

My name is Judi Busche. My husband, Budd Busche, and I are here to share our concerns about Pima County because it states on the Board of Supervisors website that all five members provide direction to the County Administrator and the county's various departments as you work to: ensure safe communities, nurture economic development, sustainably manage natural resources, & protect public health. We have concerns which impact all these areas & we ~~drastically~~ need your support.

We purchased our property in Jan., 2001. The 7 acres included a house & a guest house. The historical property, developed by Charles Herbert (the 1st motion picture sound photographer in the state of AZ) & his wife, Lucille, had been abandoned since her death in 1984 & I was in total ruin. Because of ongoing vandalism, we had to contact the Pima County Sheriff's Department for support. That was our 1st experience with the homeless, as some were living on our property in the wash. The sheriff warned us of many dangers & shared with us the story of a murder involving 2 homeless men that had taken place near Orange Grove & Oracle.

Since that time, we have had evolving concerns regarding homeless issues in the Pima Wash area existing between Orange Grove & Rudesill & Oracle east to N. 1st Ave. In very recent times, there have been similar issues N of Orange Grove & S. of Rudesill, but it appears they were quickly resolved because the camps were on personal private property. Our issues are complicated by the fact that our problematic section of the Pima Wash is on private commercial property, which includes Casas Adobes Apartments & Oracle Plaza Shopping Center. Both have vacant land running east, with acres of commercial private property in the Pima Wash.

About a year ago, Budd met w the Casas Adobes Apartments Manager to share with him about homeless camps on their property. Until yesterday, we knew nothing about the results of that conversation, yesterday, we visited him again. He shared that the owners' main concerns were about the security & safety of the apartment grounds rather than trying to evict the people living outside their fences on the property. As renovations were being done to the Oracle Plaza Shopping Center this past year & we noticed building supplies, such as large pieces of plywood & other construction materials being incorporated into the camps, we began contacting the manager of the shopping

center.

As our concerns grew regarding the amount of trash polluting all of the wash systems, impacting public health & natural resources, the beauty of the environment & our safety, we became more aggressive in trying to combat the problems.

The Desert Leaf, a Catalina Foothills publication, presented an article on "Tucson Clean & Beautiful" & we contacted them. We contacted Ally Miller's office & have since been involved in conversations with other organizations such as DEQ & the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

We are asking all members of the board to pass ordinances prohibiting people from soliciting funds/donations etc on street corners, creating great public safety & sanitary concerns and to do whatever might be necessary to remove people polluting our environment, impacting health issues & drastically reducing property values.

We desperately need your assistance! Thank you!

- Judi Busch
(a Budd Busch)





