER YEAR.

It would take Monsanto 17.3 years to just come close what the county makes in hotel taxes in one year! Or for those of us who own a home, adding about 73 homeowners to Pima County would make the same amount of county taxes and be MUCH safer. Sales tax revenues compromise up to 40% of the City of Tucson's General Fund, and state shared sales tax represents 10% of the city's general fund. Would you put the health and livelihood of people who live here at risk for \$190K, which is not even 1% or even 0.1% compared to what citizens pay? Not to mention the impact this will have on real estate if snow birds stop coming or people stop wanting to live next door to Monsanto.

Lastly, another big source of Pima County/Tucson's economy is tourism, not even including snowbirds. (Tourism is a major industry in Tucson, bringing in \$2 billion per year and over 3.5 million visitors - estimated local impact of \$150 million.) Monsanto is known worldwide as an irresponsible and intentionally deceptive multinational agrochemical and agricultural biotechnology corporation. Being next door to a company known for DDT, agent orange, the atomic bomb and pesticides is not the image that will attract the visitors in the cooler months. Bayer is even worse (even if you may only know them for aspirin). Bayer is responsible for things like asbestos, introducing heroin (for

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children!?), and in August 2008 an accident in Virginia that killed two employees. They have been slapped with fines in South America for putting 40+ farm employees at risk with pesticide testing. Does that sound like a place you want to visit or live in?

Tucson is a city built on organic growth. The residents of Pima County have worked hard:

1. to promote local jobs,
2. to grow the local economy,
3. to preserve the spirit and culture of our city
4. to care for the food we eat (heritage seeds)
5. to take care of the land and water
6. for the UNESCO City of Gastronomy designation (by placing creativity and cultural industries at the heart of their development plans at the local level and cooperating actively at the international level.)

We have "food banks, seed libraries, and farmers' markets, to community gardens, community kitchens, and literary luminaries writing on food and culture, we are serving as a nursery grounds for new innovations, not merely for preserving our food heritage."

Please reconsider and do not destroy what so many have worked so hard to build.

Shannon

## APPENDIX - FACTS NOT MISINFORMATION:

+ The company's own documents show that Monsanto went to extraordinary efforts to keep the public in the dark about PCBs, and even manipulated scientific studies by urging scientists to change their conclusions to downplay the risks of PCB exposure.

\$700 Million Settlement in Alabama PCB Lawsuit (Costs for clean-up, prescription drug and other programs). This does not include more than \$100 million in verdicts against the companies in the trial, which began more than a year ago.

This is almost 50 years after the incident.

+ In 2015, Monsanto agreed to pay \$600,000 in fines for not reporting hundreds of uncontrolled releases of toxic chemicals including sulfur dioxide and mercury at its eastern Idaho phosphate plant. Monsanto said there were no allegations that the releases exceeded state or federal standards, or contributed to any known health concerns. This was in 2006 - 2009 (which does not begin to cover the environment or people that has harmed). In addition to the files

In 2011, P4 agreed to pay a \$1.4 million civil penalty for Clean Water Act violations at its South Rasmussen Mine near Soda Springs. In addition to the penalty, P4 said it would spend an estimated \$875,000 on monitoring and to prevent pollutants from entering local waters.

+ In 2011, the U.S. EPA fined Monsanto \$2.5 million for mislabeling and illegally distributing cotton seeds containing genetically engineered pesticides. EPA cited 1,782 violations and said it was the largest fine ever imposed under a

law that regulates pesticides and fungicides. From 2002 to 2007, Monsanto sold its Bollgard and Bollgard II cotton seeds in 10 Texas counties where the seeds were banned, the EPA said.

+ Bayer CropScience which now has taken over Monsanto has agreed to pay \$5.6 million to resolve violations of federal chemical accident prevention laws at its facility in Institute, West Virginia, where an explosion killed two people in 2008.

+ 2016 After Bayer CropScience and Nichino America refused to voluntarily pull their insecticides containing flubendiamide off the market, the EPA has moved to ban sales of the commercial pest control products.

**From:** [Katya Peterson](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** Friends of Tucson's Birthplace letter Re: Monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 5:32:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [Monsanto Letter to Board of Supervisors 2016.pdf](#)

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Dear Board Of Supervisors,  
Please see the attached letter from Friends of Tucson's Birthplace.  
Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.



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# Friends of Tucson's Birthplace

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## Board of Directors

November 21, 2016

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Castillo

Pima County Board of Supervisors  
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Tucson, AZ. 85701

Bill DuPont

Jesus Garcia

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Diana Hadley

Katya Peterson

Roger F. Pfeuffer

Raul Ramirez

The Board of Directors and staff of the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization Friends of Tucson's Birthplace, which operates Mission Garden, strongly opposes Pima County granting any form of incentive for the company Monsanto. In addition, FOTB recommends that public officials delay all decisions related to the establishment of this controversial company in our area until a thorough process of consultation with community stakeholders and experts has taken place.

