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Pima County Board of Supervisors
c/o Melissa Manriquez, Pima County Clerk of the Board
electronic delivery

Dear Supervisors,

We appreciate your interest in Paolo Soleri's works at the University of Arizona Cancer Center research and administration complex and the potential move of the works to the new Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine. We heard the community's concerns surrounding this move and appreciate the thoughtful feedback we received. After further discussions, the university will not be relocating the Soleri works to the Weil Center; the installation is remaining at its current location.

The University of Arizona commissioned and has been proud to steward these works since their installation in the 1980s. These works, which consist of decorative bells, 10 ceiling panels, a wall sculpture and a stained-glass window, were initially displayed in an area that was used as a public chapel within an outpatient clinical setting. As the Cancer Center grew, all patient and public activity moved to a new location a few miles north. The entire original complex became research and administrative office space and is no longer open to the public.

During the development of the new Andrew Weil Center for Integrative Medicine at University of Arizona Health Sciences, which is now under construction, the University saw an opportunity to highlight Mr. Soleri's works in a new meditation room, where they would be more accessible to the public. The meditation room is integral to the philosophy of the Center for Integrative Medicine, and Mr. Soleri's works were meaningful components of its design in close consultation with The Cosanti Foundation. This work has now stopped.

The university recently met with the State Historic Preservation Office about the Soleri artwork. Over the next few months, we will also meet with additional stakeholders who have expressed concern about moving the works.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or others at the University with any questions you may have about this, or any other, university matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Robbins".

Robert C. Robbins
President
The University of Arizona

cc: Jan Leshner, Pima County Administrator
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