

January 20, 2014

Ms. Ally Miller  
Supervisor, District 1  
Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Tucson, Arizona 85701-1317

Dear Supervisor Miller,

My wife and I are writing to protest the request from Mr. Portner, representing Red Point Development, for a continuance of the discussion of his proposal before the Board of Supervisors to amend the Comprehensive Plan, allowing the property referenced as Co7-13-06 HARDY-THORNYDALE I ASSOCIATES, ET AL. - W. HARDY ROAD PLAN AMENDMENT to be considered for a zoning change from the current Low Intensity Urban 0.3 (LIU 0.3) to Medium Intensity Urban (MIU).

Frankly, we consider the delay of these discussions to be unnecessary. Allow us to recount the following compelling facts:

- On September 25, 2013 the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to deny Mr. Portner's request to amend the Pima County Comprehensive Plan with respect to 4 properties and forwarded the resultant recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Votes were tallied on these 4 properties individually. The vote to deny the request to amend the Comprehensive Plan associated with the parcel adjacent to our home (Co7-13-06) was a resounding 6 – 1.
- Numerous letters and overwhelming public comments protesting this amendment have been shared with the Board of Supervisors before, during and since the November 19, 2013 Public Hearing.
- A petition with over 60 signatures protesting the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to Board of Supervisors.

In spite of the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning commission, the written and verbal protests from us and our neighbors, the Board of Supervisors continued the discussion of Mr. Portner's proposed amendments until January 21, 2014. This continuance was offered along with a charge to Mr. Portner of meeting with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection. In fact, my wife and I, along with a number of our neighbors, left the November 19th hearing with the understanding that we would be invited to participate. To our knowledge so such meeting has taken place.

Now, Mr. Portner has requested yet an additional continuance until February 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Miller, it is time to put this issue to rest. It is unfair to us to continue to return to these meetings which are disruptive to our lives, especially to those who work and have families.

We, along with some of our neighbors, have recently received an invitation to a "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Neighborhood Meeting" on January 30, 2014 described as "a conceptual exercise and public review process that is required before we can ever proceed with any future detailed plans."

Participation in such a meeting would be a blatant admission that the alteration of the Comprehensive Plan and the rezoning of each of this property is a fait accompli. For emphasis, the definition of this term is "something done or already in effect, making opposition or argument useless."

Please understand that our protest of the alteration of the Comprehensive Plan does not deny the opportunity for the current or future owner of the land in question to proceed with development. We purchased our property with full knowledge that the parcel behind our home was zoned to allow 3 homes on each 10 acres (LIU). Although not our dream, we can live with this. What we protest is an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan which would allow rezoning to accommodate 10 homes per acre on this parcel (MIU). This amounts to a quantum and untenable change from the possibility of 9 homes being constructed on this parcel to a total of 300!

My wife and I will be at the meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We do not wish to return. However if there is a February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting or any future meetings, we will be there, patiently waiting our turn to protest the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, no matter how burdensome and disruptive to our lives this may continue to be.

Again, Ms. Miller, we oppose and protest the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan. Please vote to keep it as it is and deny an additional continuance to this discussion.

Sincerely,

Gilbert "Doc" and Izabel Williams  
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## Robin Brigode

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**From:** K. J. Harper-Beckett  
**Sent:** Monday, January 20, 2014 7:54 PM  
**To:** District1  
**Cc:** DIST2; District3; District4; District5; Robin Brigode; Arlan Colton  
**Subject:** Continuance Request by Jim Portner Representing Red Point Development on January 21, 2014 Board of Supervisors Agenda

Supervisor Ally Miller  
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Supervisor Miller:

My husband and I are writing to protest the request from Mr. James Portner, representing Red Point Development, for a continuance of the discussion of his proposal before the Board of Supervisors to amend the Comprehensive Plan, allowing the property referenced as Co7-13-06 HARDY-THORNYDALE I ASSOCIATES, ET AL. - W. HARDY ROAD PLAN AMENDMENT to be considered for a zoning change from the current Low Intensity Urban 0.3 (LIU 0.3) to Medium Intensity Urban (MIU). Mr. Portner was directed by the Board at the last meeting, 11/19/13, to meet with Carolyn Campbell prior to 1/21/14's meeting. He did not contact Ms.

Campbell to schedule a meeting until less than two weeks ago. Per Ms.

Campbell's and Mr. Portner's emails, the meeting was to have taken place last week, less than a week prior to the 1/21/13 meeting.

I have previously written to you and the other Supervisors expressing these concerns; however, the Maya Estates Homeowner's Association has found a memorandum stating that certain criteria must be met before the Board will consider property owner correspondence. As I read the memo from the county, it appears that this is not required until a rezoning hearing, but I am following the guidelines suggested by our Association.

To delay discussion about the Co7-13-06 until February, as requested by Mr. Portner, is unfair. As homeowners at Maya Estates, we have no recourse re: our time, planning, work and other adult obligations to ask for a delay in any meetings.

Following is a review of important information specifically related to Mr. Portner's request to amend the Comprehensive Plan:

- On September 25, 2013, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to deny Mr. Portner's request to amend the Pima County Comprehensive Plan with respect to 4 properties and forwarded the resultant recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Votes were tallied on these 4 properties individually. The vote to deny the request to amend the Comprehensive Plan associated with the parcel adjacent to our home (Co7-13-06) was an impressive 6 – 1.

- Numerous letters and public comments protesting this amendment have been shared with the Board of Supervisors before, during and since the November 19, 2013, meeting.

- A petition with nearly 70 signatures from Maya Estates and surrounding neighborhoods protesting the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

In spite of the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the written and verbal protests from us and our neighbors, the Board of Supervisors continued the discussion of Mr. Portner's proposed amendments until January

21, 2014. This continuance was offered along with a direction to Mr. Portner to meet with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection.

Now, Mr. Portner has requested yet an additional continuance until February 18th. Supervisor Miller, it is time to put this issue to rest. It is unfair to us to continue to return to these meetings that are disruptive to our lives, especially to those who work and have families.

My husband and I have recently received an invitation to a "Comprehensive Plan Amendment Neighborhood Meeting" on January 30, 2014, described as "a conceptual exercise and public review process that is required before we can ever proceed with any future detailed plans" from Mr. Portner. Is this a suggestion that the alteration of the Comprehensive Plan has already transpired?

We purchased our property with full knowledge that the parcel behind our home was zoned to allow 3 homes on each 10 acres (LIU). What we protest is an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan that would allow rezoning to accommodate 10 homes per acre on this parcel (MIU), possibly totaling 300 homes.

Thank you, Supervisor Miller. Please vote to keep the Comprehensive Plan as it is and deny an additional continuance to this discussion.

Respectfully,

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Cc: Districts 2, 3, 4 and 5 Supervisors  
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