Nancy & Fe Tom

## Distinguished Friends

Jim Griffith, PhD

Luis Gutierrez

Lillian Lopez-Grant

Gary Paul Nabhan, PhD

Linda Ronstadt

Bernard Siqueiros

By setting up business in the ancient and most fertile farmlands of the Santa Cruz River valley Monsanto threatens to significantly undermine the economic benefits issuing from Tucson's recent designation as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy. Essential to this designation is the fact that the Tucson Basin boasts an agricultural area with the longest continual cultivation in the United States, and that increasing numbers of area residents are drawing on this rich agricultural heritage by preserving, reviving and utilizing landrace or heirloom crop varieties to create unique cutting-edge food products, food festivals, dining establishments and heritage farms and gardens. These diverse landrace crop varieties have been adapted over the millennia to thrive in our local climate and soil conditions. Therefore, not only do they lend our region special tastes and identity, they also consist in immensely valuable and irreplaceable tools for ensuring our food security.

Tucson has been awarded the UNESCO designation precisely because it is well on the way to creating an innovative food system that is sustainable and secure, one that that may serve as a model for other cities, an alternative to the current environmentally and economically unsustainable and unjust model that Monsanto represents.

## Staff

Phil Hall,  
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Bill O'Malley,  
Project Manager

Betsy Wirt,  
Gardener

Jose Gastelum  
Assistant Gardener

Since the presence of Monsanto may imperil the maintenance of the UNESCO City of Gastronomy designation, and may compromise the integrity of our invaluable biodiversity and agricultural heritage, and since it may be detrimental to farming and landscaping operations in general by giving rise to invasive "super weeds", and since the aggressive monopolistic tactics common to Monsanto may run counter to the burgeoning re-localized and mutually supportive food economy that our community desires, FOTB feels it is imperative that all local stakeholders have the chance to weigh in on all the pertinent policy decisions on this matter and appreciates your consideration in denying Monsanto tax incentives.

Roger Pfeuffer - Co-Chair

Katya Peterson - Co-Chair

**From:** [Angela Wojtowicz, NMD](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose "project corn"  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 9:57:03 PM

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Dear County Supervisor,

I oppose project corn. I would like to protect Pima county from Monsanto and GMOs. For myself, my children, for all of my family and for all of us in Pima county and the generations still to come: Please vote NO on any tax cuts or special tax deals for Monsanto. Oppose tax breaks for Monsanto and GMO.

Thank you,  
Angela Wojtowicz, NMD  
Pima County Resident

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**From:** Nancy Reid  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Monsanto coming to town  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 6:49:28 PM

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

1. I ask that you hold off on this important decision until a study group can realize all facets of having this facility in our area.
2. It's not fair to give tax breaks to a multi-million dollar corporation that can surely afford it. If anyone receives tax incentives, how about the small farmers and Native growers who grow organic crops that are feeding the community in a healthy way.

Two simple things:

1. Hold off on the decision until after the environmental study
2. NO tax break for Monsanto.

Think of the people in Pima County before considering the revenue... please!

Thank you. I am respectfully yours,

Nancy Reid  
2713 N Hopi Place  
Tucson, 85705  
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**From:** [Aaron Cameron](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 7:03:52 PM


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Please do not encourage this corporation to come close to our community. They have a horrible track record with many domestic and international laws broken and lives destroyed because of their shady business practices and environmental irresponsibility. They have contributed to the poisoning of land, groundwater, and people the world over and I do not feel safe having them near.

Thank you for hearing me.

Aaron Cameron

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**From:** [kegon\\_reid](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** Monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 5:00:49 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kegen Tilley and I OPPOSE Monsanto setting up shop in Pima County.

Say no to GMO!  
Kegen Tilley

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Cc:** [District1](#); [DIST2](#); [District3](#); [District4](#); [District5](#)  
**Subject:** Monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 9:27:26 PM

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I am very concerned about Monsanto. Financially, they don't need incentives. Ethically, they have shown themselves to be dishonest and uncaring about other farms and people. Why should the county give them so much money in return for so little? Forty to 60 jobs with an average salary of \$44,000 is very little. It is highly probable that they will bring in their executive staff and the people hired here will be lucky to make \$25,000 a year. Based on 50 people, paying 25 executives \$80,000 a year and 25 new hires \$25,000 a year averages \$44,500. That doesn't help the county.

Let's stop giving major incentives for so little return and keep the burden on the taxpayers already here at a manageable level.

Phyllis E. Factor  
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Tucson, 85701  
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**From:** [rob mclane](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** No tax incentives to monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 7:31:48 PM

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Please think about all the ways Monsanto's products injure the health of people and animals. Pima county does not need the small number of jobs Monsanto offers for such a high price. Their products encourage over use of herbicides and pesticides by making crops resistant to them. Farmers can dump as much as is convenient, and not worry about their crops. If we have money to hand out incentives, our county should encourage research into and practice of organic farming, which is far less dangerous for farm workers and better for the surrounding land and ecosystems.

Thank you for protecting pima county from the profiteering of Monsanto. They will use us up and toss us aside.

Rob McLane  
District 2

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**From:** Janos Wilder  
**To:** COB mail  
**Subject:** No to Monsanto incentives  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 7:57:08 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I write you today from several perspectives: as a chef and long time proponent of local foods, as member of the City of Gastronomy advisory board, and as board chair of Native Seeds/SEARCH.

