

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]

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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**


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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 08 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 16:08:55 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
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NOV 21 16:08:55 PCTKFB

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!!!!

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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.

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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

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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

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 08:55 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

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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

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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!"

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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

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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 

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

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November 21, 2016

Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Chairperson Bronson and Supervisors Miller, Valadez, Carroll, and Elías,

We are concerned about the possible decision you will make to give Monsanto Corporation a significant tax break to bring their seed operations to Avra Valley. We strongly object to any tax incentives for this multi-national biotechnology corporation to bring their experimental operation to our community.

As you know, Sierra Club's mission is "to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environments." Our members have significant interest in Tucson and surrounding communities where we have worked to protect natural and cultural resources from the negative impacts of unwise development.

Monsanto Co. has already purchased 155 acres in Avra Valley, where it has plans to produce genetically-modified corn and soybean seeds in a vast greenhouse and on open-field operations where it will field-test experimental seeds.¹ Monsanto already has cotton operations in Casa Grande and Eloy, and it has already purchased the land for its planned new operations. Therefore, there is clearly no need to provide Monsanto with any financial incentives to "move" its operations here.

Additionally, the Sierra Club has grave concerns about how Monsanto's planned operations will impact the environment and local farmers, especially organic farmers. There is little to no information available to the public regarding the planned use of pesticides, nor any information about the consequences of experimental seeds cross-pollinating with local crops already in operation. Monsanto has proven time and again that it is not a good community partner. Sadly, it has a reputation of prosecuting small farmers for "infringing" on intellectual property rights when Monsanto's seeds and pollen escape its fields and contaminate the fields of organic and local farmers. This not only threatens to impose unfair and unwieldy legal costs on the local community, but it will threaten the recent UNESCO Gastronomy designation that honors Tucson's 4,100-year agricultural history and multicultural food traditions.

We ask that any discussion about providing any incentives to Monsanto Co. be conducted in public and that the public be provided an adequate opportunity to provide input. We ask that an environmental analysis of the impacts of any proposed operations be prepared and disclosed to the public prior to the authorization of any permits required for operations or building of the greenhouse.

Supporting this multi-national agri-business operation at the expense of local farmers and the local community, while using our tax dollars to do so, is irresponsible and we ask that you oppose this project.

Sincerely,

Meg Weesner
Rincon Group Chair

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¹ *Monsanto to build conventional, GMO corn germplasm greenhouse in Arizona*, Lee Allen, Western Farm Press, October 15, 2016. <http://m.westernfarmpress.com/management/monsanto-build-conventional-gmo-corn-germplasm-greenhouse-arizona>



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

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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

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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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NOV 21 16:08:55 POC/KDF/BD
JDK

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.

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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

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