

**From:** [Plynn458](#)  
**To:** [COB mail: District4](#)  
**Subject:** Saguaro National Park- Bike Resort Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, November 17, 2014 3:24:11 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am contacting you in reference to the proposed bike resort that developers want to build across the street from Saguaro National Park. The idea of the bike resort is a good one and would attract more outdoor enthusiasts to visit Tucson. The location of this proposed resort is what my friends, family, neighbors, and I are opposed to. Building a commercial resort so close to Saguaro National Park and in an area zoned for residential structures would have a negative impact on the area.

My property is located directly off of Old Spanish Trail, a mile or less from the entrance to Saguaro National Park and inside the buffer zone. I am a native Tucsonan and have always lived on the Eastside. Being a nature lover, when we were looking for a new house we purchased our current home which sits on just over 3 acres. The area is much quieter than being inside the city limits and we are surrounded by wildlife. We have seen everything from snakes and gila monsters, to bobcats and mule deer on our property and we have great unobstructed views of the mountains and the night sky.

When we first moved in, I knew nothing about the buffer zone or the riparian areas that surround Saguaro National Park. I have since learned that these areas are set aside to preserve the area around the park. They help provide protection from urban encroachment, preserve the natural habitat, and provide wildlife corridors throughout the area. The properties in the buffer overlay area all have natural desert on the majority of the acreage, providing food and shelter to the area wildlife. It is also written in our area bylaws that structures built are to be one story, so all residents have a clear view of the mountains inside the park boundaries. This area is also zoned for residential use.

The proposed bike resort developers want to build will be on a large area of the property, meaning clearing out much of the natural vegetation and disrupting wildlife habitat and food sources. I have not looked at the riparian areas for the proposed building site, but I am sure the resort would disrupt those areas too. The plans are also for some two story structures, that would block the mountain views of property owners that have been in the area for years. A resort of this size would also create light pollution in the area.

The access to Saguaro National Park and the surrounding area can only be accessed from two lane roads, that are very well traveled. These roads include Old Spanish Trail, Escalante, and Freeman.

These roads are also very popular for walking, jogging, and bicycling and with all the curves, hills, and wildlife present they can be treacherous to drive. There are a lot of people who speed down the roads, damaging property when they leave the pavement and having no regard to the non vehicle traffic.

The proposed bike resort would bring more traffic, to already busy two lane roads that are already in desperate need of re paving. This increase in traffic would further endanger the area wildlife and those who use the roads for exercise and recreation. My driveway accesses Old Spanish Trail by a large curve, and I have lost track of how many times I have almost been hit while pulling out by someone speeding around the corner. Old Spanish is a scenic byway, and meant to be enjoyable and scenic to drive. I have also noticed that the saguaros near the busier roads by Saguaro National Park West appear to be dying at the base. This may be due to all the pollution from the heavy vehicle traffic, and I would hate to see the same damage occur in our park area.

Saguaro National Park was set aside to protect the natural habitat and ecosystems that are not found anywhere else in the world. The park draws visitors from all over the world and provides homes for countless species. The park was also featured in the National Geographic Bioblitz a few years ago, where they spotlight one national park and research all the vegetation and wildlife. It is important that Saguaro National Park and surrounding area is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

The developers need to understand that the impact that the bike resort would have on the park and surrounding area would be a negative one. The land should stay zoned for residential use only, so the buffer overlay can continue to be protected. I do not think that building a large commercial property that will draw more traffic and congestion to a residential area is a good idea. Please understand that the area residents and visitors are very concerned and ask that the resort be built at another location that will not fall into the Saguaro National Park buffer zone. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Paige Heath

**From:** [Kathryn Kerrihard](#)  
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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Tucson AZ 85701

Dear Pima County Supervisors,

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The fact that the Bike Ranch will use the highest standards of sustainable design, land preservation, and energy and water conservation is a big plus, and will set a high bar for future developments in our fragile desert landscape.

I believe that Saguaro National Park will directly benefit from introducing new riders and hikers to this beautiful desert while insuring a continual revenue stream. The Bike Ranch will have positive benefits for the entire Tucson community.

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Kathryn Kerrihard  
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