As such I join with other community organizations, local farmers and food advocates that have expressed concerns about Monsanto's plans in Pima County. I strongly support the County's promise to convene a citizen's taskforce of farmers, local food economists, crop breeders, weed scientists, and ethicists to fully review and critique Monsanto's plans on behalf of the Board of Supervisors on an ongoing basis. I also encourage the Board of Supervisors to reconsider the tax incentives as part of the Foreign Trade Zone which is intended to promote reciprocal foreign trade with Mexico. This is an inappropriate application of the tax incentive status and does not promote foreign trade with Mexico which does not allow GMO products.

A core value of Native Seeds/SEARCH is that "We believe all farmers and gardeners have the right to save and share seed." Central to our mission to protect and preserve arid-adapted seeds from our region is the promotion of open-pollinated seed varieties, empowerment of seed saving at all levels of food production through education, and the belief that food security depends upon strong crop biodiversity. Native Seeds/SEARCH has signed the Safe Seed Pledge by the Council for Responsible Genetics, which asserts we "do not knowingly buy, sell or trade genetically engineered seeds."

Similarly, as a chef and advocate for Tucson's designation as a World City of Gastronomy, I value the diversity of crops that makes our culinary heritage unique in the world. It is what sets us apart from other culinary destinations and is the centerpiece for Visit Tucson's marketing campaign.

I look to the Board of Supervisors for their continued leadership in promoting a Pima County that celebrates and protects it's rich agricultural heritage.

Sincerely,

Janos Wilder

Janos Wilder  
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**From:** [Donna Decker](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** No to Project Corn  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 12:07:29 AM

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Do not give tax incentives to Monsanto. Do not allow Monsanto to move into Pima County before making sure that this corporation's operation will be completely transparent. Keep in mind who will be exposed to their products-nearby farms and schools. Schools with children-my grandchildren-may be exposed to the toxic chemicals Monsanto uses and is infamous for.

Happy Connecting. Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 5



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**From:** [Sandy Taylor](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing Monsanto coming into our area here in Arizona  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 5:00:29 PM

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We are very much opposed to Monsanto moving into the area here in Arizona. They have a history of nothing but toxic chemicals. So instead of telling you our story of getting sick from the chemicals, which you might take as "WHINING" please read Jeffrey Smith's book called Genetic Roulette, it tells all about everything!! Richard & Sandra Taylor, Organic farmers & concerned citizens

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**From:** [REDACTED] on behalf of Janet Zampieri  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Opposition to Project Corn  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 6:28:46 PM

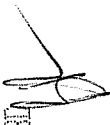
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As a resident of Pima County, I am appalled that our government is even considering allowing Monsanto to grow crops in our county. How are we to keep our standing as a City of Gastronomy if we allow poisons from Monsanto to enter our environment? Also, there are schools, organic farms, and our beautiful desert that could all become contaminated with their toxic chemicals. And then to top it off, our government offers them a huge tax break? They should pay more taxes to cover the liability that they would be in our county.

Please reject Project Corn!

Sincerely

Janet Zampieri  
3125 W Mockingbird Ln  
Tucson AZ 85713  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** [Allison Buchanan](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE Monsanto Tax Incentive Package  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 7:48:38 PM

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I strongly urge you to vote NO on the proposed Monsanto tax incentive package tomorrow (11/22).

It is incredibly unfortunate that the public has had no say on this proposed tax incentive and that the meeting to discuss it is two days before a major American holiday, incredibly inconvenient for many. For Monsanto to purchase the land beforehand and believe that their tax incentives were inevitable is a gross affront to the transparency of our democracy. I am a Pima County resident, home-owner and taxpayer yet I was not privy to this deal beforehand, nor have I had an opportunity to raise my voice at a public forum.

Monsanto has a less than stellar corporate and environmental history, which I think should be taken VERY seriously. In my opinion, Monsanto does not reflect the values we uphold here in Pima County. Not all business is good business. The benefits of this do NOT outweigh the costs.

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. 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 not been discussed or investigated.

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 As a Pima County resident I would be angered and saddened if this tax proposal is passed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Allison Buchanan

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**From:** [Frank Vision](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Please OPPOSE Project Corn  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 5:59:22 PM

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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.

Susan Frank  
[susan@frankvisionllc.com](mailto:susan@frankvisionllc.com)

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**From:** [Lindsey Weber](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** Please no Monsanto  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 7:33:47 AM

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Good morning

I understand that, this morning, there will be a vote regarding the Free Trade Zone and incentives for Monsanto's projects in Pima County. Tucson and the Sonoran Desert harbor a wealth of biodiversity and our town supports one of the biggest unadulterated seed banks in the nation. Please do not vote to help Monsanto in their quest for the bastardization of genetics and stripping the land of its life giving abilities. Our sister nation of Mexico has even banned GMO crops and requires labeling of their foods to protect their people and lands, something the US has clearly struggled with. These crops and the chemicals used on them are killing our ecosystems and harming our people. Please help preserve the special environment that we love here in the desert southwest.

Thank you for your consideration  
lindsey weber



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**From:** Suzanne Trappman  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Reject Tax Incentive for Monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 6:36:57 PM

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Clerk of the Board: More than rejecting any tax incentive for Monsanto, I want to register my request that the entire project proposed by Monsanto be rejected!

Thank heaven there is one supervisor, Richard Elias, who is willing to take a stand against this ill-advised effort. Has anyone questioned the health consequences of allowing a company such as Monsanto, a chemical company whose name and products are synonymous with toxic devastation, to set up shop in Pima County?

There are hundreds of reasons to reject Monsanto's plan to move to Pima County. A free trade zone tax break is just one. The biggest reason to reject Monsanto's plan, is the almost certain toxic effect their project will have on the local farmers, who enjoy no tax break, residents, schools, restaurants who want to support the "local first" motto, and our delicate and fragile environment, into which the residue from pesticides and herbicides linger long.

Finally, there has not been nearly enough opportunity for public input, questions, discussions before allowing this type of "growth" into Pima County.

We deserve better from our Board of Supervisors!!! Please reject the current project proposed by Monsanto.

Suzanne Trappman  
2225 N. Hampton St.  
Tucson, AZ 85719

Suzanne Trappman

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**From:** [Kristen Green](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto  
**Date:** November 21, 2016 9:25:07 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please, please don't give Monsanto a tax break to locate here. This is not the type of business we want or need here in Tucson. An incentive for Monsanto makes us look like idiots. Surely, we can attract some tech or alternative energy companies that would inject more energy and revenue into our community.

Mr. Carroll, what was the all your work on the environmental plan for if you would now welcome big Ag into our community?

Please vote "no."

If Monsanto comes, it will be the last straw, and we will leave, taking our education and tax dollars with us.

Sincerely,

Kristen Brady  
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Tucson  
85712

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**From:** [Fran Coleman](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Reject tax incentive for Monsanto  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 7:28:31 AM

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No tax breaks for Monsanto, please! Let's not dance with this devil! Our food crops in Pima County are precious, ancient & deserve protection beyond Monsanto's genetic modification of crops. Local crops will become contaminated, will be forever changed & will reduce the nutritional value of food.

Ever wonder why an organic Heirloom tomato tastes SO much better than a run-of-the mill supermarket GMO tomato? Look at the nutritional values of each & you will understand! One tastes great & has good nutrients for a healthy human body; the other tastes like plastic, & due to modification with a built-in pesticide added to the fruit - designed to increase crops & supply more of the world with food, a lofty but failed intention - it is flavorless & provides far reduced nutrients to the body. The added "nutrient" to the GMO tomato is the pesticide, that when eaten by insects, causes their stomachs to explode.

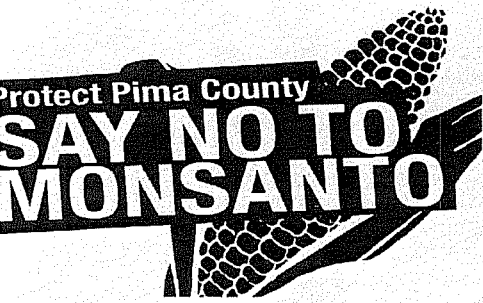
Human health & nutrition is far too precious to hand over to a chemical company, such as Monsanto.

No tax incentives & no Monsanto in Pima County!!!

FA Coleman, Tucson



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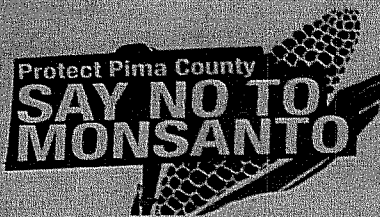
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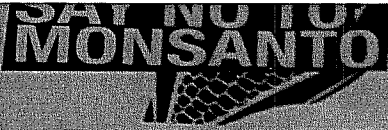
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**From:** Richt, Crystal M - (cyrlast3) <cyrlast3@email.arizona.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:57 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** NO TO MONSANTO

I am writing to request that you please oppose and vote NO on the presence of a Monsanto greenhouse in Pima County. It is unacceptable that public input was not included in the decision by the Pima County Economic Development office to provide essentially a tax incentive package for this unwanted endeavor. I oppose the designation of the location being treated as a Foreign Trade Zone allowing tax incentives. Our community is strongly against this, and request it be thoroughly reviewed by ethicists, LOCAL food economists, crop breeders and members of the scientific community in the field. Monsanto goes against so much that this community stands for and we do not want it here! Please protect our local farmers and food culture!!

Respectfully,  
  
-Crystal

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**From:** Paul Huddy  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Monsanto  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 9:12:13 AM

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To Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors  
for their meeting this morning

Dear Supervisors:

We are very alarmed -- okay, horrified -- to hear that Monsanto is hoping to come here.

The proposal to encourage such a terrible thing is beyond belief.

Have you done any research on Monsanto?

Do you know anything at all about this company?

On any poll of the most disliked, hated, worst companies in the nation and the world, Monsanto at been at the top of the list for many years.

Everywhere it goes, it causes great trouble and sucks the life out of communities while giving nothing back.

It clearly is ruled by greed and not by good will.

It disrupts politics, governments and the court system everywhere it goes.

Monsanto has enough money to buy most of Pima County: It does not need or deserve any kind of financial incentive.

The sneaky ploy to slip this issue by the community just before the holidays is beyond contempt.

We strongly urge you to deny Monsanto any kind of incentive to come here.

In fact, we urge you to do anything and everything you can to prevent it!

Thank you,

Paul Huddy  
5233 E. Woodspring Dr.  
Tucson 85712  
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**From:** Betty  
**To:** COB mail  
**Subject:** object to Monsanto  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:39:42 AM

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Sent from my iPad. I object to the secretive incentive plan offered to Monsanto.  
Elizabeth Fulcomer

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**From:** [Rebecca Jimenez](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Monsanto Tax incentives  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:44:10 AM

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To the Pima Board of Supervisors

We request that that the County convene a citizen's taskforce of farmers, local food economists, crop breeders, weed scientists, and ethicists to fully review and critique Monsanto's plans on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. We also oppose its inclusion in the Foreign Trade Zone as a surreptitious tax incentive, and call on all Pima County Supervisors to vote NO when it comes to a vote on November 22.

Our concerns focus on how Monsanto's research in Pima County might threaten the integrity of our local food system in Baja Arizona. Other communities, from Hawaii to Mexico to Zimbabwe, have chosen to avoid the biotech corporations' well-documented predatory business practices and litigation against small farmers. Elsewhere, their herbicides have reportedly contributed to the proliferation of herbicide-tolerant "superweeds."

What is especially egregious about the proposed tax incentive is the lack of transparency and public input on a deal that could so fundamentally alter the trajectory of our 4,100-year agricultural history in Baja Arizona at the very moment it is being celebrated internationally. If the county is serious about supporting Tucson's recent designation as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy,

Sincerely, a mom

R. Jimenez

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**From:** [Neil Saunders](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
**Subject:** Monsanto  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:47:42 AM

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Chuck Hukelberry, Sharon Bronson, Richard Elias, Ramon Valadez, Ray Carroll, Ally Miller

Firstly I would like to express my distaste for this meeting's 9am weekday schedule. Certainly those that would otherwise attend will be working.

But to the point, I am writing to add to a large number of my friends and colleagues that categorically oppose Monsanto. This company has a long history of malpractice. One needs only to do a quick search to see the list of damages this company and its products have wreaked on our world.

We can start with the most ubiquitous chemical known as Round-up. This chemical is so widely used that it has been found in 75% of air and water samples in the Mississippi delta region. Its long term effects are still to be determined yet it is marketed as safe. Please take two minutes to see the list of human ailments that have been correlated with this chemical. If that is not enough, please look to the legacy of Agent Orange in Vietnam.

Additionally the use of Round-up has been the cause of a new generation of weeds. Akin to the super-bacteria that have come about due to the overuse of antibiotics. Monsanto manufactures and promotes this product with only our health and the environment to pick up the side effects.

Another product line they so confidently promote and research is stuff of science fiction - Genetically Modified Organisms or GMO's. Their claim of having a charge to feed the world with GMO's is quite dubious as well. I am sure you have heard about the recent study published in the New York Times that states that GMO crops have not delivered in feeding the growing population. We know that hunger is not a problem of food quantities but rather of distribution - 40% of food in USA is thrown out.

Monsanto is in the business of selling seeds and herbicides and aim to monopolize the market with their brand. Their support of a mono culture approach is an evolutionary anomaly and cannot be maintained. For this I will reference the Regenerative Agriculture movement which aims to rebuild soil while sequestering atmospheric carbon. This movement, that has been endorsed by many international bodies, does not include this mono culture, GMO methodology.

In our newly coined Anthropocene age we need solutions that are innovative rather than what has not worked. Lets look at all the small farmers that invest their time to regain lost knowledge. They are the innovators and the future.

I hope for a different future for my children where chemicals are not dumped upon us from these huge corporations whose sole charge is to make money for their shareholders. Under this paradigm everybody loses out. I do not want Round-up in our world much less my community. I do not want GMO crops that are doused in chemicals. I do not want Monsanto here! Forty new jobs and 100k in taxes per year is not an investment but a sell out.

There are many opportunities in your positions that can change how our region moves forward. This is one of them.

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Regards

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Neil Saunders



**From:** [Rebecca Jimenez](#)  
**To:** [COB mail](#)  
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**From:** [Veronica Iordanova](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose tax incentives for Monsanto in Pima County  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 9:22:49 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am concerned about the impacts of glyphosate, even a small amount as in this study of realistic field exposure to glyphosate, the main chemical compound in Monsanto's Roundup product that reduces appropriate food finding and eating behavior in bees. This logically would reduce the amount of pollination performed by bees and would negatively impact our food supply which would also have negative economic consequences. Keep Pima productive! <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25063858/>

**Effects of field-realistic doses of glyphosate on honeybee appetitive behaviour.**

Sincerely,  
Veronica Iordanova  
Phoenix, AZ

Veronica Iordanova  
[Mothers of Missouri DNA Project](#)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** COB mail  
**Subject:** Letter to Honorable Pima County Board of Supervisors : No to Monsanto in Pima County  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 11:43:02 AM

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## No to Monsanto in Pima County

11-22-16

To the Honorable Pima County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Tucson, Arizona and Pima County, this letter is to inform the Pima County Board of Supervisors that I oppose Monsanto opening a Green House in Pima County, outside the city of Tucson, AZ, and any tax incentives that may be granted to this multi-national corporation.

For the following reasons I urge you to reconsider allowing this corporate agricultural giant access to opening operations in the immediate area and vote No to allowing Monsanto to establish a Green House in Pima County.

I collected data from many sources and quote them below and provide additional, separate documentation/links showing the research in full form.

1.

### **We need to celebrate and maintain our local agricultural diversity**

As referenced and excerpted from in Edible Magazine:

*Tucson was designated a World City of Gastronomy by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), becoming the first city in the United States to receive such a designation, in 2015.*

*Tucson has the longest agricultural history of any city in North America, extending back more than 4,000 years.*

*Local to Tucson, Pima County and the desert southwest are cacti, mesquite, beans and sunflowers, corn, squash, White Sonora wheat, pastures of rugged criollo cattle, and orchards heavy with Kino heritage fruit trees.*

*Think about the seeds planted in soil by tiny fingers in the dozens of school gardens that have sprouted around the city—kids who are now eating food grown in southern Arizona, thanks to work done by the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona to connect local producers with institutional markets, offering not only increased economic stability for our region's farmers and ranchers, but also greater access to local, healthy food throughout our community.*

***More heritage foods listed on the Slow Food International Ark of Taste are grown within***

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***100 miles of Tucson than any other city in North America.***

*Volunteers at Mission Garden are collecting many of those foods into a garden planted on a plot of land that's been producing food for 4,000 years.*

***Joining UNESCO's Creative Cities Network "presents an opportunity for Tucson's chefs, farmers, and ranchers, as well as our businesses, academic institutions, and nonprofits, to be represented on the world stage," says Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild. "I'd like our tourism bureau to be able to tout this designation as yet another great reason to visit Tucson."***

***The designation can help direct public and private funds to support innovation in the food system, from small business incubators to nonprofit foundations.***

***It can serve to focus and reframe efforts to alleviate poverty and food insecurity within our community.***

***"Using our unique food culture as a means for economic development."***

***It can catalyze the development of a regional food brand to increase consumer awareness of locally produced foods.***

*Mayor Rothschild recently established a City Commission on Food Security, Heritage, and Economy to address issues relating to food security, food heritage, and the food economy.*

***"Like any other honor or designation, it's what we do with the City of Gastronomy award that matters," says Gary Nabhan. "If we want to use it to reduce food insecurity, obesity, and diabetes, let's do it. If we want to use it to jump-start new food micro-enterprises, let's go for it. What matters to me most about this designation is that it built a collaboration among the city and county governments, the University of Arizona, our grassroots alliance, nonprofits, and businesses—one that will now endure."***

*In other words: It's up us to decide how we will leverage our resources to fulfill our designation as a UNESCO World City of Gastronomy—one that will now endure.*

Excerpts from Megan Kimble is the managing editor of Edible Baja Arizona.  
<http://ediblebajaarizona.com/tucson-designated-unesco-world-city-of-gastronomy>

**2.**

**Tucson has all the seeds we need.**

**Heirloom seeds – Native Seed Search established Arizona's first seed lending library.**

*"This open-source community seed exchange is designed to facilitate the free distribution of locally adapted seeds and increase regional seed sovereignty. Seed libraries are an exciting new trend in the local food and seed movement where users can freely check out seeds, just like with books at a public library. After planting the seeds and enjoying the fruits of your*

*labor, just leave a plant or two in the ground to go to seed. The resulting seed can then be harvested and returned, helping the library to grow abundant with seeds that are increasingly adapted to local conditions.”* Quote from: <http://www.nativeseeds.org/get-seeds/seed-library>

*The seed bank houses approximately 1,900 different accessions of traditional crops utilized as food, fiber and dye by the Apache, Chemehuevi, Cocopah, Gila River Pima, Guarijio, Havasupai, Hopi, Maricopa, Mayo, Mojave, Mountain Pima, Navajo, Paiute, Puebloan, Tarahumara, Tohono O'odham, Yaqui, and other cultures.* <http://www.nativeseeds.org/our-approach/seed-bank>

Note:

If Monsanto sets up shop in Pima County these precious seeds, that are available no other place in the world would be at risk for cross contamination, wind pollination, etc.

Local Farmers would be at risk as well from cross-pollination and GMO seeds spreading to crops and ranches in the area.

3.

### **Neighboring Santa Cruz County, Sahuarita Wine Country**

Sahuarita is located south of the Tohono O'odham Nation and abuts the north end of Green Valley, 15 miles south of Tucson.

The Sonoita AVA (American Viticultural Area) is one of the first winegrowing regions in the United States to be granted AVA status, and the area is the first federally recognized winegrowing region in the state of Arizona. Currently home to the largest concentration of wineries and vineyards in the state, USA Today has recognized the Sonoita/Elgin winegrowing region as one of the top ten wine trails in the country.

### **Today in November 2016, Six Counties in California are Non-GMO; the Wine Country and Farmers spoke up.**

We need to be extremely careful with this decision, as we do not want to risk contaminating the winegrowing region of Southern Arizona with GMO seed experiments and encouraging farming practices with GMO seeds. We do not yet know the long-term effects of GMOs on people, plants and animals.

4.

### **Millions Against Monsanto**

Non-profit organizations such as the Organic Consumers Association in an educational project speak of Millions Against Monsanto. <http://www.monsanto-tribunal.org/why-a-tribunal>.

*In October 2016, there were 750 participants in The Hague representing 30 nationalities from all over the world, thousands were following online on the livestream and social media, and*



*the Tribunal received a lot of press attention. Both victims and experts were thankful for the opportunity to give them a voice on this important international platform; and a very well documented voice in this new process to hold corporations accountable for their acts.*

5.

**The New York Times 10-29-16 article “Doubts About the Promised Bounty of Genetically Modified Crops.”**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/30/business/gmo-promise-falls-short.html?\\_r=3](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/30/business/gmo-promise-falls-short.html?_r=3)

6.

**GMO Myths and Truths:**

<http://earthopensource.org/earth-open-source-reports/gmo-myths-and-truths-2nd-edition/>

*An evidence-based examination of the claims made for the safety and efficacy of genetically modified crops and foods, by EarthOpenSource, UK. They would also like to thank the many scientists and experts who contributed to the GMO Myths and Truths report, as well as the scientists, policy-makers, campaigners, and members of the public who have read it and put the information to use.*

7.

**GMO Facts**

<http://www.nongmoproject.org/gmo-facts/>

***What is a GMO?*** *A GMO, or genetically modified organism, is a plant, animal, microorganism or other organism whose genetic makeup has been modified using recombinant DNA methods (also called gene splicing), gene modification or transgenic technology. This relatively new science creates unstable combinations of plant, animal, bacterial and viral genes that do not occur in nature or through traditional crossbreeding methods. Visit the What is GMO page for more information and a list of high-risk crops.*

***Are GMOs safe?*** *Most developed nations do not consider GMOs to be safe and have significant restrictions or outright bans on the production and sale of GMOs. The U.S. and Canadian governments, though, have approved GMOs based on studies conducted by the same corporations that created them and profit from their sale.*

***Are GMOs labeled?***

*Sixty-four countries around the world, including Australia, Japan, and all of the countries in the European Union, require genetically modified foods to be labeled*

*1. While a 2015 ABC News survey found that 93% of Americans believe genetically modified foods should be labeled, GMOs are not required to be labeled in the U.S. and Canada*

*2. In the absence of mandatory labeling, the Non-GMO Project was created to give consumers the informed choice they deserve.*

***Which foods might contain GMOs?*** *Most packaged foods contain ingredients derived from corn, soy, canola, and sugar beet — and the vast majority of those crops grown in North America are genetically modified*

*3. To see a list of high-risk crops, visit the [What is GMO](#) page.*

***How do GMOs affect farmers?*** *Because GMOs are novel life forms, biotechnology companies have been able to obtain patents with which to restrict their use. As a result, the companies that make GMOs now have the power to sue farmers whose fields are contaminated with GMOs, even when it is the result of inevitable drift from neighboring fields*

*4. GMOs therefore pose a serious threat to farmer sovereignty and to the national food security of any country where they are grown, including the United States and Canada.*

***What are the impacts of GMOs on the environment?*** *More than 80% of all GMOs grown worldwide are engineered for herbicide tolerance <sup>5</sup>. As a result, use of toxic herbicides like Roundup has increased 16 times since GMOs were introduced <sup>6</sup>. GM crops are also responsible for the emergence of herbicide resistant “super weeds” and “super bugs,” which can only be killed with more toxic poisons like 2,4-D (a major ingredient in Agent Orange) <sup>7,8</sup>. GMOs are a direct extension of chemical agriculture and are developed and sold by the world’s biggest chemical companies. The long-term impacts of GMOs are unknown, and once released into the environment, these novel organisms cannot be recalled.*

<http://www.nongmoproject.org/gmo-facts/> - visit link for research and source info.

**8.**

## **Food Industry**

*What began as a consumer-driven movement in the natural food space has expanded to conventional brands and retailers. Increasingly, shoppers are concerned about the detrimental effects of GMOs on our health and our environment and are looking for the Non-GMO Project Butterfly seal.*

*With more than 1 million engaged Facebook followers, the Non-GMO Project Verified seal is the most widely recognized and trusted non-GMO label in the market*

*The Non-GMO Project currently has enrolled more than 2,600 brands with more than 34,000*

products that generate \$16 billion in annual sales. Vendors are applying for Non-GMO Project verification and anxiously awaiting certification. This info is from the Non-GMO Project website.

### **U.S. organic sales post new record of \$43.3 billion in 2015**

*The booming U.S. organic industry posted new records in 2015, with total organic product sales hitting a new benchmark of \$43.3 billion, up a robust 11 percent from the previous year's record level and far outstripping the overall food market's growth rate of 3 percent, according to the Organic Trade Association's 2016 Organic Industry Survey.*

*The industry saw its largest annual dollar gain ever in 2015, adding \$4.2 billion in sales, up from the \$3.9 billion in new sales recorded in 2014. Of the \$43.3 billion in total organic sales, \$39.7 billion were organic food sales, up 11 percent from the previous year, and non-food organic products accounted for \$3.6 billion, up 13 percent. Nearly 5 percent of all the food sold in the U.S. in 2015 was organic.*

***2015 was a year of significant growth for the industry despite the continued struggle to meet the seemingly unquenchable consumer demand for organic. Supply issues persisted to dominate the industry, as organic production in the U.S. lagged behind consumption. In response, the organic industry came together in creative and proactive ways to address the supply challenge, to improve and develop infrastructure, and to advocate for policy to advance the sector.***

*"The industry joined in collaborative ways to invest in infrastructure and education, and individual companies invested in their own supply chains to ensure a dependable stream of organic products for the consumer. Despite all the challenges, the organic industry saw its largest dollar growth ever. Organic will continue to be the most meaningful farm-to-fork—and fiber—system," said OTA's CEO and Executive Director Laura Batcha. See more at: <https://www.ota.com/news/press-releases/19031#sthash.MSLiKT4S.dpuf>*

### **More and More Consumers do not want GMOs in their food.**

I work as a sales manager for a natural food brokerage company selling to retail accounts including: Sprouts, Whole Foods, Kroger/Fry's, Safeway/ Albertsons, Bashas'. Mass market and natural food stores alike are waking up to the fact that Organics and clean products, Non-GMO are driving the grocery business in mainstream mass market and natural products industry.

Local, clean foods grown organically and/or without the use of GMO seeds and pesticides are sold at a premium and support farmers and people who bring food products to market.

Products with certifications such as Labeling USDA Organic, The Non-GMO Project – we see these product sales are skyrocketing.

**In Closing,**

Looking at a bigger picture and the long-term impact it would be in the best interest of Pima County to NOT to support or move forward with the Monsanto Green House Project.

It is up to us how we want to fuel our brains, bodies and desert land.

Let's stay the course with the vision of Tucson's rich agricultural heritage and vibrancy, reject the persuasion and deep corporate pockets that would dissolve our current eco-system and UNESCO designation of Tucson being the first World City of Gastronomy.

Looking at the food trends in the USA and around the world; consumers support organically grown foods and food grown WITHOUT the use of GMO seeds and toxic pesticides. Pima County is positioned in a unique environment and has limitless possibilities to tout our UNESCO designation and attract other food business, foodie loving tourists.

We need to hold onto the precious land we have and celebrate the food diversity of the area; consider additional revenue streams coming from Tucson as a destination marketplace for food and beauty in the Southwestern Sonoran desert.

**Thank you for your time to review the third party information to make your decision/s, hear the community's concerns and make an educated choice that will benefit future generations to come.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Angela Parker*

Angela Parker

1302 E. Allen Road, Unit A

Tucson, AZ 85719



**From:** Sharon Gilbert  
**To:** COB mail  
**Subject:** Monsanto  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 10:51:57 AM

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To: Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors for consideration at today's meeting

Dear Supervisors:

I am shocked that you are even thinking of letting Monsanto into Pima County, much less giving them an incentive.

Particularly unbelievable is letting them get their hooks into our water supply.

Have you not heard about all the legal troubles Monsanto has caused in the U.S. and all over the world.

They are not a good neighbor,

Pima County is a great place to live. Don't let Monsanto mess it up.

Sharon Gilbert  
P.O. Box 16664  
Tucson AZ  
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**From:** Kathy Barnard  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Oppose "Project Corn"  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 9:58:57 AM


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I am asking you to reject a Tax incentive for Monsanto  
I am not willing to have them set up shop in Marana AZ  
where I am living. Please add my name to any petitions  
against this company.

thanks  
Kathy

Kathryne Barnard  
5525 W Acacia Blossom Place  
Marana, AZ 85658

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**From:** [Vanessa](#)  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** Reject a Tax Incentive for Monsanto  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 11:01:24 AM

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Hello,

I am writing you to join those who are in opposition to the tax incentive for Monsanto. I am disappointed that a dangerous company has been allowed to buy land so close to Tucson, but I am also disappointed that the county would offer a tax incentive to an incredibly wealthy company whose presence here will only generate 40-60 jobs. I ask you to please reconsider your stance on offering Monsanto a tax incentive.

Thank you,  
Vanessa Wyns

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [COB\\_mail](#)  
**Subject:** Note to Supervisor Valadez  
**Date:** November 22, 2016 1:11:04 PM

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Re: Monsanto MOU:

If we have no jurisdiction, knowledge of their activities won't help. Monsanto is going to do whatever they want.  
Let's not help them.

Paula Redinger  
334 E. 12th St.  
Sent from my iPhone

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